

DECEMBER 2016 UPDATE

'TIS THE SEASON!

It's pretty safe to say that December is a very busy time of year for most! And we all know that the need is so great close to home and all over the world. Many of us make it a point to find a way to help--by "adopting a family," bringing toys to local agencies, choosing tags off a tree to ensure a gift is under the tree for a young child, and even sending a check to a local organization working to make a difference.

It's no different for us here at the Gilroy Foundation: the December 1 Holiday Party was an opportunity to thank our donors, Boards and volunteers; the Youth Board decorated a tree with 300 tags, listing gift requests for the children of Rebekah Children Services; year-end Membership Drive is underway with a mailing to all current donors, volunteers and past members reminding them that this is the time to add to your fund, begin a fund or make a minimum \$100 donation to the General Endowment Fund to become a member.

As we move through the Holidays and begin the New Year, the Gilroy Foundation extends its gratitude for your generous support and wishes for all of the best to you and your families in the coming year.

GILROY FOUNDATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Our **mission** is to invest charitable gifts into a lasting legacy and mobilize funding to serve the vital needs of the Gilroy community.
- Our vision is to mobilize public and private financial support in order to grow
 the endowment and facilitate pass-through funding, thereby increasing grant giving.
- Our **goal** is to become widely known as Gilroy's foremost charity and problem-solving resource.
- Our **desire** is to foster unity and cooperation between the Foundation and other grant-giving organizations.
- Our **intent** is to provide expertise to other groups in need.
- Our **heart** lies in allowing philanthropy to occur that can make a real difference in people's lives.

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

- Become a Member--http://www.gilroyfoundation.org/give/become a member.php
- Start A Family Fund--http://www.gilroyfoundation.org/give/start_a fund.php
- Become an Ambassador--http://www.gilroyfoundation.org/learn/ambassadors.php
- Volunteer at our Wine Booth at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, July 28-30, 2017
- Volunteer at our "Day in the Country" annual fundraiser, October 7, 2017

