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Rotaract Raises \$8,000 for Mingei International Museum
Young San Diego Professionals Raise Funds for Underprivileged Children and the Arts

SAN DIEGO, Calif., (Nov. 7, 2008) -The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego, a local young professional group, announced today that it raised \$8,000 for Mingei International Museum's "Community Sunday" program, which supports educational events for underprivileged children.

Rotaract donated 100 percent of its proceeds from its recent fundraiser, "Mingle at Mingei" held at Mingei International Museum on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The Community Sunday program aims to benefit underprivileged children and families of San Diego by bringing them to the museum at a discounted rate and to hold special events for children to get more involved with international art. The proceeds from Mingle at Mingei were raised through tickets, raffle and silent auction profits.

"We are elated to support this initiative because it provides less fortunate young people the opportunity to have the resources and education to become more aware of history, art and culture," said Jessica Harris, president of the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego.

Mingle at Mingei was the first-ever event of its type hosted by the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego.

Director of Public Relations for Mingei International Museum, Martha Ehringer said, "We are thankful for the generous financial contribution that will continue to strengthen and grow this program. We are especially grateful to have had the chance to see young professional leaders in San Diego work above and beyond to create such a fantastic event all while raising money for a good cause."

For more information about Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego, visit, www.sandiegorotract.org/mingle/.

About Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego

Established in 1994, the Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego is a nonprofit organization that is a group of young professionals committed to personal and professional development and community service. The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego works under the guidance of the San Diego Breakfast Rotary and is an offshoot of Rotary International, and takes its name from the combination of ROTARY and ACTION. For more information visit, www.sandiegorotract.org.

Mingei International Museum

Established in 1978, Mingei International Museum collects, conserves and exhibits these arts of daily use - by anonymous craftsmen of ancient times, from traditional cultures of past and present and by historical and contemporary designers. Mingei International's museums in Balboa Park, San Diego and in Downtown Escondido, California open a window on the great world, revealing similarities and distinctions of individuals and cultures in art of the people, and inspiring people to express their own innate creativity. www.mingei.org

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