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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATES \$100,000 TO THE CHILD CARE RELIEF FUND TO SUPPORT SAN BRUNO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

***SBCF COVID-19 Relief Grants Total \$600,000 to Assist
Key Components of the Local Community Struggling to Cope with the Pandemic***

San Bruno, California, September 8, 2020 – The Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation approved a \$100,000 grant to the Child Care Relief Fund to assist San Bruno child care providers struggling to deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Combined with \$500,000 in grants awarded in the spring, the Foundation has invested a total of \$600,000 in COVID-19 relief programs aimed at supporting San Bruno small businesses and schools.

Through the Child Care Relief Fund, the County of San Mateo is distributing \$2 million in CARES Act funding to child care programs throughout the county that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. Grants will cover the equivalent of one month of operating expenses – up to \$10,000 for in-home programs and up to \$55,000 for child care centers – and will be distributed broadly throughout the county to programs that provide child care services to the most

vulnerable residents. The program accepted applications for funding between August 24 and September 4, 2020. The SBCF funding will enable the program to provide additional grants to San Bruno child care providers beyond the County distribution.

“Support from the San Bruno Community Foundation will make a tremendous difference for child care providers struggling to stay open and provide an essential service to the community,” said Heather Hopkins, organizing member of the Community Equity Collaborative, which is administering the Child Care Relief Fund. “Prior to COVID-19, San Bruno was already facing a shortage of available child care. Due to the pandemic, programs’ shrinking enrollment, capacity limitations, enhanced need for protective equipment and sanitation supplies, and new safety mandates have created an untenable situation for providers who face decreased income and increased costs. SBCF’s support is critical as San Bruno’s child care providers – both in-home family care and child care centers – attempt to overcome the hardships resulting from COVID-19.”

To fund its grant to the Child Care Relief Fund, which it is directing through the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County (4Cs), SBCF is utilizing 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.

“Child care providers are always essential, but we see their value even more acutely as the local economy attempts to recover from the devastation caused by COVID-19,” said Emily Roberts, President of the SBCF Board of Directors. “We know that early childhood is a critical time in development, and that maintaining a network of early educators to support San Bruno children and families is imperative. Without child care, parents can’t go to work. Bolstering the child care sector is vital for our economy to thrive and for children to succeed in school and in life. The San Bruno Community Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to help our child care providers survive during this challenging time.”

SBCF’s grant to the Child Care Relief Fund follows four COVID-19 relief grants approved in the spring: \$150,000 to support small businesses in San Bruno through the San Mateo County Strong Small Business Grant Program; \$100,000 to fund the creation, by the Bay Area Entrepreneur Center of Skyline College, of the San Bruno Small Business Recovery and Assistance Program; \$240,000 to the San Bruno Education Foundation to provide all teachers in the San Bruno Park School District with new work laptops to ensure that they have up-to-date digital tools necessary in this new era of distance learning; and \$10,000 to the City of San Bruno to offer free home internet access to low-income San Bruno students through San Bruno CityNet Services.

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, SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits.

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