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SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$175,000 TO 16 NONPROFITS SERVING SANTA CLARA AND SOUTHERN SAN MATEO COUNTIES

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – Sixteen nonprofits serving Santa Clara County and Southern San Mateo County have been awarded Community Impact grants totaling \$175,000 by Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The 16 agencies provide services in the areas ranging from education, to arts and culture, to self-reliance.

“These 16 organizations serve a wide array of needs in the South Bay community, from health and mental health services to social justice and the arts,” said Eleanor Clement Glass, chief giving officer, Silicon Valley Community Foundation. “Their contributions are critical to building a stronger community.”

Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the \$1.7 billion community foundation created in January by the merger of Peninsula Community Foundation and Community Foundation Silicon Valley, is focused on innovative solutions that address some of the region’s most critical problems and improve the quality of life throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

During the next several months, the community foundation is continuing the community grants programs of Peninsula Community Foundation (providing funding from Daly City to Mountain View) and Community Foundation Silicon Valley (providing funding from Redwood City to Gilroy). The community foundation will announce its new grants priorities in the Fall.

“As the newly community foundation, we need time to examine the needs across our region and evaluate the best practices before launching a new, regional grantmaking strategy,” Clement Glass said. “During the next several months, we will continue the community grantmaking programs of our parent foundations, which are organized according to the geographic area of the communities served.”

The Community Impact grants announced here focused on Santa Clara County and were awarded in four focus areas: Arts and Cultural Participation; Education and Lifelong Learning; Neighborhoods and Civic Engagement; and Self-Reliant Individuals and Families. Grants to San Mateo nonprofits were announced at the beginning of April.

The 16 nonprofits funded are listed below. Each grant is for general support, providing funding to support the mission of the organization. More information about the community foundation is online at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

Alum Rock Counseling Center, San Jose

\$20,000

www.alumrockcc.org

The Alum Rock Counseling Center provides culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services such as case management, counseling, prevention, education and early intervention services to youths and their families in the East Santa Clara Valley.

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California, San Jose

\$10,000

www.aclunc.org

Acting on the firm belief that liberty must be protected for everyone if it is to be enjoyed by anyone, the ACLU-NC works to defend the rights of all. The ACLU-NC is particularly concerned about the freedom of expression, the right to privacy, and the right to be free of discrimination.

Arts Council Silicon Valley, San Jose

\$15,000

www.artscouncil.org

The Arts Council is working to create and foster a dynamic arts community by providing funding, advocacy and support services to the region's arts organizations and artists. The Arts Council envisions a vibrant Silicon Valley, where the arts inspire residents' innovative spirit, celebrate the rich cultural diversity, and encourage community involvement.

Bill Wilson Center, Santa Clara

\$20,000

www.billwilsoncenter.org

The Bill Wilson Center serves youth and families through counseling, education, housing, and advocacy. Programs include: a shelter for runaway and homeless youth, transitional housing, independent living skills program, HIV prevention, as well as health education and prevention.

City Year Silicon Valley, San Jose

\$10,000

www.cityyear.org/san_jose

City Year taps the civic power of young people for an annual campaign of idealism that: generates transformative community service, breaks down social barriers, inspires citizens to civic action, develops new leaders for the common good, and improves and promotes the concept of voluntary national service.

Community Breast Health Project, Palo Alto

\$5,000

www.cbhp.org

The Community Breast Health Project provides personalized information and support to people touched by breast cancer, in an atmosphere of warmth, sensitivity, and understanding.

Community School of Music and Arts, Mountain View

\$15,000

www.arts4all.org

Community School of Music and Arts works to enhance the quality of life in our region by engaging our diverse community in high-quality arts education, performances, and exhibitions.

Family and Children Services, Palo Alto **\$10,000**

www.fcservices.org

Family and Children Services provides programs and services that support the emotional well-being of our community, including counseling, abuse and violence prevention, parenting programs, case management, family support, and much more.

Help One Child, Los Altos **\$5,000**

www.helponechild.org

Help One Child is working to recruit and support good homes for foster children from nearly 1,000 churches in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program recruits and works with volunteers who help foster children and foster parents. The effort is non-exclusive in its support of any foster and adoptive families and their children through: parent training, camps, resource referrals, equipment and clothing, volunteer mentors, volunteer respite providers, and transportation.

Hospice of the Valley, San Jose **\$5,000**

www.hospicevalley.org

Hospice of the Valley aims to provide the highest quality palliative care, hospice care and grief support for terminally ill individuals and their loved ones in Santa Clara County. This includes a broad set of medical, spiritual, psychological, social, educational, bereavement and advocacy services to ensure individual dignity, choice and quality of life.

Indian Health Center, San Jose **\$10,000**

www.indianhealthsanjose.org

The Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley helps ensure the survival of American Indian families and individuals by providing quality health care; by supporting the healing process; by encouraging, educating, and empowering clients to seek and maintain wellness; and by facilitating the equity and accessibility of comprehensive health care for the American Indian community.

Mayfair Improvement Initiative, San Jose **\$10,000**

www.mayfairneighborhood.org

The Mayfair Improvement Initiative focuses on ensuring that every family in Mayfair has a home that is safe, affordable and stable and that every child and every adult have the basic educational foundations to succeed in school and at work.

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, San Jose **\$10,000**

www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org

In partnership with the community, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley rehabilitates the homes of low-income homeowners so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence. The agency also repairs nonprofit facilities so that they are better able to serve our community.

Sacred Heart Community Service, San Jose **\$15,000**

www.sacredheartcommunityservice.org

Sacred Heart changes lives and impacts poverty by providing essential services, offering tools for self-sufficiency and ministering with dignity, compassion, and respect. The agency works to engage the community and inspire volunteers to love, serve and share.

Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance, San Jose **\$5,000**
www.asianlawalliance.org

Asian Law Alliance exists to provide the Asian and Pacific Islander and low-income population in Santa Clara County with equal access to the legal system so they can develop self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and a better quality of life.

Third Street Community Center, San Jose **\$10,000**
www.3street.org

The Third Street Community Center actively engages people of all ages and backgrounds in enriching their lives, their families, and the community through education, arts, technology, leadership development, and service. The community center is an important resource for the St. James Park and northern Downtown neighborhoods, which include a diverse population of recent immigrants, seniors, students, people in the high-tech industries, homeless folks and families both new and well established.

About Silicon Valley Community Foundation

The merger of Community Foundation Silicon Valley and Peninsula Community Foundation took effect on January 1, 2007, creating Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to the region's most challenging problems. The new community foundation is among the largest community foundations in the nation, with more than \$1.7 billion in assets under management and 1,400 philanthropic funds.

In a region known for innovation in business and technology as well as philanthropy, the new community foundation will address local needs and support Silicon Valley's charitable giving to causes locally, nationally and around the globe. The integration marks the first merger of equals involving two of the country's leading community foundations and sets new precedent in the philanthropic sector. The new regional headquarters will open in Mountain View in the summer of 2007. On the web at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

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