

MAY 2021



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Even though masks have hidden our smiles this past year, we have been able to see more and more smiles recently ...and have been given more and more

reasons to smile!

Family reunions, graduations, weddings, meetings, and even just small gatherings are becoming possible now!

And, here at Gilroy Foundation, our motto throughout this past year has been this: *Don't just bounce back. Bounce Forward....so, here we go!*

### Message from our ED, Donna Pray

*We just completed our **2021 Grant Cycle**. We will be distributing a total of \$327,323 to nonprofits who are running programs to benefit our Gilroy community.*

*Of that amount, \$85,430 will be awarded to organizations that applied to our Competitive Grants Program. In addition to that, \$57,800 will be going to various programs that our Donor-Advised Fund donors have chosen to support this year. And, we have Funds that are designated to give an annual grant to particular organizations for their operating needs; that amount is \$182,293. And, our Youth Board awarded a \$1,000 grant to Gilroy Compassion Center and \$800 to DreamPower Horsemanship.*

*Unfortunately, once again, we were not able to gather for our Annual Meeting and Charitable Giving Presentation, but checks have been mailed.*

### This Could be YOU!



Blaettler Accountancy enjoyed a fabulous end of 2020 Tax Season Crab Boil Feast in the Blaettler's backyard, donated to Gilroy Foundation's

Virtual "Day in the Country 2020" by Rebekah Children's Services **Kneaded Culinary Academy!**

Hostess Lee Blaetter exclaimed, "It surpassed our expectations! We would highly recommend this super fun dining experience!!! Thank you Gilroy Foundation, Chef Carlos, and Kneaded Culinary Academy and Staff!"  
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### Take a look...Our People in the News



A behind the scenes look at the early days of Gilroy Foundation through the eyes of our ED Donna Pray, the pen of Kelly Barbazette and our friends at

Gilroy/Morgan Life.  
**ED Donna Pray with Gilroy Life**

At the 2021 virtual Gilroy Chamber of Commerce "Spice of

The other thing that is keeping us very busy is our **Annual Scholarship Program**. We have received 803 applications for the 95 scholarships we offer. Many of those scholarships award multiple awards, so we will be giving 87 students help with the financial part of the college experience.

We are grateful to our donors for giving us the opportunity to award \$510,000 this year.

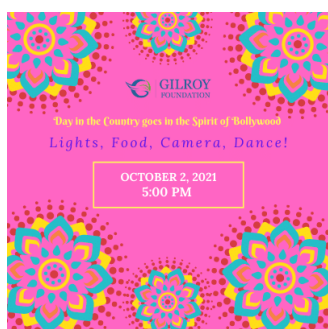
Happy Spring to all, and everyone take care!

~Donna Pray

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**SAVE THE DATE:  
October 2, 2021!**



Our 2021 "Day in the Country" event will again be virtual and we look forward to another exciting event.

**Save the Date** and make plans to join us in one of the following ways:

- Join the Party online
- Purchase a "Party in a Box"
- Bid on the Online Auction
- Become a Sponsor (find out more when you contact Deb Sanchez at [dsanchez@gilroyfoundation.org](mailto:dsanchez@gilroyfoundation.org))

Stay tuned for more details to come in the months ahead.

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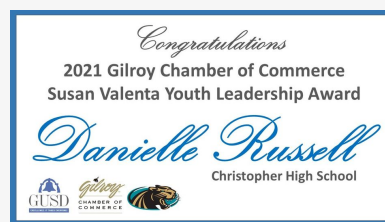


Life" Awards ceremony, **Danielle Russell** was given the Susan Valenta

Youth Leadership Award!

Danielle served as Secretary on Gilroy Foundation's Youth Board and has raised money through grants and donations to place headstones on the unmarked graves of veterans at Gavilan Hills Cemetery.

We are so proud of the work you are doing and wish you all the best at Gettysburg College and all the years ahead, Danielle!



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And Gilroy Foundation proudly extends its Congratulations to **Carlos Pineda**, a member of Gilroy Foundation's Board of Directors and Chair of the 2021 virtual DITC. Chef Carlos was awarded the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Spice of Life Young Professional of the Year Award.

As a member of the Board, Carlos brings his many creative ideas and boundless energy to our meetings and activities. #yeschefcarlos



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