

The Joys of Summer!



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year, there was no opportunity to gather with donors and grant recipients as we do each year at our Annual Meeting and Charitable Grants Presentation, which happens in late April.

We also had no opportunity to present scholarship certificates to graduating seniors at senior award ceremonies.

However, our work went on, albeit remotely and via mail and email announcements. We were able to award a total of \$836,323 in grants and scholarships.

Our Competitive Grant Cycle gave 22 local programs a total of \$87,230. Additional grants came from our Donor-Advised Funds and Designated Funds.

Our scholarship cycle is now complete, having awarded 79 scholarships totaling \$509,000. Congratulations, seniors!

We are so appreciative of our many donors who make these grants and scholarship opportunities possible!

~Donna Pray
"Give Where You Live"

STARTING A FUND AT GILROY FOUNDATION

The 123 Funds at Gilroy Foundation have come to us in many different ways; some come your financial planners, some come from a referral from a friend or donor who has heard a another express an interest in starting a fund. Sometimes, its simply a phone call to the office asking "How do we start a fund?"



If YOU are interested in starting a fund, here is how to get started:

- First, take a look at Gilroy Foundation's [website](#), a good place to start for some basic information;
- There is a great [schematic](#) that shows the exact steps to take. Simply stated, the minimum amount to start a fund is \$10,000. Consecutive annual donations over a few or several years via our membership program is

another way to establish a fund. When those donations come to \$10,000, a separate fund can be established.

- Many funds begin with a [transfer of stock](#), a process that we will handle for you from start to finish.

If you would like more information, contact ED [Donna Pray](#).



SAVE THE DATE: DAY IN THE COUNTRY, OCTOBER 2nd

This year's virtual event promises to be a colorful and vibrant one, guaranteed to lift your spirits and provide you with an experience like no other in our past!

Make plans to join in on the fun, whether it's from the comfort of your living room couch or with a group of family or friends! Sponsorship opportunities are still available; contact Event Coordinator [Deb Sanchez](#) for more information.

GROWING UP GILROY KEEPS ON GIVING

In 2015, we sent a letter asking millennials and their families if they remembered growing up in Gilroy--taking tumbling lessons at Wheeler Auditorium, playing Little League baseball, or taking swim lessons through Parks and Rec. If they remembered participating in these activities and others while growing up here, we wanted them to know that there are some youth here now who are not able to participate in activities like these because they can't afford to. And there are some activities for youth that can't take place without additional funding.



The response was wonderful--notes, photos AND more than \$10,000 raised from 90 charter donors to open the "[Growing Up Gilroy](#)" Group Fund. In the past six years, the fund has grown to more than \$11,000 grants have been awarded each year to applicants and organizations supporting young people growing up here now.

In 2021, funds from the Growing Up Gilroy (GUG) Fund were awarded to [Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impact](#), to support 100 youth in Gilroy, ages 12-20, in ten youth-led civic action service projects.

Additional donations to the Growing Up Gilroy Fund will increase the principle and allow even more money to be granted annually. [Donate](#) now!

2021 Gilroy Foundation Competitive Grant Recipient Videos

Be watching for short Thank You videos being posted on Gilroy Foundation's Facebook and Instagram sites, submitted by some of the recipients of this year's awards.

Since we were not able to gather again in person, this is the perfect way to get to know about some of the organizations and people that work so hard to make our community great!





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We are proud that five local businesses continue to support Gilroy's community foundation as a Sustaining Sponsor.

Thank you to Christopher Ranch, Pinnacle Bank, Gilroy Toyota, Recology South Valley, and RAC Services LLC for your commitment to our community and the programs of Gilroy Foundation.

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