

Joan Kroc 1 of 13 to join California Hall of Fame

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Joan Kroc, the late philanthropist and one-time owner of the San Diego Padres, will be among the newest inductees in the California Hall of Fame.

Kroc, who died in 2003, was selected by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver.

Said Shriver, "Now, more than ever, I see how the perseverance and passion of one person can have a lasting impact in the lives of people, not only in their community, but across the world."

Kroc was well-known for her generosity in life and after her death. She bequeathed millions of dollars to charitable causes, including \$1.8 billion to the Salvation Army for youth centers across the United States. Kroc Center, a large Salvation Army community center that she

helped fund, opened in 2002.

Several facilities bear her name in the San Diego area. Among those: the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, the St. Vincent de Paul Joan Kroc Center for the Homeless in downtown and the Kroc-Copley Animal Shelter in the Morena District.

She also supported the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities and Ronald McDonald Houses. Her late husband, Ray Kroc, was the founder of McDonald's restaurant chain and owner of the Padres.

She will be inducted posthumously in December, along with 12 others. Among those, slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk, entertainer Carol Burnett, Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager, filmmaker George Lucas, and sports figures John Madden and Rafer Johnson.