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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$300,000 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS TO BENEFIT THE SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY

***With \$100,000 Grant from YouTube/Google.org, SBCF Funds 23 Community-Based
Programs, Many Addressing Needs Heightened by COVID-19***

San Bruno, California, December 3, 2020 – Last night the Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation approved grant awards totaling \$300,000 to local community organizations through the Community Grants Fund. To fund the grants, which will support 23 community programs taking place in 2021, the Foundation is combining \$200,000 of its own funds with \$100,000 donated by YouTube and Google.org.

In its fifth year of offering Community Grants, the Foundation is utilizing investment proceeds from a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company – which followed the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood – to invest in local organizations that form the lifeblood of the San Bruno community. For the fourth year in a row, YouTube and Google.org made a generous \$100,000 contribution to the program, allowing the Foundation to increase the grant funds distributed by 50 percent.

“As our local community continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Bruno Community Foundation is proud to partner with YouTube and Google.org to invest in local organizations dedicated to addressing critical community needs and providing hope to San Bruno residents during these trying times,” said Foundation President Emily Roberts. “This set of Community Grants will provide rental assistance to families at risk of homelessness; healthy food and nutrition programs to seniors, low-income families, and others in need; legal assistance to community members facing eviction; and a variety of educational supports to students all the way from elementary school to community college. To address other timely community needs, we are also pleased to fund programs that will assist San Bruno first responders in fighting wildfires and provide diversity, equity, and inclusion training to local high school teachers.”

The recommended grantees were selected from a competitive pool of grant applications that were received by the program’s September 30, 2020, application deadline. A review panel of volunteers, including community members and individuals with grantmaking and nonprofit experience, reviewed and evaluated the applications, ultimately recommending that the Board approve grants to the 23 programs. Most importantly in its evaluation, the panel weighed the benefits of the proposed programs to the San Bruno community. Other criteria the panel considered include each proposal’s alignment with one of the Foundation’s identified focus areas, program methodology and budget, the requested grant amount in relation to anticipated community benefit, and the applying organization’s track record, stability, and financial health.

The grant awards, which range in size from \$24,451 to \$1,500, include:

- \$24,451 to the Capuchino High School Alumni Association to fund professional development training for Capuchino High School faculty to participate in an Equity Summit, which will include implicit bias reflection and identification, training on anti-racist practices, and establishing equity goals;

- \$10,000 to the City of San Bruno to purchase more than 100 titles of popular e-book and e-audio materials available for San Bruno residents and to provide curriculum support to San Bruno Park School District teachers through a three-year Tumblebooks subscription;
- \$15,000 to the City of San Bruno to support a Fireline Paramedic Program through the purchase of lifesaving tools and equipment to outfit two fireline paramedic kits and the implementation of training for San Bruno Fire Department personnel;
- \$15,000 to CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) to provide San Bruno families impacted by intimate partner abuse with flexible funding to be used to acquire or maintain safe, stable transitional housing;
- \$1,500 to the County of San Mateo to support one San Bruno under-served student pursuing a college education or vocational training through the Al Tegli Jobs for Youth Scholarship Program;
- \$14,840 to Fresh Approach to increase food security and improve health outcomes among low-income San Bruno residents through online VeggieRX nutrition and cooking workshops;
- \$10,000 to Fresh Lifelines for Youth to provide law-related education, leadership training, mentorship, and case management for juvenile high-need San Bruno youth to help them thrive and build civic and educational engagement;
- \$5,000 to Junior Achievement of Northern California to provide financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship programming to San Bruno high school students through the Inspiring Tomorrows for San Bruno Youth program;
- \$20,000 to Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County to provide legal assistance to San Bruno residents facing eviction or living in substandard conditions with the goal of keeping them in their homes through the HomeSavers Program;
- \$20,000 to LifeMoves to provide shelter and comprehensive supportive services to homeless families from San Bruno at the Family Crossroads facility;
- \$20,000 to the Lowen Soccer Club for maintenance of and improvements to San Bruno's widely used soccer fields at Monte Verde Park, Parkside Intermediate School, and the former Crestmoor High School site;
- \$5,000 to Marine Science Institute to provide students from San Bruno schools with engaging and interactive marine science instruction through the Discover Our Bay program;

- \$2,800 to Parent Boosters of 72 to support the Scout-led construction of a storage unit for the preservation of Troops 72 and 4172's outdoor and training equipment;
- \$10,000 to Partners and Advocates for Remarkable Children and Adults to support program operating costs and enhance summer camp programming for REACH, an inclusive, licensed day- and after-school program for children with and without developmental disabilities based at John Muir Elementary School;
- \$20,000 to Peninsula Volunteers to increase food security and alleviate hunger of older adults and those with disabilities in San Bruno through proper nutritional support and home-delivered meals;
- \$15,000 to the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation to provide critical financial and academic support to full-time Skyline College students through the Promise Scholars Program;
- \$15,000 to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to serve San Bruno families and individuals at risk for hunger through the distribution of healthy food;
- \$20,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Particular Council of San Mateo County, to provide rental assistance to San Bruno families and individuals at risk of homelessness through the Peninsula Family Resource Center;
- \$7,500 to Sonrisas Dental Health to provide dental health screenings, education, and access to care to low-income San Bruno Park School District students through the Children's Access to Oral Health Care and Education Program;
- \$10,000 to StarVista to provide at-risk San Bruno parents and caregivers with support group services that build parent/caregiver capacity, increase their knowledge of stressor impacts and available resources, help them establish supportive networks, improve the caregiver-child relationship, and reduce the causes and effects of toxic stress through the Healthy Homes program;
- \$6,000 to Upward Scholars to provide language skills, financial assistance, and mentoring to low-income students, many of them adult immigrants, enrolled in college/vocational classes at Skyline College through the Upward Scholars program;
- \$15,909 to Via Heart Project to outfit the Skyline College campus with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in order to reduce the rate of death from sudden cardiac arrest; and

- \$17,000 to YMCA of San Francisco to provide mental health services, including crisis intervention and group and individual counseling, to students at Parkside Intermediate School.

“As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our Meals on Wheels program providing support and healthy meals to San Bruno’s seniors is more important than ever,” said Becky Flanagan, Peninsula Volunteers’ Director of Nutrition Services. “Like our fellow grantees, we are very appreciative of this support from the Community Grants Fund as we serve the San Bruno community.”

“School shutdowns and distance learning necessitated by COVID-19 have made an already challenging developmental stage even more difficult for today’s adolescents,” said Carol Eggers, Director of Development of the YMCA of San Francisco. “Without this grant from the San Bruno Community Foundation, we would not be able to continue to provide preventative and early intervention mental health services to the students of Parkside Intermediate School.”

The Foundation intends to offer grants through the Community Grants Fund again in 2021, with the online application accessible through the Foundation’s website at www.sbcf.org in early July.

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.

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