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KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY AWARDS \$40,000 IN GRANTS

DANVILLE – The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley has awarded over \$40,000 in grants to 40 area non-profit agencies. The grants will be presented at the club's annual grants luncheon held May 22nd at Round Hill Country Club. Representatives of the recipient organizations will make brief presentations on the programs the Kiwanis grant money supports.

Grant amounts ranged from \$500 to \$3,000. Additionally, the San Ramon Valley Educational Foundation will receive a check for \$2,500 for distribution to worthy school projects that the Educational Foundation identifies. Top grants were awarded to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Discovery Counseling Center, Down Syndrome Connection, Hospice of the East Bay, Loaves & Fishes, Meals on Wheels, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, Senior Helpline Services and Street Smarts. Kiwanis also provides financial support totaling \$1,500 to the GRAD NITES of area High Schools.

Other recipients include: Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.-HOPE Plus Program, Assistance Leagues of Amador Valley and Diablo Valley, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, Camp Camelot, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Family Stress Center, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Contra Costa Child Care Council, Friends of the Danville Library, Hope Hospice, Inc., Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Monument Crisis Center, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, San Ramon Library Foundation, San Ramon Valley YMCA-Mt. Diablo Region, San Ramon Presbyterian Church - Building Bridges Program, San Ramon Symphonic Band, SonRise Equestrian Foundation, The Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation, The Taylor Family Foundation, The Wellness Community, Tri Valley Haven for Women, Valley Humane Society, Viet Nam Vets of Diablo Valley, Wardrobe of Opportunity, We Care Services for Children and Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center.

Funds for the annual grants program are raised by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley through several fundraising projects, including staging the annual Danville 4th of July Parade and an annual golf tournament held each April at Round Hill Country Club. Grant applications are solicited in February of each year and awarded in May with an additional several thousand dollars held in reserve to provide emergency grants and fund Kiwanis community projects throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is presenting the July 3rd 50th Anniversary Hay Days Celebration & July 4th Parade. The parade starts at 9:00am this year. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming two day event.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Founded in 1915 in Detroit and with headquarters now in Indianapolis, Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. More than 600,000 Kiwanis family members in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World".

Additional information about the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained at its website: www.kiwanis-srv.org. The club meets every Thursday at noon for a luncheon at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Guests are welcome.

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