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KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, OFFERING MORE THAN \$37,500 TO WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

DANVILLE - The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley has issued a call for non-profit organizations throughout the area to apply for more than \$37,500 in grants to be awarded during 2005. Ranging from \$250 to \$3,000, the Kiwanis grants are designed to support programs and projects that help both specific organizations and the broader community.

According to Grant Chairman John Lineweaver, the bulk of the grants will be awarded in May. Additional monies will be held in reserve to provide emergency grants and Kiwanis community service projects, provide scholarships for local high schools, support 3 local Kiwanis High School Key Clubs, and support Grad Nights for SRV School District High Schools. The total of this direct youth support will exceed \$8,800 during 2005, making the total dollar amount of community funding by Kiwanis \$56,300 for 2005.

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. Priority is generally given to programs that focus on children, the infirm, or the elderly and that provide solace, comfort, or consolation. Last year, 25 separate non-profit organizations received grants including the Discovery Counseling Center, The Danny Foundation for Crib and Child Product Safety, Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, San Ramon Senior Center, The Down Syndrome Connection, The Danville Community Band, The Wellness Community, and Shepherd's Gate. Grants are NOT available for individual schools; rather, Kiwanis makes a single grant to the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation for distribution to district schools.

Funds for the annual Grants Programs are raised by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley through several fundraising projects, including staging the annual Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and an annual golf tournament held each April at Round Hill Country Club.

Applications and further information can be obtained from the Kiwanis website at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org) or by contacting Lineweaver at 925-837-3665. The deadline for Grant Applications is Monday, March 14, 2005, and winners will be announced at a Grants Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 26, 2005. Additional information on the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley and their Grants Program may be obtained by visiting their website at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

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