

It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside. ~Maud Hart Lovelace

Graduations, Weddings, Vacations-all those exciting activities we usually identify with June were with us these past 30 days. As we move into July, we all hope for some relaxing moments and time to reflect on how we plan to spend these hot summer days.

Here at the Foundation, we think of the summer months as "our quiet times"-time to plan, time to wrap up those projects that we've been working on... and time to move into high gear for our annual Gilroy Foundation fundraiser "A Day in the Country." October 5 will be here before we know it-we hope you have this year's "Havana Nights" on YOUR calendar!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SAVE THE DATE
A Day in the Country
PRESENTS
"HAVANA NIGHTS"
Saturday
October 5, 2019
Lodge on the Hill
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GILROY
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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a fabulous spring it has been at Gilroy Foundation!



In April, Gilroy Foundation awarded \$338,000 in grants to 89 community programs. Our smallest grant was \$300 and our largest was \$92,000!

At various senior award ceremonies in May, the Foundation was able to award \$513,000 in scholarships. Gilroy Foundation is delighted to be able to offer 29 different scholarships to graduating GUSD high school and Gavilan students. Because many of those 29 scholarships offer multiple awards, we actually had 79 scholarship winners this year! The monetary awards range from \$250 to \$50,000!

We are so appreciative of our many donors who make these grants and scholarship opportunities possible!

~Donna Pray

"Give Where You Live"

GILROY FOUNDATION YOUTH BOARD

On June 10, 2019, our 2018-2019 Gilroy Foundation [Youth Board](#) gathered to celebrate the end of an amazing year. Among laughs and memories, students had the opportunity to support the community through grants and volunteering. They also learned how to collaborate as a team and learned about leadership. Congratulations to our Youth Board graduating seniors! You will go far! Also, to those returning next year, we will see you in the fall! Thanks for a great year!

At the Gilroy Foundation Annual Meeting and Grants Presentation in April, the Gilroy Foundation Youth Board presented a \$1,000 grant to One Step Closer Therapeutic Riding. Youth Board members interviewed three grant applicants and voted to award their 2019 grant to this outstanding organization that provides Adaptive horseback riding and equine-assisted-therapy for individuals with physical and/or emotional disabilities and U.S. Veterans recovering from trauma.



GILROY FOUNDATION FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A Standing Committee of the Gilroy Foundation Board of Directors, the Fund Development Committee (FDC) is charged with building the endowment of Gilroy Foundation. To that end, educating and informing the Board of Directors is the first step, making them knowledgeable so that they may engage and inform our local community about the impact Gilroy Foundation makes here.



Under the leadership of Emeritus Board Member Ted Becker and with the assistance of Development Director Vicki Campanella, FDC meets bi-monthly with members, comprised of five Directors of the Board. Its annual goal is to open five new funds with a minimum of \$10,000 each and to increase "add-on" funding by at least \$100,000.

Yes, these are lofty goals; but due to the intensity-and enthusiasm-of this committee with the support of the entire Board, goals have been

met annually as the committee brainstorms for new ways to grow the endowment of Gilroy Foundation and thereby increase grant making.

FOCUS ON NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNERS OF GILROY FOUNDATION

The June focus will be on our Nonprofit Investment Partner, the [Gilroy Garlic Festival](#), that has two scholarship funds invested with Gilroy Foundation.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival started in 1979 and is now known across the globe as the world's greatest summer food fair, with three full days of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and family fun.



GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL
JULY 26, 27 & 28, 2019

Besides awarding nonprofits payouts through volunteer hours, did you know that the Gilroy Garlic Festival also awards scholarships to graduating seniors?

The Gilroy Foundation holds two Nonprofit Investment Partner endowed funds: one is the Rudy Melone Scholarship Fund, named after one of the founding fathers of the Festival. The other is the Richard Nicholls Memorial Scholarship Fund, named after a long-time Executive Director of our world-famous Festival.

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