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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS CITY OF SAN BRUNO'S 2023 COMMUNITY DAY WITH \$30,000 GRANT

Downtown Event Will Feature Local Businesses and Community Diversity

San Bruno, California, November 9, 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 the 2023 Community Day celebration. Scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 4, 2023, in conjunction with the San Bruno Lions Club's annual Posy Parade, the event will be held as a street festival on San Mateo Avenue in downtown San Bruno for the second year in a row and will highlight the community's rich cultural diversity and local businesses.

"After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the City of San Bruno re-launched Community Day in 2022 as a downtown celebration to great success, and the San Bruno Community Foundation is thrilled to continue its support of this annual community-building event," said Malissa Netane-Jones, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "We can't wait to bring the community together for an afternoon of food, fun, and festivities next June. Community Day is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vibrancy of downtown and the many cultures that make San Bruno such a dynamic and welcoming place to live."

San Bruno's Community Day was launched in San Bruno City Park 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. With the new San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center under construction in San Bruno City Park, which the Foundation is helping fund with grants totaling \$50 million, the City relocated Community Day to downtown San Bruno in 2022, and the Foundation again supported the event with a \$30,000 grant.

The 2023 Community Day will showcase cultural performances representative of the local community and 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 include local artists leading community art activities and selling their own works, a "touch-a-truck" station that will allow attendees to explore vehicles from the City's Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments, and an interactive area with games for all ages such as corn hole and ping pong. The City is also considering adding a beer garden, which was suggested in community feedback after the 2022 event.

"The City of San Bruno is excited to build upon the success of 2022's reimagined Community Day street festival with our 2023 event," said Ann Mottola, Community Services Director for the City of San Bruno. "From sampling dishes from downtown restaurants to enjoying music and dance performances by local cultural groups to engaging with local artists and community

organizations, Community Day offers many different opportunities for community members to relish all that San Bruno has to offer. We are very grateful to the San Bruno Community Foundation for its financial support of the 2023 Community Day.”

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.



Photos from the 2022 Community Day Celebration, June 5, 2022

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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