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UPDATE!

"GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL VICTIMS RELIEF FUND"

A Message from Executive Director Donna Pray

We are closing in on Week 10 since the tragic events of July 28. As I have been saying since July 29, we are overwhelmed with the generosity of individuals, families and businesses in their support of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund. The Fund has received donations and pledges in excess of \$1.7 million to date.

As we continue to heal as a community, we receive daily words of support from all over the world. One PayPal donation had this comment: "This donation is from New Light Congregation, another victim of a mass shooting. We grieve with you." This Pittsburg, Pennsylvania congregation lost many members at the synagogue shooting in October of 2018.

We have an update to share from the Oversight Committee of our relief fund. The Committee recently adjusted its policy about the disbursement of funds to victims who were injured by the gunman, based on counsel received from experts in victim compensation following a tragedy of this nature. Because of this adjustment, the committee was able to approve disbursements to these victims without assessing their financial need. All victims who were injured by the gunman will be receiving lump-sum disbursements from the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund within the next week. Tiered payments, based on the length of hospitalization, have been approved.

We have been so moved by the courage and resilience demonstrated by the victims, and we are humbled to be a part of their recovery. As difficult as this situation has been for all of us, we are confident that the administration of the relief fund has been effective, fair and reflects the values of this great community that Gilroy Foundation is proud to serve.

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