

Autumn is Like a Second Spring! September 2021



*There are many beautiful days in Autumn. **Trees change color**, and the weather is not too hot but not too cold. The leaves begin to fall from the trees, the birds leave, and there seems to be a kind of sadness in the air. ... Fall is also my favorite season because you can stay inside and snuggle.*

What is beautiful about autumn for you?



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

School's back in, and scholarship checks are flying out of this office -welcome to September!

And, we have some breaking news:

Gilroy Foundation is changing our Competitive Grant Cycle for 2022!

October 1, 2021: Online Grant Applications will be available through our website to fill out online, print out, make one PDF with all attachments, and email or mail to us.

December 15, 2021: Grant Applications must be received via email by Midnight PST on December 15, 2021, or postmarked by December 15, 2021.

March 2022: Announcements and awards will be presented.

September 30, 2022: Final Reports for 2022 grants are due via mail or email.

Current (2021) grantees' Final Reports are still due December 31, 2021.

Day in the Country is coming up, Saturday, October 2nd!

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! [Register](#).

We are most grateful for our very generous event sponsors. With their

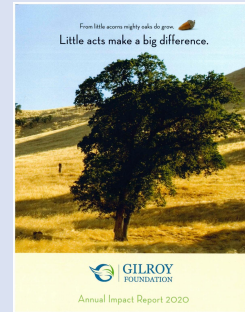
support, we are able to continue to meet the needs of our community!

-Donna Pray
"Give Where You Live"

2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT IS ONLINE

"Little Acts Make a Big Difference."

These words grace the cover of Gilroy Foundation's 2020 Annual Impact Report, a document that tells the story of the past year along with details of the audited finances of our year in review.



In this year's issue, you will read messages from Executive Director Donna Pray and Board President Joel Goldsmith, along with a timeline of Gilroy Foundation's history over the past 40 years.

Stories about GF programs and events are included, along with a reflection detailing how and why a fund was started at Gilroy Foundation. You will also find graphs explaining the impact of grants and scholarships along with a financial report.

Please take some time to read and enjoy this [report](#), found on the Home Page of our website.

We hope this report paints a picture of an exciting and eventful year at Gilroy Foundation, and what a difference that YOU, our friends, donors and supporters make to the community when you *#givewhereyoulive*.



YOUTH BOARD RAMPS UP FOR 2021-22

Again this year, the meetings will look a bit different as [Youth Board](#) Mentors and Members "gathered" virtually to kick off the new school year. But we continue to be excited to see what lies ahead for Youth Board when they "Re-Zoomed" on September 20th for an orientation meeting.

Board of Director Liaison Ericka Davis and Staff Liaison Deb Sanchez had already met with mentors to set up the year's calendar and plan activities for the students to engage, educate and mobilize them.

Thank you to Director Sal Tomasello, Ambassadors Marilyn Ayala and Debbie Russell who will also serve as student mentors for the coming year. We'll keep you posted with stories and photos through this school year.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY at Gilroy Foundation for a new position!

Here is the [Job Description](#).



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need three things :

a wishbone, a backbone
and a funny bone.

—Reba McEntire



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