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## PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY CALLS FOR 2012 GRANT APPLICATIONS OFFERING MORE THAN \$41,000 TO COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**DANVILLE** – The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley through its affiliate, the San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation, has issued a call for community non-profit organizations throughout the area to **apply for more than \$41,000 in grants to be awarded during 2012**. 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, and support of four local Kiwanis High School Key Clubs. **The total of this direct youth support will exceed \$15,000 making the total dollar amount of community service grants and funding by Kiwanis \$56,000 for 2012.**

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](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org). 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.

**Grant consideration is given to programs that focus on children, the infirm or the elderly and provide solace, comfort or consolation.** Last year, **32** separate non-profit organizations received grants, including the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Blue Star Moms, Camp Camelot, Cancer Support Community, Child Abuse Prevention Council of CC, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Discovery Counseling Center of SRV, Down Syndrome Connection, Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano, Friends of the Danville Library, Gardens at Heather Farms, Hope Hospice, Hospice of the East Bay, Loaves & Fishes, Moment by Moment, Monument Crisis Center, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Nayali Faith Foundation, Ombudsman Services of CC, Rehab Services of Northern CA, San Ramon Library Foundation, Senior Helpline Services, Shelter Inc., SonRise Equestrian Foundation, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, Teen Esteem, The Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation, The Taylor Family Foundation, VESTIA, INC., and We Care Services for Children.

**Funds for the annual grants program are raised by the San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation** through several fundraising projects, including staging the annual Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**Applications and further information, including eligibility criteria, can be obtained from the Kiwanis website at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org) or by contacting John Lineweaver at 925-837-3665. The deadline for grant applications is Monday, March 5, 2012 and winners will be announced at a Grants Award Presentation on Thursday, May 24, 2012.**

**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](http://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

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