

Leaves are falling....Autumn is calling October 2021



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We hope you had a chance to “virtually” join us for Day in the Country 2021 on October 2nd!

An enormous “THANK YOU” goes out to our Event Chair Carlos Pineda! Along with his fabulous committee and the Foundation’s Event Coordinator, Deb Sanchez, the virtual event proved to be a challenging yet such a fun experience.

Guest auctioneer, Whitney Pintello, led the Livestream from The Neon Exchange in downtown Gilroy with her usual humor and flare. The Bollywood For Life dancers were amazing, and our guest dancers, Whitney, Carlos, and Deb, joined in for the live dance routines! Everyone looked great in their Indian-inspired wardrobes!

We appreciate our Sponsors, our Donors, and our Bidders for making this year’s A Day in the Country...in the Spirit of Bollywood another success!

We have posted photos on Facebook and Instagram, so please check those out. And, the Livestream from Saturday’s event is on our [YouTube channel](#).

As we continue through these trying times, we move forward with our work. We hope our community stays safe and strong.

*~Donna Pray
“Give Where You Live”*

2022 GILROY FOUNDATION GRANT CYCLE IS OPEN!

The 2022 Competitive Grant Cycle IS OPEN and closes on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 9PM PST.



All nonprofits with a 501(c)(3) status, GUSD schools, and Gilroy City programs are eligible to apply for a Gilroy Foundation grant that will serve the Gilroy community.

Since 1980, Gilroy Foundation has awarded over \$15.8 million in grants and scholarships.

Foundation grants have made a positive and powerful difference in every sphere of life in the community. To find out more to to download an application, click [here](#).



YOUTH BOARD KICKS OFF 2021-22

Gilroy Foundation's Youth Board met in person for the very first time on October 4th for a very SPECIAL start to the year!

Over the years, a Team Building Exercise at Bright Ranch has become a tradition for the Youth Board kick off--and this year's in person event took on a very special meaning for students and their mentors!

Look for more information on the activities of Gilroy Foundation's [Youth Board](#) throughout the school year.

Thank you to Directors Ericka Davis and Sal Tomasello, Ambassadors Marilyn Ayala and Debbie Russell and Staff Member Deb Sanchez who will serve as student mentors for the coming year.

We'll keep you posted with stories and photos through this school year.



GILROY FOUNDATION AND LATINO FAMILY FUND RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING!

Silicon Valley is filled with small nonprofits doing great work - but many of them struggle to build the foundations that would help them expand. A \$10 million, three-year initiative created to strengthen Silicon Valley's ecosystem of Latinx community leaders and nonprofits was created through the [LatinXCEL Fund](#).

Housed at Silicon Valley Community Foundation and created in partnership with the Castellano Family Foundation, the LatinXCEL Fund aims to provide vastly increased funding for Silicon Valley's Latinx community leaders and Latinx-led nonprofits through targeted, long-term investments.

A grant was submitted by Gilroy Foundation to help re-invigorate our Latino Family Fund de Gilroy following these past two years of skipped membership drives and missed Tequila Tasting fundraisers--and we

were awarded the grant!

Planning has taken place over the months to ensure our work is done well, efficiently and effectively with the hopes of securing additional funding in the future.

Join or Renew Your Membership



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF GILROY FOUNDATION?

During the month of November, you will receive a Membership mailer in your first Holiday card of the season! We hope it gives you a better idea of what membership means and how your gift benefits our local community.

Since 1980, Gilroy Foundation has awarded \$15.8 million in grants and scholarships. We need your continued support to respond to the growing needs of our local community, both now and in the future.

Donors to Gilroy Foundation have various ways to participate in philanthropy in our community:

- As an annual member with a gift from \$100 to \$1,000, your gift to Gilroy Foundation goes into the General or Community Needs Funds of your choice for grant giving; five percent of year-end balances of those investment funds support the annual grant-making cycle....

OR

- By establishing an individual, family, or corporate fund that may be designated to a particular charity; or donor-advised, where the donor makes the annual decision on a grant

OR

- By making a bequest to Gilroy Foundation in your estate planning.

Community Needs Funds, in the fields of Agriculture, Art, Education, Health, Recreation and Technology benefit the Competitive Grants program. Each year, we receive grant requests that exceed our grantable dollars by more than 200% and we are working to close that gap. Having the ability to donate to one of these funds allows donors to participate in "giving back" to their community in an area that interests them.

The minimum amount to start a separate fund is \$10,000. Consecutive annual donations via our membership program is another way to establish a fund. When those donations total \$10,000, you will be notified that a separate fund may be established. All Foundation members receive special benefits and recognition.

[Find out more.](#)

AMAZONSMILE = \$\$ FOR GILROY FOUNDATION!

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Gilroy Foundation when you shop? And every little purchase adds up.

A recent quarterly notification indicated that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to Gilroy Foundation in the amount of \$53.

Keep shopping using [AmazonSmile](#). And THANK YOU!





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Thank you to our Sustaining Sponsors

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.

