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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$30,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT SAN BRUNO'S 2022 COMMUNITY DAY

Reimagined June 5th Event Will Showcase San Bruno's Diversity and Downtown Businesses

San Bruno, California, April 14, 2022 – The Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation recently approved a \$30,000 strategic grant to the City of San Bruno to support San Bruno's 2022 Community Day celebration. Scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 5, 2022, in conjunction with the San Bruno Lions Club's annual Posy Parade, this year's Community Day is being reimagined as a street fair on San Mateo Avenue in downtown San Bruno and will highlight the community's rich cultural diversity and local businesses.

"We are thrilled that Community Day is returning to San Bruno in 2022, and the San Bruno Community Foundation is proud to support the City's efforts to bring the community together for a lively afternoon of food, fun, and other festivities," said Malissa Netane-Jones, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "Community Day is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate what makes San Bruno such a special place to work and live."

San Bruno's Community Day was launched in 2014 as part of the City's centennial celebration. After the Foundation, in its 2015 Community Listening Campaign, clearly heard San Bruno residents express a desire for more events and activities that would create a stronger, more engaged sense of community, the Foundation became the lead sponsor for the event beginning in 2016. From 2016 to 2019, the Foundation provided grant funding of \$30,000 each year for Community Day and also assisted the City in soliciting additional sponsorship funding from other community organizations and businesses. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City canceled the 2020 Community Day and did not attempt to hold the event in 2021.

Due to the construction of the new San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center in San Bruno City Park, which the Foundation is helping fund with grants totaling \$50 million, Community Day is moving to a new location this year in downtown San Bruno. The event will showcase cultural performers representative of the local community, including Polynesian dance and music, ballet folklorico, and taiko drummers, as well as the diversity of global cuisine offered by restaurants on San Mateo Avenue. As in past years, the event will foster community spirit, offer Kids Zone attractions, and provide opportunities for community-based volunteer groups to provide services and promote educational resources and information to the San Bruno community. With activities for people of all ages, the event will also include local artists leading collaborative chalk art drawings on the street and a "touch-a-truck" station that will allow attendees to explore vehicles from the City's Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments.

"Relocating Community Day to San Bruno gives us the unique opportunity to transform the event into a cultural celebration for the entire community and a place for reconnection and engagement after two long years of the pandemic," said Ann Mottola, Community Services Director for the City of San Bruno. "We hope the event will encourage a rediscovery of our downtown and the diverse small businesses and restaurants that bring life to San Bruno. We are grateful to the San Bruno Community Foundation for its financial support of Community Day 2022."

To fund the grant, the Foundation 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.

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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