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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2017 RECIPIENTS OF THE CRESTMOOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Foundation Awards \$120,000 to Eight Outstanding San Bruno Students

San Bruno, California, May 17, 2017 – The San Bruno Community Foundation today announced the 2017 recipients of the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. Founded in 2016, the Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to exceptional San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The 2017 Crestmoor Scholars include Capuchino High School seniors Harmonie Ahuna, Ryan Chapman, Zachary Fucini, and Madeline Villanueva-Tovar; Skyline College students Lesley Bode, Alexandra Kennedy, and Janah May Oclaman; and College of San Mateo student Walter Manuofetoa.

The Foundation is using a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood to finance the Scholarship Program. The Crestmoor Scholarship honors the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the explosion and resulting fire, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives, and ensures that the 2010 tragedy is not forgotten.

In 2017, the Foundation is awarding multi-year scholarships totaling \$120,000. Headed to four-year colleges in the fall, Ahuna (who will attend UCLA), Chapman (UCLA), Fucini (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), and Villanueva-Tovar (Holy Names University) will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship

(\$5,000 a year for four years). As transfer students, Bode (who is headed to UC Santa Cruz), Kennedy (University of San Francisco), Manuofetoa (UC Santa Cruz), and Oclaman (UC Davis) will each receive \$10,000 in scholarship funding (\$5,000 a year for two years).

“With the Crestmoor Scholarship, we recognize impressive young adults committed to giving back to the San Bruno community,” said Nancy Kraus, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “This year’s Crestmoor Scholars include student leaders, accomplished athletes, health care volunteers, musicians, and social change advocates who have dedicated countless hours to helping the homeless, foster children, seniors, elementary, middle, high school, and college students, and many others in need. We are inspired by their example and look forward to seeing them succeed in college and beyond.”

This year, the Foundation received 57 applications for the Crestmoor Scholarship. In selecting the 2017 recipients from a highly competitive applicant pool, the Foundation’s selection panel evaluated, first and foremost, applicants’ demonstrated engagement in the San Bruno community, as well as their financial need, academic record, extracurricular activities, and examples of leadership, teamwork, and collaboration – important qualities that were displayed throughout the San Bruno community in the aftermath of the 2010 explosion and fire. Brief biographies of the eight 2017 Crestmoor Scholars can be found on the Foundation’s website at www.sbcf.org.

The Foundation will recognize the 2017 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 7, 2017, Board meeting at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road. Community members are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to meet the Crestmoor Scholars at 6:30 p.m. at a reception preceding the 7:00 p.m. Board meeting.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit www.sbcf.org.

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