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THE JOSEPH W WELCH JR FOUNDATION,
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LAUNCHES 2020 CRESTMOOR SCHOLARSHIP**

***Foundation Will Award College Scholarships Totaling \$190,000
to Deserving San Bruno Students***

San Bruno, California, December 10, 2019 – For the fifth year, the San Bruno Community Foundation will offer multi-year college scholarships to outstanding San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community through the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. With support from the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation, SBCF plans to award scholarships totaling \$190,000 in the spring of 2020 for students planning to enroll in community college or four-year institutions in the fall of 2020.

The Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation is generously donating \$70,000 to SBCF for the 2020 Crestmoor Scholarship. SBCF will fund the other \$120,000 in scholarships by utilizing investment proceeds from 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.

“The Welch family is proud to support the Crestmoor Scholarship as a way of giving back to the San Bruno community, where our family has long been associated through business and philanthropic support,” said Shannon Welch Moore. “Through our donation to the San Bruno Community Foundation, we both honor our grandfather, Joseph W. Welch, Jr., and reinforce our family’s commitment to education and supporting young people in our community, which we have demonstrated over the years by supporting many local youth-focused organizations including the San Bruno Education Foundation. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with SBCF to help young adults who are making a difference in San Bruno achieve their dream of pursuing a college education.”

The goals of the Crestmoor Scholarship are two-fold: to invest in San Bruno students who have been actively engaged in the community as well as to honor the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the 2010 gas pipeline explosion, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives in the disaster. The Scholarship Program ensures that the tragedy of September 9, 2010, is not forgotten and that the resiliency, teamwork, leadership, and commitment to community displayed throughout San Bruno in the aftermath of the explosion and fire are honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship.

SBCF offers three categories of Crestmoor Scholarships:

- For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a four-year college or university: \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 per year for up to four years)
- For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a community college: \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year for up to two years)
- For community college students transferring to a four-year college or university: \$10,000 scholarship (\$5,000 per year for up to two years)

Applicants must currently live in San Bruno or attend a high school or community college located in San Bruno.

The Scholarship Program seeks applicants who demonstrate deep engagement and involvement in the San Bruno community as well as exemplify leadership, teamwork, and collaboration – important qualities that were displayed throughout the San Bruno community in the aftermath of the 2010 explosion. An applicant’s financial need, academic record, and extracurricular activities will also be considered in the selection process.

“The Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship is an investment in the next generation of San Bruno’s leaders,” said Frank Hedley, the Foundation’s President. “Over the past four years, SBCF has provided Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$460,000 to 33 deserving San Bruno students who have inspired us with their accomplishments and commitment. We are grateful for the support of the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation, which allows us to expand this meaningful scholarship program in 2020.”

San Bruno students can apply for the Crestmoor Scholarship through an online application, which is posted at www.sbcf.org. The Scholarship deadline is Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. SBCF will recognize the 2020 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 3, 2020, Board meeting. Additional information about the Scholarship Program can be found on the SBCF website at www.sbcf.org.

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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