

There is no denying it....this past month has had its share of challenges in our world, in our country and even in our own state. As we put one foot in front of the other each day, we are grateful for the distractions of every day life that keep us grounded.

One such wonderful distraction for the Gilroy Foundation was the October 7th "A Day in the Country" event, *Run for the Roses*.



When the Kentucky Derby theme was first discussed, we knew it would be a fun and unique opportunity to showcase the Foundation. Little did we know that the wonderful spirit of the theme would be so well received until that night when we saw our guests arrive in Derby attire, Fascinators and stylish Derby hats!

Thank you to event Chairs, Matt Titus and Rachel Traylor, for their outstanding leadership and to each of the committee chairs who provided for such a beautiful evening. From the complimentary mint juleps to the beautiful presentation in Silent Auction....from our entertaining Auctioneer Jayson Stebbins to our big time prize winners, Ted and Nancy Becker (they won both the Getaway Raffle AND the restaurant coupon basket!)....from our generous guests to our energetic Youth Board volunteers....we are grateful for your support.

With proceeds over \$50,000, it's no wonder we're excited!



As Gilroy Foundation Media Event Sponsor, gmhTODAY has been with us every step of the way--from pre-event publicity to providing us with some fabulous photos of the amazing hats worn by our lovely guests. ICYMI (in case you missed it), read the [blog](#) written by gmhTODAY following the event.

PHOTO GALLERY ON THE WEBSITE

If you would like to keep up with the goings-on of the Gilroy Foundation--and view some outstanding photos from *Run for the Roses*--check out the [Photo Gallery](#) on the Gilroy Foundation website. And, don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram and Twitter.

LOCAL MCDONALD'S OWNER SUPPORTS EMPLOYEES' FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

Local resident and former Gilroy Foundation Board President Steve Peat and wife Jan embody the *"Give Where You Live"* spirit in Gilroy, but also care deeply about their McDonald's employees impacted by the devastating fires to our north.

One of their Santa Rosa stores was lost in the fires and others have been closed. However, his employees have all been redirected so none are without work. The Peats are reaching out to other McDonald franchise owners, family and friends to ask them to join in helping these employees who have lost so much.

The Peats have donated \$20,000 to accomplish this and seek donations to match that amount. \$100 Target gift cards are being purchased and distributed to affected employees.

Gilroy Foundation is proud to assist in this effort by providing a link on our website for people to make [donations](#).

YOUTH BOARD TEAM BUILDING

Twenty Gilroy Foundation Youth Board members met at Bright Ranch for a team building exercise. Members voted on positions while enjoying their pizza dinner.

Students worked in teams to learn how to saddle a horse without any instructions. Gilroy Foundation Ambassador Dennis Bright, our host, then showed them the correct way to saddle a horse; and students returned to their horses to correct their saddling mistakes.

Each of the officer positions was reviewed and students interested in running gave a short speech on why they were interested.

2017/2018 Youth Board officers are:

Youth Board President, Dylan Ellemberg; Vice-President, Jamin Escudero; Secretary, Jessica Bright; Social Media, Jackie Felix, Madison Emmert, and Maana Kolagotla.



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