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### **STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY TO BE CELEBRATED LOCALLY AT UCSD'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER**

"San Diego Stand for Children Day," a local spin-off of the third annual national Stand for Children Day, will be celebrated June 1 with a program at UCSD's Early Childhood Education Center featuring a writer, an academician and a politician, all concerned with quality child care.

Speaking at the 4 to 6 p.m. program will be Richard Louv, columnist for the San Diego Union Tribune and the author of several books on family issues; Faustina Solis, professor emerita at the University of California, San Diego and a leading advocate for maternal and child health care, and Congressman Bob Filner, 50th District.

The "San Diego Stand for Children Day" is co-sponsored by UCSD and the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County. "The occasion is a tool to raise awareness about issues affecting children and to build support to address these issues in our community," noted co-chairs Nan Mitchell of the Ecumenical Council and Josie Foulks, director of the UCSD Early Childhood Education Center.

"The need for quality child care and after-school activities is a daily concern for millions of working parents. Although child care and after-school activities shape the way our children think, learn and behave for the rest of their lives, not enough is being done to ensure that families have safe, quality choices for their children," they said.

Information about the celebration, which is free and open to the public, may be obtained by calling Foulks at (619) 534-3903, [jfoulks@ucsd.edu](mailto:jfoulks@ucsd.edu) or Mitchell at (619) 270-0709, [possumtr@n2.net](mailto:possumtr@n2.net).

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