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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS OFFERING \$30,000 TO ASSIST COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Danville, California – January 26, 2008The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley has issued a call for community non-profit organizations throughout the area to **apply for more than \$30,000 in grants to be awarded during 2009**. 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. However this past Fall, the Kiwanis Club awarded \$5,000 in emergency grants to agencies that feed and house the homeless and hungry. Recipients included the Monument Crisis Center and Loaves & Fishes. In 2009, additional monies will be held in reserve to provide emergency grants, fund Kiwanis community service projects, support four local Kiwanis High School Key Clubs and Grad Nights for the San Ramon Valley School District High Schools. **The total of this direct youth support will exceed \$15,000 making the total dollar amount of community service grants and funding by Kiwanis \$45,000 for 2009.**

Lineweaver noted that the Kiwanis Club 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.

Grant consideration priority is given to programs that focus on children, the infirm or the elderly and provide solace, comfort or consolation. **Last year, 39 separate non-profit organizations received grants**, including the Anka Behavioral Health, Assistance Leagues of Diablo Valley and Amador Valley, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, Building Bridges 2008, Camp Camelot, Contra Costa Child Care Council, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Discovery Counseling Center, Down Syndrome Connection, Family Stress Center, Food Bank of Contra Costa, Friends of Danville Library, Hope Hospice, Hospice of East Bay, Kennedy-King College Fund, Loaves & Fishes, Lucille Glass Mauzy School, Meals on Wheels, Monument Crisis Center, Museum of SRV, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, San Ramon Symphonic Band, San Ramon Valley YMCA, San Ramon Library Foundation, Senior Helpline Services, SonRise Equestrian Services, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, Street Smarts, Taylor Family Foundation, TriValley Haven for Women, Valley Humane Society, Vietnam Veterans-Stand Down, Wardrobe for Opportunity, We Care-Services for Children, Wellness Community and the Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center. 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 organizing and conducting the annual **Danville 4th of July Parade** and an **annual golf tournament** held at Round Hill Country Club. Please join us April 20, 2009 for a great game of golf and support Kiwanis.

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. **Grant application deadline is Monday, March 12, 2009**. Winners will be announced at a Grants Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 21, 2009.

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 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.**