

In mid-May, Gilroy Foundation staff traveled to the Hollister offices of the Community Foundation of San Benito County to attend an Affiliates Meeting, hosted by Silicon Valley Community Foundation officer Michelle Fries. We meet throughout the year with the seven other local city groups who have their own local foundations. Attendees of this session traveled from Monte Sereno, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Morgan Hill to participate.

During the Roundtable, Donna Pray, our Executive Director, shared the great news of our recent grant and scholarship distribution and the phenomenal amount totals. One of our Affiliate friends piped up: "You should be shouting this news from the rooftops!"

And we're doing just that! Press releases with names of grantees and scholarship winners have been sent to our local papers, Gilroy Life and Gilroy Dispatch; an ad can be found in this month's issue of GMH Today; and letters with this news have been sent to all of our local government officials.

We are so proud of this accomplishment, awarding \$331,605 in grants and \$621,250 in scholarships.

Thank you, Donors! YOU make this possible!

YOUTH BOARD GETS INTO THE ACT

At the April Annual Meeting and Charitable Grants Presentation, Youth Board members gathered and presented a check for \$1,000 to Gilroy Police Department South County Youth Task Force, an organization they chose from among six grant applications they read, reviewed and discussed at their March gathering.



Youth Board will wrap up another very successful year of service while celebrating with their mentors at a Pizza Party mid June.

With thanks to all of their mentors and especially to Paula Goldsmith who will be stepping down this year. Our hope for the future....our youth.

READ ALL ABOUT IT



In case you missed the May 3 Editorial by Marty Cheek, Gilroy Life Editor, you can catch it [here](#). It's a great review of the Awards Presentation and the story behind this year's grant cycle.

WE'RE LIVE ON THE GUSD WEBSITE!

It's been our pleasure to meet and work with the Public Information Officer at Gilroy Unified School District, Laura Correa-Hernandez. Laura has worked diligently to add a page to the [GUSD website](#) about Gilroy Foundation and the relationship we have established with them through grants, scholarships and payroll deductions to build up the GUSD Education Fund here at the Foundation. Moving forward, we will continually update our story, adding photos and hoping more GUSD employees will be added to the ranks of donors to their Fund.

SHOWING OFF JUST A BIT J

Gilroy Foundation has many reasons to be proud of the Historic Downtown Paseo. We are the Fiscal Sponsors of the group that added the historic panels and bricks to the Paseo; AND, we were proud to host Fernwood Cellars there as a part of the Downtown Business Association Wine Stroll, May 20.

Four of our Ambassadors, Denise Apuzzo, Kai Lai, Libby Lai and Amy Tripoli represented Gilroy Foundation there, with thanks to Ambassador Kevin Heath for being our liaison to the DBA. We hope you were able to stop by and see this crown jewel of our Downtown, either at the Stroll or at the morning's Ribbon Cutting. And you can still purchase a brick. Find out more [here](#).



OUR EYES AND EARS

That's what we have dubbed our Gilroy Foundation Ambassadors-our eyes and ears in the community. We ask them to attend community events, visit grantees and share the good news of the Gilroy Foundation whenever they can. This [group of 40](#) meets annually to get the scoop on what we've done over the year and what we're working on in the coming year. Board of Director Lori Kent heads up this group of dedicated individuals.....*we count on you, Gilroy Foundation Ambassadors!*

THANKS FOR THE HONOR!

Rebekah Children's Services Officers visit the Gilroy Foundation last week to present us with an Outstanding Community Partner Award. The plaque presented reads "Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our community flourish by building pathways to hope, happiness and well-being." Thank you, Christophe Rebboah, CEO, Mike Luevano, Development Director and Claudia Sandoval, Community Relations Coordinator, for delivering this award to us.



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