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"Doing Business"...and THEN some!

Our August Constant Contact messages focused strictly on the Foundation's role in providing financial relief to the victims of the Garlic Festival through the overwhelming donations to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund.

Now, it's time to refocus this message to catch you up on what ELSE has been going on in the office in addition to our on-going work on the Fund....and as these summer days fly by, keep this reminder handy: "There is far more to life than just increasing its speed. Slow down and enjoy what surrounds you."

Please take a few minutes to catch up with Gilroy Foundation!

FROM THE DESK OF GILROY FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Gilroy Foundation Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund has grown to over \$1.3 million since the Fund's inception on July 29th with a \$10,000 lead donation from Silicon Valley Community Foundation who created the fund with Gilroy Foundation.



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Executive Director Donna Pray states, "We are overwhelmed with the generosity of individuals, families and businesses who have reached out and donated."

The Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund Oversight Committee reviews each application during its twice weekly meetings. To date, all applications received have been approved.

[Applications](#) for assistance have been on the Gilroy Foundation website since August 12 and are due by January 31, 2020. Donations continue to arrive daily from fundraisers in our local community and neighboring communities-and even local residents who have moved away.

Pray says that 100% of the donations to the Fund will go directly to the victims, and neither Gilroy Foundation nor Silicon Valley Community Foundation will be taking any administration fees.

Donations can be made at gilroyfoundation.org or mailed to P.O. Box 774, Gilroy, CA 95021.

ANNUAL "A DAY IN THE COUNTRY" CANCELLED FOR 2019

On August 14 a letter was mailed to Gilroy Foundation's donors and supporters with the following information:



Based on our community's tragic events of July 28 at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, our Foundation staff, Board of Directors and Ambassadors are inundated with making appearances at various community fundraisers, collecting the generous donations, and dealing with paperwork and distribution of relief to the victims.

Our focus needs to be on victim relief efforts and helping this community heal. As a result, we do not have the resources to continue planning "A Day in the Country" this year.

As you know, the funds raised at our signature event each year help us meet our current operating expenses of running all the programs of Gilroy Foundation. If you wish to help us cover current operating expenses so we do not have to deplete our reserves, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already generously contributed!

GILROY FOUNDATION'S 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW IS ONLINE

Does Gilroy Foundation make an impact in our community? You BET it does....and you can read all about it in the [2018 Annual Impact Report](#). We took a look back at 2018 (since we are still living 2019!) and came up with some facts, figures and information that we hope you will find valuable.

If you would like to obtain a "hard copy" of the Report, they are available at the office; or, let us know, and we will put one in the mail to you.

To find out more about becoming a [member](#) of Gilroy Foundation or starting your own [fund](#), click on the links.



OUT AND ABOUT

Gilroy Foundation hosts August [Gilroy Chamber After Hours Mixer](#)



We love it when our friends come to visit! And so many joined us on a balmy Thursday evening as Gilroy Foundation proudly hosted the Gilroy Chamber After Hours Mixer in our lovely courtyard of the building at the corner of 4th and Egleberry Streets, right across from the Gilroy Post Office.

Our 75 guests enjoyed delicious appetizers prepared by [Kneaded](#), of Rebekah's Culinary Academy. Thank you to the many generous businesses who donated prizes for event's raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund at Gilroy Foundation.

[Gavilan College HVAC Ribbon Cutting](#)

August 21st was an exciting evening for Gavilan College! Gilroy Foundation was well represented

by our ED Donna Pray who spoke about the Vocational Career Scholarship that is in the works at Gilroy Foundation.

In Fall 2018, Gilroy Foundation challenged our investment partner, [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#) (SVCF) to give "locally." They countered this challenge with a \$20,000 matching gift offer.

After meeting with local representatives and researching a current need in our community (and our nation, as we read more!), we came up with an education opportunity that will make an impact on Gilroy students with a new scholarship: Gilroy Foundation Vocational Career Scholarship that will be awarded to a Gavilan College student.



You'll be hearing more about this scholarship as Gavilan College celebrates its centennial and as Career Education, such as the new HVAC offering at Gavilan, is in the news. We look forward to making this exciting scholarship opportunity a reality!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SUSTAINING SPONSOR!

Gilroy Foundation is very pleased to welcome [Recology](#), our fourth Sustaining Sponsor. These sponsors make a 5-year commitment of support to Gilroy Foundation with print and social media benefits afforded to them in return.

Only five local businesses can be Sustaining Sponsors-who will be next?

FOCUS ON NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNERS OF GILROY FOUNDATION

The August focus will be on our Nonprofit Investment Partner, [Gilroy Historical Society Museum Fund](#).

"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." - PEARL S. BUCK

The purpose of the Society is to bring together people interested in the history of Gilroy and the surrounding area. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life. It provides a view of the development of our state and nation and Gilroy's place in our rich American heritage.

The Gilroy Museum is housed in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library Building, the result of a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie. The classic revival style building was designed by well-known California architect William H. Weeks and stands on a former tennis court, the gift of local benefactress Caroline A. Hoxett. The Gilroy Public Library opened on July 27, 1910, and remained there until 1975, when it moved to its current location at 6th and Rosanna streets.

MAYBE YOUR'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Or maybe you just do most of your own day-to-day shopping online through Amazon. Either way, you can ensure your purchases will benefit Gilroy Foundation in a small way....and EVERY donation makes a difference!



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