

AS JUNE SLIPS AWAY.....



Every day life continues to challenge us to pivot to the "Next Normal."

Virtual graduation ceremonies are behind us, though we witnessed so many wonderful ways families celebrated this exciting accomplishment.

We look to July with much trepidation, watching reports, continuing to shelter in place, but carrying on as best we can with every day life.

We've been busy at Gilroy Foundation....here's a look at some of the activities we have been involved in this past month!

ACKNOWLEDGING GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ceremonies did not allow us the opportunity to recognize 2020 Grant recipients or 2020 Scholarship winners, but we found another way to acknowledge them:

Competitive Grant recipients were asked to provide us with a short video about the funding they received and how it would benefit their organization. These 15 videos are being shared on Facebook beginning in mid-May; and we continue to post them twice weekly.

Scholarship winners would have been recognized at Graduations and Senior Awards Nights, but not *this* year. So, a collage of the winners was created for each school (GECA, Mount Madonna Continuation School, Christopher High School and Gilroy High School) and posted to Facebook and Instagram in mid-June after graduation ceremonies were completed.



Congratulations to all... and you just [#cantstopgood!](#)

STARTING A FUND AT GILROY FOUNDATION

The 114 Funds at Gilroy Foundation have come to us in many different ways; some come from a referral from a friend, donor or director of a person who has expressed interest to them about starting a fund.



If YOU were interested in Starting a Fund, this is what you would be told:

First, take a look at Gilroy Foundation's [website](#), a good place to start for some basic information.

There is also a GREAT [schematic](#) that shows the exact steps to take. Simply stated, the minimum amount to start a fund is \$10,000.

Also recently, we have funds started by the transfer of stock, a process that we will handle for you from start to finish. *If you would like more information, please contact Executive Director [Donna Pray](#).*

LISTEN TO US AND SEE US *LIVE!*

- **PODCAST:** In the third episode of this mini-series, Michelle Fries of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, speaks with Donna Pray, Executive Director of Gilroy Foundation, and Karen La Corte Vice President of Gilroy Foundation's Board of Directors.

The three leaders overview the Foundation's response to the tragic Gilroy Garlic Festival shooting in 2019, the Foundation's role in the Alliance of Community Foundations of Silicon Valley, the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and preparations for the future.

- **FACEBOOK LIVE:** Donna has been invited to make a guest appearance with Ken Christopher on Wednesday, July 8 at Noon on Facebook Live, a virtual Garlic Festival running through the month of July. Episodes will be live each Wednesday on [Christopher Ranch](#)'s Facebook page.



During her appearance, Donna is set to highlight Gilroy Foundation's partnership with Christopher Ranch and GF's involvement with the Garlic Festival and the work done this past year with the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund.

We hope you will listen and watch!

GROWING UP GILROY...THE NEXT CHAPTER

In the May Constant Contact, we reintroduced you to the Growing Up Gilroy Fund, a Group Fund of Gilroy Foundation, established five years ago and we told you a bit

about how it has benefited the community to date.

Since that time, we have added a brief description of the Fund to Gilroy Foundation's [website](#), added the names of the 90 Charter Donors and a DONATE button.

Reminding you that by adding to the Fund will allow even more money to go toward youth in Gilroy. During the grant cycle, 5% of the balance of the Fund at the end of the year is used for grant making purposes.....the more money in the fund, the more we can give out!

Here are a few Blasts from the Past, provided by generous donors, when the campaign began. Do you recognize anyone?

Growing up Gilroy: Your Past, Their Future



**SPOTLIGHT ON GILROY FOUNDATION NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNER,
GO KIDS**

Go Kids is a Nonprofit Investment Partner of Gilroy Foundation. In partnership with families, Go Kids believes in the uniqueness of each child and through active exploration initiated by both the child and teacher a child is able to understand his world, develop independence, and learn to make choices and express creativity.

The agency was established in 1975 when it was awarded a grant from the city of Morgan Hill to provide early childhood education training services to unemployed women from low-income backgrounds.

Since its incorporation as a nonprofit agency in 1978, the agency budget and service area has continued to grow. Go Kids now provides services in Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

Go Kids operates 8 licensed Child Development Centers serving infants, preschool and school age children. One center is located on-site within a migrant housing facility to serve agricultural working families.

Go Kids is committed to creating and maintaining quality programs for children that foster social, emotional, physical and cognitive development while recognizing the importance of family, cultural and community.

To find out more, visit GoKids.org

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