

'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 7 Holiday Party was an opportunity to thank our donors, Boards and volunteers; the Youth Board decorated a tree at Westside Grill with 80 tags, listing gift requests for the children of Rebekah Children's Services; year-end Membership Drive continues 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.

In the 2016 Annual Report, we posed the question: "What would Gilroy look like without the Gilroy Foundation?" Over this past year, we hope you have SEEN the difference Gilroy Foundation makes in our local nonprofits, in our schools and in our local community through the grants and scholarships distributed--making a real difference in people's lives. Share the message with area nonprofits, local schools and community organizations that the 2018 Gilroy Foundation Grant Cycle is now open. Applications may be [downloaded](#) from our website.

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](#)
- Start A [Fund](#)
- Become an [Ambassador](#)
- Volunteer at our Wine Booth at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, July 27-29, 2018
- Volunteer on a committee at our "Day in the Country" annual fundraiser, October 6, 2017

BREAKING NEWS.....

With the recent passage of the tax overhaul, information on ways to maximize new advantages and minimize the potential hit from other changes has been in the news. One suggestion is "Give more to charity." *Charitable contributions are one of the most popular deductions. But with the number of people who itemize set to fall sharply, you might want to consider making your 2018 contributions by December 31st so you would be able to deduct what you give.*

--SF Chronicle Business Report, December 21, 2017.

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