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Sundt Memorial Foundation Event Interns Take On US Open Sand Castle Competition

On Sunday, July 19th, 2009, thousands crowded Imperial Beach streets to peruse the vendor-filled coastline and to admire the life-like sand sculptures featured in the US Open Sand Castle Competition.

Among the thousands and on behalf of the Sundt Memorial Foundation (SMF), Ocean Beach resident, Cori Harris, and Katie Rowland, and SDSU student from Pacific Beach, ventured onto the bare 30 foot by 30 foot plot of sand assigned to them for Imperial Beach's infamous Sand Castle Competition

With little experience building sand castles, Cori and Katie recruited an enthusiastic team of their friends and roommates and attempted to create a sand sculpture representative of SMF's Annual Silent and Live Auction Fundraising Gala, this year themed, Sunset Splash.

"It was quite intimidating for our small team of six setting up next to these obviously above amateur-leveled teams. We grabbed a random array of tools from my parent's garage, and decided to have fun with it!"

Katie and Cori are currently working as an event interns for Sundt Memorial Foundation's Annual Fundraising Gala, planned for October 17, 2009. SMF is a San Diego based 501c3 non-profit dedicated to inspiring kids to find their Natural High and reject the use of drugs. SMF distributes the highly acclaimed Natural High ® DVD Series, which features powerful anti-drug messages from celebrity athletes and musicians, such as Lisa Leslie, Tony Hawk, and Timmy Curran.

Although they did not place, the SMF team was extremely proud of their effort and final product – an attempted replica of the Gala invite of a setting sun over the words: *Sundt Memorial*. "Our main goal was to get the word out about our Foundation and the upcoming Gala, and I believe we did that," Katie explained.

For more information about Sundt Memorial Foundation and the upcoming Fundraising Gala, please visit www.SundtMemorial.org/Gala or email Kim Prendergast, Event Coordinator, at Kim@sundtmemorial.org.