

WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE....

Granted, the Thanksgiving décor may already be replaced with festive Holiday decorations, but it IS still November, a month traditionally set aside for calling to mind how grateful we are for all that has been given us.

It's no different here at the Gilroy Foundation....we have SO much to be thankful for and now is the perfect time to share these thoughts with you, friends of the Gilroy Foundation.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

"Let our lives be full of both "*thanks*" and "*giving*."

We give *thanks* for our Board of Directors. This dedicated group of 11 individuals are a hands-on, working Board who are dedicated to making our community better every day.

We give *thanks* to our Ambassadors, who not only spread the word of Gilroy Foundation's mission and vision, but also serve on various committees making the work of the Foundation run smoothly.

We give thanks to our Youth Board, who is learning philanthropy and volunteerism every day.

We give *thanks* to our Emeritus Board Members, who helped to grow this Foundation to be a driving force of change and improvement in our community.

And, we give *thanks* to all our members and volunteers, of whose support we are so grateful.

We appreciate all the *giving* that happens at this time of year. There are so many worthy organizations to support through end-of-year *giving*, and we are so fortunate to be the choice of so many individuals, families and businesses.

Thank you all!

~Donna Pray

"Give Where You Live"

SUSTAINING SPONSORS SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE GILROY FOUNDATION

The Gilroy Foundation provides a vehicle for individuals, families and corporations

who share a common commitment to the future prosperity and well-being of the community to come together to build an endowment that will last in perpetuity.

The Foundation's operating costs are covered by 1% administration fees from the endowed funds and by our two annual events, the Gilroy Garlic Festival and "A Day in the Country" event. These fees and fundraisers cannot along keep up with the growing costs of our operation and programs, so the [Sustaining Sponsor](#) program has helped to bridge that gap.

Thank you to **Christopher Ranch, Exciting Gilroy Toyota** and **Pinnacle Bank** for joining us in the first year of this program. We look forward to....and sincerely appreciate...your support!

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE GILROY FOUNDATION

Recently, letters were mailed to more than 600 listings on our database inviting them to become a [member](#) of the Gilroy Foundation, renew their membership or add to their fund.

Since 1980, the Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$7.4 million in grants and scholarships. We need your continued support to respond to the growing needs of our local community, both now and in the future.

Check out the benefits of being a member of the Gilroy Foundation and make your gift today. Thank you to all whose commitment we have already received!

YOUTH BOARD "GIVING TREE" AT WESTSIDE GRILL

'Tis the season of giving!

So, again this year members of the Gilroy Foundation [Youth Board](#) gathered to set up and decorate a "Giving Tree" Holiday Toy Drive at Westside Grill.

With your help, they hope to collect 80 toys that will be distributed to children served by Rebekah Children's Services. Simply stop by [Westside Grill](#) and at the entrance you will find their tree. Pick up a tag...or two... or more. Return your *unwrapped* toy to Westside Grill *by Friday, December 8th*.

"It is in giving that we receive." *Thank you for your generous support!*



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*[The Downtown Paseo](#) has 14 more bricks available. To purchase a brick for the Paseo, please call the Foundation office at (408)842-3727.

*Fund Donors Steve and Jan Peat have businesses in Santa Rosa that were affected by the fires. They want to help, [click here](#) to find out more.

*2018 [Grant Cycle](#) opens on December 1, 2017 and will close on January 31, 2018.

*2018 [Scholarship Applications](#) will be available for download on January 5, 2018.

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