A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GILROY FOUNDATION

"We cannot accomplish all that we need to do
without working together."   ~Bill Richardson

Gilroy Foundation's affiliation with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is frequently acknowledged....with much gratitude. But, in addition to their support and guidance, we have also been networking with other partners of SVCF, forming an alliance with other community foundations in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Together, we are working to respond to our individual communities during this coronavirus crisis. We are seeing examples of generosity and caring, but we know that the needs will be more widespread than we could have ever imagined.

The needs in our communities are significant:

- About 3.8 million Californians have filed for unemployment benefits since early March.
- In San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, Second Harvest Food Bank reports that it distributed twice as much food in the first two weeks of April than during the same period in 2019, serving 38,000 households weekly with boxed groceries.

Together with our Alliance partners of SVCF, we believe in the power of philanthropy to help our communities overcome this crisis.

This is what Gilroy Foundation is doing:

- We have created a Community Resource List on the Gilroy Foundation website for local nonprofits to reference for ideas that will help them survive and thrive during these trying times.

- We are communicating the needs of our local nonprofits through social media platforms to enable a response from the community.

  ~Gilroy Foundation: Gilroy Helping Heroes Campaign
  Gilroy Chamber of Commerce has launched a special fundraiser to support

local healthcare professionals in gratitude for all that they are giving to our community.

Gilroy Helping Heroes is designed to allow the community to help purchase face masks and face shields for our healthcare heroes.

The goal is $18,000 to purchase 5,000 face masks and 5,000 face shields.

~Gilroy Foundation Youth Board assists St. Joseph's Family Center
Gilroy Foundation Youth Board has mobilized its members from both Gilroy High School and Christopher High School and are co-coordinating a drive-through shelf-stable food donation drive for St. Joseph's Family Center starting on May 5th, that will last for the next few months.

This is what our Alliance Partners are doing:

- Community Foundation for San Benito County: COVID-19 Relief Fund--*collecting funds to address the immediate and long-term needs of San Benito County*
- Community Foundation for San Carlos: COVID-19 Response--*connecting resources and needs in their community by matching volunteers where support is needed and supporting local businesses by communicating fundraisers*
- Los Altos Community Foundation: LAEF 2020 Nonprofit Relief Fund--*collecting money to provide funding in Two Rounds*
- Mavericks Community Foundation: Coastside Gives campaign--*raising money to support the vital programs on the San Mateo County Coast*
- Morgan Hill Community Foundation: Essential Services Workers Childcare Programs--*creating a community relief fund to fund Essential Services Workers Childcare Program*
- Palo Alto Community Fund: PACF COVID-19 Relief Fund--*collecting money to support the most vulnerable in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park*
- San Bruno Community Foundation: COVID-19 Resources--*assembling a list of resources to assist the San Bruno community*
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation: COVID-19 response funds--*collecting money to support individuals and families, nonprofits and small businesses*
- Woodside Community Foundation: Robert's of Woodside Employee Fund--*creating funding to support front line workers*
- San Mateo County Strong--*creating a fund to support individuals and families, nonprofits and small businesses*
- Silicon Valley Strong--*creating a fund to support individuals and families, nonprofits and small businesses*

To those who have already given, we thank you for your contributions and for your unwavering commitment to our communities.

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