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## OCTOBER UPDATE

*Greetings, Friends of the Gilroy Foundation!*

*It's official....what started out as a trial has become an official monthly update sent to more than 750 emails on our Constant Contact email list! The idea behind the Monthly Update is that we can disseminate MORE current information to our donors and sponsors than space is available in a bi-annual Newsletter.*

*Now, it's up to YOU to take just a few minutes each month to read all of this good news and to accept our gratitude for your support over the years.*

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### **GROWING UP GILROY IS A FUND!**

YOU made it happen! Growing Up Gilroy Fund, introduced to millennials and Gen Xers in Late Summer 2015, is now fully funded at \$10,000, thanks to the generosity of a few Day In The Country attendees/donors, who pushed us over the top. Many parents came forward to donate in the honor of their child(ren), too.

The next step is to add the names of Charter Donors to our website--and that is in the works. Money now becomes available in the 2017 Grant Cycle to fund a competitive grant application from a local youth organization that is requesting money for fee assistance for attendees.

And THAT is how you "pay it forward"--giving another child a chance to make the same memories you or your child did when they were "Growing Up Gilroy."

Future donations will continue to grow this fund to allow even more grant money to be distributed annually. To donate, visit

<http://gilroyfoundation.org/give/donate.php>



As the 2015 school year started, GUSD employees found a letter in their mailboxes and posted in their break rooms from Gilroy Foundation that gave them an opportunity to support their own students, staffs and programs through the annual grant process. Since that time, **\$3,060** has been added to the GUSD Education Foundation Fund!

In 2016, employees were reminded of the past year's success and given an opportunity to allow their payroll deduction to continue that good work. They were reminded that, since its inception in 1980, the Foundation has awarded GUSD Programs grants **totaling \$889,468**.

Automatic monthly deductions are directed to the GUSD Education Fund or the Kimberly Ordaz Scholarship Fund. This is the **ONLY** one of the Foundation's 103 funds that has a constant cash flow that funds education programs of our local schools. Email [info@gilroyfoundation.org](mailto:info@gilroyfoundation.org) for more information.

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## STARTING YOUNG IN PHILANTHROPY

*Are people who "give" born or do they "learn" how to give?* If it IS a learned experience, then the 25 local students who comprise the Gilroy Foundation Youth Board are being given the tools and the experiences to make them the leaders of tomorrow.

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.

Our mission for the Youth Board is to educate and mobilize students to help solve the greatest challenges in our community. By combining the creativity and passion of these young people with the experience and guidance of adults, we can create a structure in which they can thrive and make a real, lasting difference. Students learn about the many different aspects of giving back to their community by volunteering time and understanding and defining needs.

School principals choose one or two students that are interested in this challenge and opportunity, and who will work together and understand the time commitment, leadership qualities, and involvement required. Parents are also asked to understand what is being asked of their children and to support their efforts.

Just this past weekend, Youth Board volunteers assisted the staff of St. Louise Hospital at the Community BBQ to honor our First Responders and those who fought the Loma Fire. Thank you to the students and to their mentors for your generous service. Other activities throughout the year include service at the Lord's Table and a Holiday Tree at Westside Grill, collecting toys and gifts for clients of Rebekah's Children's Services.



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## THE DOWNTOWN PASEO IS TAKING SHAPE!

The Gilroy Foundation has been a Fiscal Sponsor for the Downtown Paseo Project; and in that

capacity, has held the funds until enough bricks were sold to place the order. The Good News is that the bricks are on order and will be delivered in November. At that same time, the historic panels, including pictures and text, will be delivered and put into place. The Committee hopes to have the Paseo looking spectacular for the December 3 Downtown Holiday Parade! Stay tuned.....

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