3 LITTLE WORDS
Gilroy. Garlic. Festival!

It's what Gilroy DOES...it's who we ARE...it's how our community CELEBRATES! Whether you attended one or all of the three days, we were all caught up in the spirit of this annual July celebration. Here at the Gilroy Foundation, we were busy on a few other fronts, too!

BUT FIRST, LET'S TALK GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL'S GILROY FOUNDATION WINE BOOTH!
According to Guinness Book of World Records, it's official....Gilroy Garlic Festival was recognized as world record holder for "largest attendance at a garlic festival." And Gilroy Foundation's Wine Booth was a stop off place for many friends, old and new. Event Coordinator Yesenia Gonzalez coordinated over 50 volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up from Thursday through Monday of Garlic Festival weekend. THANK YOU to ALL! Without our volunteers, Gilroy Foundation's Wine Booth is not possible.

Food Network's Giada DeLaurentiis was a special guest emcee of the Garlic Showdown and other Sunday events. And two of our own Ambassadors had their "moment in the sun": Margene Peterson won a local contest that brought her and her daughter Melissa to center stage with Giada. And Chef Carlos Pineda, of Kneaded and Rebekah's Culinary Academy, won the Garlic Showdown on the Cook Off Stage. And he announced on stage that his $3,000 prize would be donated back to the Gilroy Foundation's Jay Minzer and Peter Ciccarelli Memorial Fund that benefits Rebekah's Culinary Academy--a win-win! What a fabulous weekend!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE GILROY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
How delighted we are to give a grant to Gilroy Arts Alliance and be a Series Partner for this wonderful FREE family outdoor event. There is only one more week left to catch a movie under the stars, Friday, August 4. We hope to see you there!

BE A PART OF GILROY’S HISTORY
How proud you would be to stroll down the beautiful Downtown Paseo and see your family (or business) name imprinted on a brick, forever outlining the walkway of this wonderful addition to our community. So, don’t delay....the DEADLINE to purchase a Paseo Brick is Friday, August 4. Only 26 bricks are available now! Be a part of the Downtown Gilroy Paseo and Gilroy's history with your $250 donation. Purchase online or download the form and mail it--don't miss out! Find out more.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 7, Gilroy Gardens
A New Venue......An Exciting Getaway......
A Time to Celebrate the Gilroy Foundation
OUR NIGHT TO SHINE
On Thursday, August 10, we have invited Chamber of Commerce members our Board of Directors and our Ambassadors to gather in our beautiful courtyard for a Chamber Mixer. It's our third year hosting a Mixer and, based on past experience, it's going to be a great night! Our own Ambassador, Chef Carlos Pineda (Garlic Showdown Winner!), and his Kneaded students will provide the delicious fare. And, we will re-create our famous Gilroy Garlic Festival Sangria along with other local wines. We're excited!

MATCHING GIFTS DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!
When you make a donation in any amount to the Gilroy Foundation AND you work for a company that has a Matching Gift Program, YOU CAN DOUBLE YOUR DONATION! Yes, it's that simple!

In our files, we have a 31 page list of the companies in the US that have a Matching Gift program. Check with your company's HR Department and find out the process used; make your donation; complete the paperwork and Gilroy Foundation will receive your Matching Gift.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST!
Or maybe you just do most of your shopping online through Amazon. Either way, you can ensure your purchases will benefit the Gilroy Foundation in a small way....and every donation makes a difference. Sign up now, designate the Gilroy Foundation, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases each quarter. And you'll even get a reminder to use AmazonSmile each time you begin to shop at Amazon!
“Give Where You Live”

Thank you to our Sustaining Sponsors