

## River Family Article- Jessica and Phil

Our River Family continues to demonstrate how we all can empower and uplift one another during this time of thanks. This month, The San Diego River Park Foundation has the pleasure of featuring two of our amazing volunteers, Jessica and Phil, who have embodied the holiday spirit by committing their time, resources, and energy to give back to our San Diego River community.

**What's your relationship to the San Diego River Park Foundation?** We started volunteering with the River Rescue over two years ago.

**What's the most exciting part of your position/connection?** The connections we have with the amazing staff, like Aixa Willoughby, and fellow volunteers is the most exciting part of working with the SDRPF. We immensely enjoy getting out on the river with a group of people who are all interested in bettering where we live and while the work brings us together, the connections keep us eager to return.

**What's your oldest hobby? Newest hobby?** Our oldest hobby as a couple is hiking and our newest is snorkeling.

**What's one thing most people don't know about you?** Not many people know that Phil competes in Scottish Highland Games and Jessica teaches aerial fitness for fun.

**What's your favourite animal?** Jessica's is a lion and Phil's is a tiger.

**What's your favorite part of the SD River and why?** The Nazareth House is our favorite stretch of the San Diego River. Our first ever cleanup event was there and it was also our introduction to the San Diego River. It is so serene with so much natural beauty and feels like an oasis in the middle of our bustling city.

River Family friends Cynthia and Bruce have kindly made a gift to the San Diego River Park Foundation in honor of volunteers Jessica and Phil, for their upcoming November wedding. This holiday season, in an effort to have less 'stuff' in our lives. Did you know that the San Diego River Park Foundation removes around 154K pounds of trash from our San Diego River every year? We invite you to consider honoring your friends and family with a gift to the San Diego River Park Foundation. Together, we can celebrate the holiday season and create a better future for the San Diego River.