

# Summer Search Southern California Messenger

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## A DAY IN L.A.

On Saturday Nov 3, 2007, nine alumni from three different offices gathered for the inaugural event of the **Southern California Chapter of the Summer Search Alumni Association**, "A Day in LA"!

Before...



At Work...



Mission Accomplished...



This chapter is the first chapter of the Summer Search Alumni Association to be started by alumni for alumni! In the spirit of giving back to the community, the group rolled up their sleeves and volunteered with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, opening boxes and sorting food and donations that will be used to make packages for over 7,000 women, children and seniors in L.A. County.

In the afternoon, over a succulent Yucatecan lunch at Mercado la Paloma, the

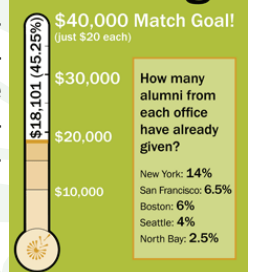
George Vuong (SF '07), Kisha-Lynn Moore (Boston '98), Cazzie Brown (North Bay '00), Thien Le (SF '03), Xuan-Vu Nguyen (Bay Area Regional Alumni Coordinator).

Wendy Huang (SF '01), Jessica Shih (SF '96), Judy Dinh (SF '02), Debbie Chu (SF '07).

group had a thoughtful discussion on how to shape the chapter. Ultimately, we broke our goals into three committees: Social and Project Committee, Outreach and Communications Committee, and Fundraising Committee. The **Social/Project Committee** will focus on planning and organizing chapter events and community service projects throughout Southern California. The **Outreach and Communications Committee** will take the lead on updating alumni contact information, preparing and circulating chapter newsletters and communications. The **Fundraising Committee** will focus on organizing fundraisers both to create a self-sufficient chapter as well as do our part in Summer Search's Alumni Giving Challenge, where all alumni donations up to \$40,000 will be matched through the generosity of John Osterweis, founding Summer Search board chair, Sasha Kovriga, alumnus '90 and current board member, and Warren Brown and Gina Falsetto, dedicated supporters of Summer Search, if donated prior to August 2008! Our first fundraising event is tentatively set for March 2008, so stay tuned for more updates!

This chapter is committed to creating a social and networking space for Summer Search Alumni in the Southern California Region while embracing Summer Search's leadership model of resiliency, altruism and performance! We look forward to representing for Southern California at the next Alumni Summit, tentatively August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, in San Francisco! Let us know if you want to get involved!

## Alumni Giving Challenge



## UPDATES:

- ♣ Check out our chapter photo album at <http://picasaweb.google.com/socalsummersearchalum/SocialSummerSearch?authkey=bj12haBn3ys>
- ♣ Check out the new website for Summer Search alumni at [www.summersearch.org/alumni](http://www.summersearch.org/alumni) to see the latest programs and events for alumni and connect with other alumni nationally. Be sure to sign onto the alumni online directory!
- ♣ Want to participate in planning and organizing events and reconnect with other Southern California alum? We would love to have your help! Contact Cazzie Brown ([socalsummersearchalum@gmail.com](mailto:socalsummersearchalum@gmail.com)) for details.

## SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, **January 19<sup>th</sup> 2008**, the Southern California Chapter of the Summer Search Alumni Association invites you to join us for an exciting, interactive **Tour of Hollywood** from **2-7 p.m.** Look for an invite and more details to arrive soon!

