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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS 23 COMMUNITY GRANTS TO BENEFIT THE SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY

***With \$100,000 Grant from YouTube/Google.org,
SBCF Provides \$300,000 in Grant Funding for 2022***

San Bruno, California, December 2, 2021 – Last night the Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation approved Community Grants totaling \$300,000 to local organizations serving the San Bruno community. Ranging in size from \$25,000 to \$2,000, these grants will support 23 community programs addressing critical community needs in 2022.

This is the sixth year the Foundation has offered the Community Grants Fund to invest in community organizations providing critical services and programs in San Bruno. To fund the grants, the Foundation is utilizing \$200,000 in investment proceeds from a portion of the restitution funds received 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. For the fifth year in a row, YouTube and Google.org made a generous \$100,000 contribution to the program.

“We are pleased once again to be able to invest in our local community through the Community Grants Fund,” said Foundation President Emily Roberts. “In our second year of the COVID-19

pandemic, which has strained our social safety net, this set of Community Grants will fund programs supporting San Bruno youth in foster care, providing home delivery of nutritious meals to seniors, offering shelter and supportive services to homeless families, providing dental care to low-income children, and exposing students to art, jazz music, robotics, and other educational support programs. We are grateful to Google.org and YouTube for their generous and continued support, which enables us to increase our grant funding to many worthy programs.”

The recommended grantees were selected from a competitive pool of grant applications that were received by the program’s September 22, 2021, 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.

This year’s grant awards include:

- \$22,000 to Art in Action to deliver visual arts education curriculum at Allen and Belle Air Elementary Schools to provide students at those schools with an outlet to express their creativity in a positive manner;
- \$7,500 to Bay Area Jazz Mobile to expose San Bruno students to the art form of jazz music by presenting live, high quality, didactic concerts at San Bruno Park School District schools;
- \$11,000 to Capuchino High School Alumni Association to support the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies to enable the creation of a Robotics Club at Capuchino High School;

- \$7,500 to CASA of San Mateo County to support San Bruno children in foster care and/or the juvenile justice system by pairing them with community volunteers who provide one-on-one support, mentoring, and advocacy in the courtroom and beyond;
- \$5,500 to Center for Excellence in Nonprofits to support San Bruno nonprofit organizations through professional development and learning opportunities focused on nonprofit performance and effectiveness, capacity building, leadership development, sustainability, and other key skill-sets needed to effectively manage the ever-changing demands of the nonprofit sector;
- \$15,000 to the City of San Bruno to reduce the negative impacts of drugs on families by educating San Bruno children and parents on established and emerging drugs and drug use;
- \$25,000 to CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) to provide San Bruno victims and survivors of domestic violence with 24-hour access to crisis intervention services, including crisis counseling, safety planning, and access to emergency shelter through the Safe House Program;
- \$2,000 to the County of San Mateo to support one San Bruno under-served student pursuing a college education or vocational training through the Al Tegliia Jobs for Youth Scholarship Program;
- \$10,000 to Each Green Corner to install a garden and outdoor classroom complex, including a compost science center, year-round orchard, and extensive in-ground and raised bed garden areas, at Portola Elementary School, empowering students to address food insecurity and climate readiness through sustainable urban agriculture;
- \$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;

- \$15,000 to Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services of San Mateo County to provide culturally based mental and behavioral health services to primarily Spanish-speaking San Bruno residents in substance abuse recovery;
- \$20,000 to LifeMoves to provide shelter and comprehensive supportive services to homeless families from San Bruno at the Family Crossroads facility;
- \$11,275 to the Mid-Peninsula Boys & Girls Club to support Power Hour, a comprehensive after-school homework assistance and tutoring program designed to raise academic proficiency and encourage students to become self-directed learners, which is based at Lomita Park Elementary School in southern San Bruno;
- \$10,000 to Partners and Advocates for Remarkable Children and Adults (PARCA) to support program operating costs and enhance summer camp programming for REACH, an inclusive, licensed before- and after-school day care program for children with and without developmental disabilities based at John Muir Elementary School;
- \$25,000 to Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., 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 San Bruno AYSO to maintain and improve the athletic fields at Parkside Intermediate School to ensure that San Bruno youth soccer players have a safe and usable place to play;
- \$15,000 to San Bruno Education Foundation to strengthen relationships throughout the school community and foster community pride through site improvement projects at San Bruno Park School District schools;

- \$6,525 to San Bruno Lions Foundation to launch a formal community food pantry program, based at Parkside Intermediate School and operating through San Bruno Park School District schools, to distribute groceries to San Bruno families experiencing hunger;
- \$20,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Particular Council of San Mateo County, to provide rent, utility, and food assistance to San Bruno families and individuals at risk of homelessness through the Peninsula Family Resource Center;
- \$10,000 to Sonrisas Dental Health, Inc., to increase access to dental care for low-income, minority children in the San Bruno Park School district through the Access to Care Program;
- \$10,000 to StarVista to provide school-based mental health education presentations covering such topics as depression, anxiety, coping skills, stress, help-seeking, and suicide prevention, to reduce stigma and increase access to care for San Bruno youth;
- \$23,000 to Via Heart Project to treat cardiac arrest and prevent unnecessary deaths by installing AEDs in San Bruno community spaces and providing CPR and AED training to 7th and 8th graders at Parkside Intermediate School; and
- \$8,700 to YMCA of San Francisco to expand mental health services, including crisis intervention and group and individual counseling, to students at Parkside Intermediate School.

“As San Bruno families continue to struggle financially in the wake of COVID-19, we are grateful to the San Bruno Community Foundation for its help in making our efforts to create a formal food pantry a reality,” said Greg Pierce of the San Bruno Lions Foundation. “Through our partnership with the San Bruno Park School District and Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, we will be able to provide healthy groceries to San Bruno families in need.”

“For the third consecutive year, funding from the San Bruno Community Foundation has enabled the YMCA ‘s Youth Service Bureaus to provide critical mental health services to students at Parkside Intermediate School,” said Carol Eggers, Philanthropy Director of Urban Services YMCA. “The need for our services is especially urgent now as students adjust to live schooling and face increased anxiety and depression brought on by more than a year of virtual schooling and social isolation. The Foundation’s support is vital to our ability to help San Bruno middle school students deal with the mental health challenges they are enduring.”

Since 2016, the Foundation has awarded 137 Community Grants totaling \$1.7 million. The Foundation intends to offer grants through the Community Grants Fund again in 2022, 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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