

May all of your Holiday dreams come true!

These last months of 2019 at Gilroy Foundation have certainly tested our mettle! But, not only did we survive, we thrived!



Ending the year with over \$1.8 million collected for the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund (GGFVRF) and \$1.5 million distributed to the 21 victims of the shooter and other hardship victims directly impacted by this tragedy was only made possible through generous donors from around the world, the support and partnership of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and the amazing Fund Oversight Committee who put their hearts and souls into ensuring assistance and equity for all of the victims.

Given all of the energy expended on the GGFVRF, the business of Gilroy Foundation carried on as usual-the 2020 grant cycle opened, scholarship checks were mailed and planning for our 40th Anniversary year activities is underway!

As we move through the Holidays and into the New Year, Gilroy Foundation extends its gratitude for your generous support and sends wishes for all of the best to you and yours in 2020.

"Sometimes we are tested, not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths."

MEMBERSHIP IN GILROY FOUNDATION

In late November, letters were mailed to more than 700 listings on our database inviting them to become a member, renew their membership or add to their fund.

Donors to Gilroy Foundation have various ways to participate in philanthropy in our community:

Join or Renew Your Membership



- As an annual member with a gift from \$100 to \$1000, your gift to Gilroy Foundation goes into the general unrestricted endowment for grant giving; five percent of year-end balances of those investment funds support the annual grant-making cycle.
- By establishing an individual, family or corporate fund that may be designated to a particular charity; or donor-advised, where the donor makes the annual decision on a grant(s).
- By choosing a bequest to the Foundation in their estate planning.

Donations are tracked by the foundation office and if a donor's annual membership contributions reach a cumulative level of \$10,000, an individual Fund may be formed.

And Matching Gifts are an excellent way to double your donation to Gilroy Foundation!

Since 1980, Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$14 million in grants and scholarships. We look forward to 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 Gilroy Foundation and make your gift today. Thank you to all whose commitment we have already received.

YOUTH BOARD "HOLIDAY GIVING TREE" AT WESTSIDE GRILL

'Tis the Season of Giving...and once again members of [Gilroy Foundation Youth Board](#) gathered to set up and decorate a "Giving Tree" Holiday Toy Drive at [Westside Grill](#). Toys will be distributed to children served by [Rebekah Children's Services](#) and [St. Joseph's Family Center](#). Toys and gifts will be collected there until December 23rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity. *"It is in giving that we receive."*

"COMING TOGETHER" IN DECEMBER



On December 5th, the Boards of Gilroy Foundation (Directors, Emeritus and Ambassadors) gathered along with donors to our cancelled annual event, "A Day in the Country," were invited to reflect on this past year, and extend their gratitude for the hard work of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund Oversight Committee and all of our supporters.

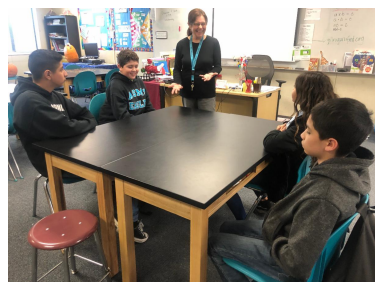
At that time, outgoing President Edwin Diaz recognized Judy Lazarus and Lori Kent, who will be transitioning from the Board of Directors to the Emeritus Board, and welcomed incoming Board members Lee Blaettler and Vito Mercado. Thank you, Lori and Judy, for your service to the Board of Directors over the years!

GILROY FOUNDATION GRANT CYCLE, DECEMBER 1, 2019 - JANUARY 31, 2020

Over this past year, we hope you have seen--either in action or on Social Media--the difference Gilroy Foundation makes in our local nonprofits, in our schools and in our local community through the grants distributed in 2019, making a real difference in people's lives.

SHARE THE MESSAGE with local nonprofits, schools and community organizations that the 2019 Gilroy Foundation Grant Cycle is now open. Grant Criteria and Applications can be found on our website.

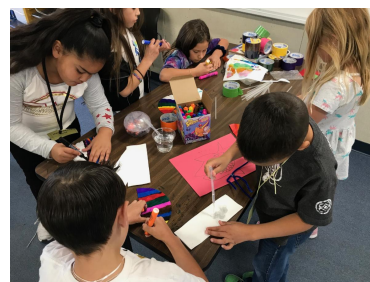
Over the past few months, Ambassadors have made visits to some of our 2019 grantees. Here are a few photos that demonstrate the power of a Gilroy Foundation grant.



Ascencion Solarsano Middle School



Rucker Elementary School



Luigi Aprea Elementary School

WE FOUND A WAY TO GIVE, TOO!

With so much good being done throughout our local community, our office staff was inspired to jump in again this year and find a cause close to our hearts. We chose [One Giving Tree!](#)

We brought in ornaments, tree toppers and decorations to help adorn the 306 trees delivered by Deb and Mike Sanchez and their team on December 2nd, bringing smiles of joy and delight to us, too!



UPCOMING HONORS AND EVENTS in 2020

- 2020: Gilroy Foundation celebrates its 40th year--stay tuned for details of exciting events planned throughout the year!
- Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Spice of Life Awards, Saturday, February 1, at which time Gilroy Foundation will be honored with a Special Recognition Award for our work on the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund
- Annual Meeting and Charitable Giving Presentation of Gilroy Foundation, Wednesday, April 22
- "A Day in the Country," Saturday, September 26 at Kirigin Cellars

FOCUS ON NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNERS (NPIP) OF GILROY FOUNDATION

This month's focus will be on our Nonprofit Investment Partner, [Leadership Gilroy](#).

Leadership Gilroy is a nonprofit organization focused on inspiring and developing leaders in our local community.

Since their first Leadership Gilroy class in 1998, over 250 graduates have completed the intensive 10-month Community Leadership Program and have exited the program stronger, more skilled, and more connected to their community.

All participants develop vital leadership and team-building skills, gain a deeper understanding of the local community, and forge long-lasting friendships through Leadership Training, Community Awareness and Community Service. And they also have a lot of fun along the way!

Leadership Gilroy is a program of the Gilroy Leadership & Education Foundation, a public benefit, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors that is passionate about developing leaders in our community.

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