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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS OFFERING MORE THAN \$40,000 TO COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Danville, California – January 24, 2008. The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley has issued a call for community non-profit organizations throughout the area to **apply for more than \$40,000 in grants to be awarded during 2008**. Ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, the Kiwanis grants are designed to support programs and projects that help both specific organizations and the broader community.

According to Grants Chairman, John Lineweaver, the bulk of the grants will be awarded in May. Additional monies will be held in reserve to provide emergency grants, fund Kiwanis community service projects, support four local Kiwanis-sponsored high school Key Clubs and support Grad Nights for the San Ramon Valley School District high schools. **The total of this direct youth support will exceed \$23,000, making a combined total of \$63,000 for community service grants and funding by Kiwanis in 2008.**

Lineweaver noted that Kiwanis generally recognizes grant applications from projects that serve residents of the San Ramon Valley, although non-profit organizations need not be located in the Valley itself. Specific eligibility criteria are listed on the Kiwanis website at www.kiwanis-srv.org. Priority is given to programs that focus on children, the infirm or the elderly and provide solace, comfort or consolation.

In 2007, 38 separate non-profit organizations received grants, including the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Discovery Counseling Center, Down Syndrome Connection, Loaves & Fishes, Meals on Wheels, the Taylor Family Foundation, Valley Humane Society, Hospice of the East Bay, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Senior Helpline Services, Monument Crisis Center, Street Smarts, and the San Ramon Valley YMCA. Because Kiwanis makes a single grant to the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation for distribution to district schools, grants are NOT available for individual schools.

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.

Applications and further information, including eligibility criteria, can be obtained from the Kiwanis website at www.kiwanis-srv.org or by contacting John Lineweaver at 925-837-3665. **The deadline for grant applications is Monday, March 10, 2008** and winners will be announced at a Grants Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

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."

Anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is invited to visit their website at www.kiwanis-srv.org. **The club holds weekly luncheon meetings at noon on Thursdays at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Please join the club for lunch and find out more about the organization.**