

**IT'S NO JOKE...**

*It's HERE....next weekend, October 7<sup>th</sup>: Gilroy Foundation's signature event, *A Day in the Country* with this year's theme "Run for the Roses." Lots of great Silent Auction and some amazing Live Auction items along with complimentary mint juleps during the Silent Auction. But wait...there's more....and this is "no joke!"*

**GETAWAY RAFFLE: YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE AUCTION? NO PROBLEM!**

That's right this year's Getaway Raffle features a stay in the Thoroughbred Capital of the World, Lexington, KY!

If/WHEN you win this year's Getaway Raffle, you'll be on your way. Winner need not be present to win--you may not be attending, but you can still take a chance--only 100 tickets sold for \$100!

Included in the package:

- \*A 5-night stay at Gratz Park Inn, located in the historic district of Lexington;
- \*A private tour of Taylor Made Farms where California Chrome stands;
- \*A VIP tour of Woodford Reserve;
- \* AND a \$1,000 gift card for shopping and dining of your choice!

There are three ways to get your ticket:

- \*Stop by the Gilroy Foundation office (until Friday, October 6, 11AM);
- \*Email [yesenia@gilroyfoundation.org](mailto:yesenia@gilroyfoundation.org) to reserve your ticket;
- \*Purchase a ticket at the event (while supplies last!)

**WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING!**

If you haven't already, you can still purchase tickets to this year's event--until Tuesday, October 3, 5PM!

This year's venue allows for increased attendance and we are so happy so many more of you will be attending. So, don't delay-you can purchase your ticket at [gilroyfoundation.org](http://gilroyfoundation.org)

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Sponsorship for this year's "Run for the Roses" has been record-setting, and we are so very grateful to our sponsors for their support. We have been highlighting them daily on Facebook. In case you missed it, here they are:

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## ON THE FRONT PAGE OF *GILROY LIFE*

*Gilroy Life* Publisher Marty Cheek told the story of Gilroy Foundation and how "donated dollars (are) used to improve the community through grants" in its [September 20th issue](#).

It's a great article with some really useful information if you or your family is interested in starting a fund in the future. *Did you know* that you don't need \$10,000--your donations are tracked over the years until you reach that level!

Executive Director Donna Pray is quoted here saying "if the Gilroy Foundation's founders had not taken the time and energy to start this nonprofit organization, Gilroy would certainly look different today!"

## GUSD EMPLOYEES HELP BUILD THE GUSD EDUCATION FUND AT THE GILROY FOUNDATION

In early August, Gilroy Unified School District staff, employees, and school principals heard Gilroy Foundation Board VP Edwin Diaz and Fund Development Chair Ted Becker make a presentation on how a monthly GUSD Payroll Deduction can increase their fund, that is restricted to awarding grants to ONLY GUSD programs, thus increasing the annual grant giving opportunities through Gilroy Foundation to our local schools.

Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$1,077,000 in grants to GUSD programs since 1980. Since the payroll deduction program began in 2015, \$5,590 has already been added to the fund with only a handful of employees participating.

Over the years, grants have been awarded to GUSD programs to purchase a color printer and laminator, guided reading books, PE equipment, mounted projectors, Chrome Books, supplies for a garden/outdoor classroom, computers in a Special Ed classroom, upgrades to the FFA farm, data collection device in the physics classroom, band instruments....and much, much MORE!

If you are a [GUSD employee](#) (or know one!), share how a monthly donation in ANY amount can make a BIG difference to our schools....we can all do our small part!

### WELCOME BACK, GILROY FOUNDATION YOUTH BOARD!

Gilroy Foundation was pleased to welcome back 20 members of the Youth Board to the first meeting of the year. Mark Turner was a guest speaker and spoke to the students about leadership in the community, Board member Sal Tomasello reported at this week's Board of Director's meeting. The next Youth Board meeting scheduled is a Team Building exercise hosted by Ambassadors Kristin and Dennis Bright and Cheryl Ellemberg at Bright Ranch.



*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future -- Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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