

Whether or not we are aware it's even happening, it's safe to say we DO learn something new every day. And why is that so important? Because knowledge is power!

So, May 16, 2019 will go down in the Gilroy Foundation books as a very "powerful" day!

On that day, Gilroy Foundation Board of Directors and Staff welcomed more than 100 invited guests to the Gilroy Lodge on the Hill to really LEARN about Gilroy Foundation in order to gain the KNOWLEDGE needed to make some POWERful decisions for themselves and their families or their organizations.

We called it the "Give Where You Live" Faire!

"GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE" FAIRE

The Board and Staff of Gilroy Foundation spent the better part of 2018 working on updating the Strategic Plan. The plan is a framework for the direction the Foundation takes over the next few years; so, we did a lot of brainstorming and listened to what our stakeholders had to say about the work we do here. And what we finally realized was, that even after 40 years, Gilroy Foundation still suffered a bit of an identity crisis! We are often asked, "So, what DOES the Gilroy Foundation do?"

At a late summer 2018 Board Meeting, Member Karen LaCorte suggested an information round table be held to bring in community leaders and individuals who may "know" about Gilroy Foundation, but don't really KNOW about the updated, improved, and timely services this umbrella organization provides. The idea was conceived in August 2018 and on May 16, 2019, the "[Give Where You Live](#)" Faire came to be.

Following 9 months of planning, committee meetings, and Board input, the agenda for the evening included a PowerPoint presentation by ED Donna Pray, highlighting the significant events in the almost 40-year history. A panel of presenters told their story--how they came to be involved with Gilroy Foundation, and what have been the benefits of their involvement. Panel Moderator (and GF Ambassador) Whitney Pintello drew out some great information for our guests and provided some thought-provoking questions that they were able to have answered at Information Tables following the presentation, all staffed by Foundation Board members and Staff.

We were definitely delighted to hear all of the positive comments about the event and even more delighted to have a "list" of follow up contacts from the evening--people who want to know more about [opening a fund](#) of their own, people who wanted to sign up for committee work on our [events](#), including the Garlic Festival Wine Booth or join "A Day in the Country" committee, and people representing organizations that may be interested in becoming a [Nonprofit Investment Partner](#).

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, our sincere thanks goes to Event Chair Karen LaCorte for the expertise she lent in pulling the event together and the motivation she provided to make this a one-of-a-kind information faire, providing a real impact on the future of Gilroy Foundation.

Please take a few minutes to read the [Op Ed](#) that Karen wrote, published in the May 15 issue of Gilroy Life. Her personal reflection on "hometown giving" is insightful.



These photos, courtesy of Larry Mickartz, gmhTODAY, tell the story of our inspirational panelists and our VERY interested guests!

FAST FACTS FROM GILROY FOUNDATION:

- Gilroy Foundation assets under management in excess of \$12 Million
- Endowment supervised by Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- SVCF Assets under management \$13.5 Billion
- Since 2009, GF investments average growth 10.8%
- Since 1980. Grants AND Scholarships awarded \$14 Million
- Since 1999 when scholarships began, awarded over \$5 Million

A GILROY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE LIFE-CHANGING!



Gilroy Foundation awarded its first scholarship in 1999. It was the Julie Hayes and Richard Hayes award for \$250 each. That was just the beginning of our ability to help hundreds of students with educational expenses.

From 1999 through 2019, Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in [scholarships](#) to deserving high school graduates, and college students in the Gilroy Area. More than 90% of scholarships awarded to GUSD students

comes through Gilroy Foundation; in 2019, that amount totaled \$522,200.

Congratulations to all of the 2019 Scholarship winners! SCHOLARSHIP [PHOTOS](#) AND [LISTS](#) are being updated on Gilroy Foundation's website...stay tuned!

GILROY FOUNDATION NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNERS

In 2005, a Gilroy nonprofit received a bequest from a supporter of over \$555,000. At the time, they were starting a Capital Campaign and asked if they could open a non-endowed fund with Gilroy Foundation for this bequest and future fundraising.

This was our first [Nonprofit Investment Partner](#)! Since then, we have opened several more - most are non-endowed, so the organization can withdraw any amount of their funding at any time. There are a few partners that decided to make their funds truly "endowed" so they could be guaranteed an annual payout to help with their operating expenses. Besides our investment opportunities, we also promote their services and events through our social media avenues.

For the next several months, this monthly newsletter will feature our Nonprofit Investment Partners, sharing a little about them--giving you the opportunity to find out more.

[About Community Solutions](#)

Since it was founded as a teen drop-in center in 1972, Community Solutions has grown in both depth and breadth of services in response to the growing and changing needs of our community.



Today we provide a comprehensive spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and residential services to the communities of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. We provide services and support to help children, families, and individuals overcome the challenges posed by mental health issues, substance abuse, trauma, severe family dysfunction, sexual and domestic violence, and human trafficking.

Community Solutions is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency, Federal Tax ID: 23-7351215 (Legal Name: Community Solutions for Children, Families and Individuals).

PLANNED GIVING--LEAVE A LEGACY

Simply stated, Planned Giving is the process of donating planned gifts. A planned gift is a contribution that is arranged in the present and allocated at a future date.

Commonly donated through a will or trust, planned gifts are most often granted once the donor has passed away.

If you would like to find out more about Planned Giving and becoming a member of Gilroy Foundation Legacy Society, visit our [website](#) or contact Executive Director [Donna Pray](#)

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