

Going for Gold! July 2021



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Eighteen months ago, our work schedule had to be adjusted. We learned about Remote PC and about Zoom meetings. But now, we are gradually moving on with our ever-changing “normal.”

Donors have started new Funds, and donors have donated stock to add to their existing funds - some getting

corporate matches from their employers.

We have been posting short videos from our 2021 grant recipients on social media during this month and next.

Scholarship checks are being sent in July and August to the colleges of our recipients. We wish them well in this new chapter of their lives.

With the re-invention of the Garlic Festival this year, many nonprofits in Gilroy will be missing out on the money they would have made from their volunteers working in Gourmet Alley and other Festival committees.

Other nonprofits have vendor booths - like the Foundation’s Wine Booth - which we won’t have again this year. Think of those nonprofits that will be struggling, so, if possible, consider supporting them. Maybe write a check of any amount or help us via a website donation. Again, we need to come together as a community and support each other. **#GilroyStrong**

We’ll be doing our “Day in the Country” virtually again this year on Saturday, October 2 at 5 p.m. Our theme this year is **“Spirit of Bollywood”**! And, you’ll be seeing many social media posts about our online auction, sponsorship opportunities, and pre-ordering a “Party-in-a-Box”!

Stay tuned....

~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!

Please 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! Here is all the information you will need, [LIVE on Gilroy Foundation's website](#).

Sponsorship opportunities are still available; contact Event Coordinator [Deb Sanchez](#) for more information.

**BIG News for Board Member
Carlos Pineda!**

It's been difficult to keep this process and nomination news under our hats, and now we can finally talk about this prestigious award for our own Member of the Board of Directors, Carlos Pineda!

Our Staff viewed an ad announcing this award in the December 2020 Silicon Valley Business Journal and we KNEW the perfect person to nominate for the "40under40" Award: *Carlos--Chef Carlos, of Kneaded Bakery and Catering, Rebekah Children's Services.*



It was just last February that Carlos was named 2021 Young Professional by the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce at their Spice of Life award event, adding to his already impressive and extensive list of honors and awards.

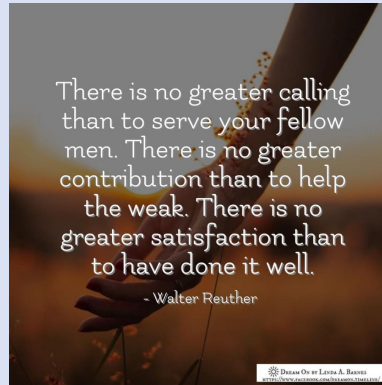
With way too much to say about Carlos, and not knowing the entire story of his impact as a teacher, mentor, collaborator, student, donor, Chef, we approached his boss and a fellow worker to help come up with the details to use on the nomination, with the nomination due late April 2021.

We received the good news via email about 3 weeks ago--but were told to keep it hush-hush; now, since that announcement, Carlos has been on a whirlwind with photo sessions, questionnaires and emails to prepare for the July 30th print edition of Silicon Valley Business Journal and the August 5 virtual event honoring the 40 honorees.

In their own words, "SVBJ reporters and editors labored over more than

100 nominations to select these 40 leaders who are under the age of 40. Each of these professionals has demonstrated outstanding professional achievement while also becoming leaders in their communities." Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/event/166295/2021/2021-silicon-valley-40-under-40-awards>

Congratulations, Carlos! We are all so thrilled and delighted that you received this well-deserved honor!



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WILL HOLLYWOOD COME CALLING?

Probably NOT, but if "fun" and "challenging" are indicators of success, we definitely were "successful" filming Thank You videos for our Sustaining Sponsors.

ED Donna Pray, in front of the camera, and Development Director Vicki Campanella, behind the camera, took to the road, traveling to the sites of our 4 Sustaining Sponsors with one more left to record.

Response from our Facebook and Instagram followers has been encouraging, with no calls yet from Stephen Spielberg or George Lucas. But our gratitude to these sponsors for their generous commitment of support is sincere and it comes through very clearly on these videos--we hope you checked them out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

2021 Gilroy Foundation Competitive Grant Recipient Videos



Continue watching for short Thank You videos being posted on Gilroy Foundation's Facebook and Instagram sites, submitted by some of the recipients of 2021 grants.

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! You can view all that have been posted to date on Gilroy Foundation's [YouTube](#) Channel.



To find out more about our Nonprofit Investment Partner, Operation Freedom Paws, and to purchase tickets for their upcoming fundraiser, visit their [website](#).



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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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