

Appendix IV: Take Our Daughters to Work Day 2002

I have attended various events, and have enjoyed them greatly. The most profound for me and my family was Take Our Daughters to Work Day. I brought my 4 year old daughter to work. At first my instincts told me, one should not mix personal [issues] with business. I was very hesitant. Then I asked my daughter if she wanted to come to my work. Her eyes lit up, and she jumped up and down. All I can say is thank you for reminding me why it's important for our children to know the value in working and the value of Mom.

April 2002 was the 10th Anniversary of Take Our Daughters to Work Day and was the fourth year it was sponsored by the Women's Center. It continues to be an extremely successful program. This year, student staff of the center held a barbecue for the children, who seemed to enjoy it very much. A website was created with the event schedule and a downloadable registration form, to let participants register before the day of the event. We also had a team building exercise in the morning facilitated by Outback Adventures. Interactive sessions were created to provide an overview of the variety of careers and fields available and to impart self-confidence in the children. While last year's sessions focused mainly on the sciences, this year's sessions had more arts and humanities. Approximately 100 parents and children attended the day's events. Although fewer people attended the event than the previous year, that is probably due to the SAT9 standardized test being held on the same day, which created a conflict for many students.

Participants were able to choose from the following sessions:

- Bullying and Harassment presentation by OSHPP
- Raising Our Voice Exercise facilitated by the Diversity Peer Educators and the Assistant Director of the Cross Cultural Center
- Theater Workshop at Mandeville
- 3-D Computer Graphics, San Diego Supercomputer Center
- Writing and Acting Workshop at La Jolla Playhouse
- Cognitive Imaging Lab
- Rock Climbing
- American Medical Response presentation (EMT)
- Bioengineering lab tour and presentation
- Crafts Center ceramics and clay class

General session blocks were scheduled until 3:30 p.m., giving children the option to spend the rest of the workday with their parents or mentors, or attend optional sessions:

- Hiking at Torrey Pines
- Making hats with recycled materials with The Rad Hatter

In order to put on this program, the Women's Center raised \$2,400 towards the cost of the event.

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Take Our Daughters to Work Day 2002: Pictures



Touring a laboratory



Visiting an ambulance



At the Crafts Center



Rock Climbing at Canyonview