

March 2021

**Danielle Russell honored for Veterans Program**



Gilroy Foundation Youth Board member, **Danielle Russell**, has been honored by our local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars for winning the Voice of Democracy essay contest. After accepting the award, Danielle was asked to talk about her Gavilan Hills Veterans Memorial Project. Danielle still needs to raise \$6,000. Click [HERE](#) to Donate.

These funds will be used to install headstones for veterans who lie in unmarked graves in the Gavilan Hills Cemetery, and to also install service medallions for the existing headstones that do not identify the graves as belonging to veterans. This way, it will be ensured that every veteran in the Gavilan Hills Cemetery will be properly honored and remembered on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America.

Gilroy Foundation earned a **2021 Gold Seal of Transparency!** Now, everyone can view our financial details and learn about the people at our organization. Check out our updated [Nonprofit Profile](#) on Candid.



**Meals for Heroes, Revenue for Restaurants**

As we begin our 5th week of the "Meals for Heroes, Revenue for Restaurants" program, we have helped support 15 Gilroy



restaurants as they have brought smiles and delicious meals to the workers at St. Louise Regional Hospital and De Paul Health Center, Morgan Hill!

The goal of this program was to provide meals for healthcare professionals and revenue for our local restaurants. Donations to date will only take us through April 21st--more donations mean more meals and more restaurant revenue!

Click [HERE](#) to donate--let's see how long we can make this program last!

**2021 Gilroy Foundation GRANTS**



It was another year of Zooms and online applications for the Grants Committee to finalize grants after a team of readers submitted their rankings. Letters and checks will be mailed to those receiving Competitive Grants following approval at the March 30th meeting of the Board of Directors. ED Donna Pray reached out to Donor Advised grant donors to finalize their



choices for grant making: \$57,800 will be awarded. And donors who established Designated Funds to particular charities were notified and \$176,025 will be disbursed along with a Youth Board grant of \$1,000. **To date, \$320,255 total grant funding will be awarded in 2021.**

A total of 23 Competitive Grants were funded for a distribution of \$85,430. Gilroy Foundation received requests for funding for over \$193,000! The needs are great!

Look for an announcement on Social Media in early April to let friends of the Foundation know more about the 2021 Grant Cycle. Congratulations to all of the grantees and thank you to our donors for another very successful and rewarding grant season.

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