
A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Let our lives be full of both thanks and giving."

We give thanks for our Board of Directors. This dedicated group of 11 individuals are a hands-on, working Board who are dedicated to making our community better every day. We give thanks to our Ambassadors, who not only spread the word of Gilroy Foundation's mission and vision, but also serve on various committees making the work of the Foundation run smoothly. We give thanks to our Youth Board, who are learning philanthropy and volunteerism every day. We give thanks to our Emeritus Board Members, who helped grow this Foundation to be a driving force of change and improvement in our community. And, we give thanks to all our members, of whose support we are so grateful.

We appreciate all the giving that happens at this time of year. There are so many worthy organizations to support through end-of-year giving, and we are so fortunate to be the choice of so many individuals, families and businesses.

*Thank you all!
~Donna Pray*

THE 2017 GRANT CYCLE OPENS DECEMBER 1st!



Since 1982, the Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$5.4 million in grants and scholarships. Foundation grants have made a positive and powerful difference in every sphere of life. To apply, download a current Grant Application from the Gilroy Foundation website after December 1st. An original application with the required attachments and seven additional copies of the grant application must be submitted to the Foundation by posted mail, postmarked no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

All prospective funding recipients who apply to the Gilroy Foundation are thoroughly researched and evaluated. All nonprofits with a 501 (c)(3) status, as well as Gilroy schools and city programs, are eligible to apply for a Gilroy Foundation grant. Organizations are notified of their status by the end of March. Grants are awarded the Annual Meeting and Charitable Giving Program in April of each year.

To download an application after December 1, visit www.gilroyfoundation.org. Contact lgaffney@gilroyfoundation.org with any questions about the grant application process. **Please pass this information on to any nonprofit organization you are affiliated with or know of!**

GILROY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

As the Gilroy Foundation celebrates 36 years, it is time to reflect on the successes that lie

behind us and the opportunities ahead of us. It's been an amazing year of community engagement and we look forward to being able to improve the lives of those around us in the years to come. When you open your letter, arriving in your mailbox this week, please consider your gift to the Gilroy Foundation:

- to create a fund
- to add to an existing fund
- or to become a member at a minimum gift of \$100

Your gifts over the years are tracked here in our office, so that when your total of giving approaches the \$10,000 to "start a fund," you will be notified. How simple is that?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this appeal!

AMBASSADORS SCHEDULE NONPROFIT SITE VISITS

On November 10, the 44 Ambassadors of the Gilroy Foundation were called to gather for the Annual Meeting designed to inform them of the events of the past year—and offer our thanks for their participation—and issue a Call to Action in the form of going out into the field and meeting with a few of the several nonprofits who benefited from 2016 Charitable Giving in the form of a grant.



Thirteen local nonprofits were selected at random and our eager and enthusiastic Ambassadors will be making plans to meet with 2016 grant recipients over the next few months. These visits are not "inspections" but rather an indication of support and commitment to our nonprofits and our community at large. You can look forward to hearing more about these site visits over the next few months as we receive impressions and photos from Gilroy Foundation Ambassadors.

YOUTH BOARD KEEPS BUSY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, you could find Youth Board members gathering at St. Joseph's Center sorting food and helping to prepare Food Baskets for more than 900 families served during that week.

The Gilroy Foundation Youth Board provides local middle school and high school students the opportunity support community and school needs through teamwork, collaboration, and partnership with the Gilroy Foundation. The mission for the Youth Board is to educate and mobilize students to help solve the greatest challenges in our community.

On Monday, December 5, Youth Board members will be decorating the Holiday Tree at Westside Grill with tags that list gift ideas from clothes to toys. Come by, choose a tag, and return them to the tree to ensure that gifts can be delivered to Rebekah's Children's Services for a very HAPPY Holiday Season!



AMAZON SMILE BENEFITS GILROY FOUNDATION

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Gilroy Foundation whenever you shop on AmazonSmile? Just last quarter, we received a

check for \$10.50-doesn't seem like a HUGE amount, but every dollar makes a difference! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com



SUPPORT ONE OF OUR FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS, TAIL WAGGERS, DOWNTOWN THIS WEEKEND

South County Tail Waggers
Saving Each Other

South County Tail Waggers is hosting Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the 2016 Downtown Gilroy Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. Please come down with your furry pal to get their picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. Claus in front of the cozy fire!

Saturday, December 3rd at Bella Viva on Monterey Street between 12:00-3:00pm!

\$10 per photo in a souvenir holiday photo card
All proceeds go to the homeless and neglected dogs in South County - thank you for your support!!!

COMING EVENTS?

Gilroy Foundation is proud to share news and coming events of Nonprofit Partners or Fiscal Sponsorships. Send your event information to vicki@gilroyfoundation.org.

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