Greetings, Friends of the Gilroy Foundation!

Tomorrow is our major fundraiser of the year, A Day In The Country, this year themed "Great Gatsby." We hope to see many of you there. In addition to all of the planning that's taking place, there is so much that goes on here. We hope you can take 2 minutes to catch up with us....

GETAWAY RAFFLE TICKETS TO NEW YORK CITY!
It's your last chance...time's running out...you don't want to be left out! Buy your Getaway Raffle Ticket for Saturday's A Day In the Country Event, "Great Gatsby." Not attending? No problem! Visit gilroyfoundation.org/dayinthecountry to purchase your ticket online. Coming? Raffle Tickets will be sold at the event.

A DREAM BECOMES REALITY AT GLEN VIEW SCHOOL
There is nothing that makes us happier here at the Gilroy Foundation than an exciting and heart-warming success story. We love to see the faces of the grant recipients as they pick up their envelope in April each year; but to read how this money makes a difference in people's lives sends chills up and down the spine.

Here is one such story, too inspiring not to share. We have the good fortune to know this teacher and to see her face light up when she tells this story. See what you think!

"What began as an idea and dream became a reality last year when the GUSD IT Department installed a wireless internet source in the Resource Specialist Program Room at Glen View School and delivered, much to the delight of my students, six licensed Chromebooks.

Having access to technology has become an invaluable asset and resource to promote learning, independent thinking, conversations, and curiosity. What evolved over the course of year could not have been predicted nor anticipated.

Our team was able to individualize and tailor direct instruction that promoted student engagement and autonomy. As a practitioner, we were able in real time to provide immediate feedback to students about their progress, set new learning targets, and support student directed goals and assessments in the general education classroom.

I knew we had turned the pivotal corner as the classroom culture shifted: students would drop by bringing friends, work on an online project, partner read in the reading tent, or listen to stories online using closed caption during their free time. Thank you Gilroy Foundation! This would not have been possible without the generosity of donors who 'Give Where You Live.'"
Gondie Chavez, MA, is a K-5 Resource Specialist at Glen View Elementary School. We thank her for sharing the difference that this grant has made in her classroom.

GROWING UP GILROY
Your Past....Their Future...Happy memories of Little League games, tumbling classes, STAR Program plays...so many childhood activities to be a part of here in Gilroy when many of you were growing up. Those programs are still available, but there are many who are unable to participate because they don’t have that disposable income. The Gilroy Foundation hopes to change that with the complete funding of “Growing Up Gilroy” for the 2017 Grant Cycle. That way, when a local organization applies for registration fees, proceeds from this fund can help make these young one’s participation possible.

Did YOU "Grow Up In Gilroy" and want to be a charter donor? Or did you raise a child in Gilroy and want to make a donation in their name? With your $50 donation, your name will be listed on our website and you will know the joy of giving back. Donate now at www.gilroyfoundation.org/.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERSHIP GILROY CLASS OF 2016! Come and show your support!

WELCOME LISSA GAFFNEY TO THE GILROY FOUNDATION STAFF
The Gilroy Foundation is delighted to welcome Lissa Gaffney to the team! Lissa, our new Administrative Assistant, has an extensive background with non-profits, St. Louise Hospital and O'Connor Hospital. She is a pro in Social Media, Website Management and Fundraising and brings a vast knowledge of the Gilroy community to our Foundation. Stop by and welcome Lissa to the Gilroy Foundation!

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