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GILROY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Competitive Grant Cycle Opens Oct. 1



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Gilroy Foundation will begin accepting grant applications for our competitive grants beginning October 1.

We welcome applications from non-profit groups to support local initiatives that support our community in critical areas, including agriculture, artistic enrichment, education, environment, civic services, culture, health, recreation, and technology.

Interested organizations are encouraged to visit our website to access the grant application and guidelines. The deadline for submitting applications is December 13.

Jaci Muro selected by Silicon Valley Next

Our executive director Jaci Muro has been selected as a 2024-25 Silicon Valley Next Fellow. Silicon Valley Next is year-long program backed by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the Sobrato Philanthropies that annually identifies and invests in 12 emerging BIPOC leaders in the non-profit sector. The program further develops their personal calling, management philosophy, and external social capital via monthly retreats, 1:1 executive coaching, peer relationships, and more.

Youth Board Update

The Gilroy Foundation 2024-25 Youth Board held its first meeting on September 9.

The Board, which consists of 33 members, will meet monthly through April. Upcoming discussion topics and activities include the importance of voting, the college scholarship application process, community service opportunities, and socials.

The mission of the Youth Board is to empower young people to make a positive impact in Gilroy and inspire others to join Gilroy Foundation in creating lasting change.

For more information about the Youth Board, email Sierra Ceballos, Executive and Programs Assistant, at sceballos@gilroyfoundation.org.

Ambassador Mixer

Are you interested in learning more about our Ambassador program? Learn more about this dynamic and dedicated group of volunteers at our next mixer!

Join us at Overflow Taphouse Bar & Grill in downtown Gilroy on Thursday, October 24 for a relaxed social with our Executive Director Jaci Muro, our office staff members, our Board members, and our Ambassadors.

The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see details below or email Kelly Barbazette, Programs Coordinator, at kbarbazette@gilroyfoundation.org.



Candlelight Concert A Success!

Gilroy Foundation would like to thank our amazing community for making this year's Candlelight Concert fundraiser a huge success!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who attended, donated, and supported Gilroy Foundation. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on our programs and the lives of those in South County.

A special shoutout to our volunteers, donors, and partners, whose dedication and hard work brought this event to life. We couldn't have done it without you.

The evening truly showcased the power of community and collaboration. From the beautiful music to the incredible energy in the room, it was a night to remember!

We look forward to continuing this journey with all of you! Stay tuned for details for next year's annual fundraiser.



Have a question or comment about one of the topics shared in this newsletter? Send it to info@gilroyfoundation.org.
We look forward to reading your feedback!



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