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**KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY AWARDS MORE THAN \$35,000
TO 24 AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

DANVILLE –The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley will award \$35,500 in grants to 24 area non-profit agencies—and to local schools, through the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. The grants will be presented at the club’s annual grants luncheon, May 27, 12:00 noon, at Tony Roma’s in Danville. Representatives of the recipient organizations will each make brief presentations on the programs the Kiwanis grants support.

Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$3,000 and the San Ramon Valley Educational Foundation will receive a check for \$5,000 for distribution to worthy school projects that the Foundation identifies. Top grants will be awarded to The Danny Foundation of Alamo, a national crib and child product safety advocate, Discovery Counseling Center, the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Shepherd’s Gate shelter for domestic abuse victims, Loaves & Fishes, STAND (against domestic violence), and the Down Syndrome Connection.

Recipients providing services for youth, a major Kiwanis Club area of interest, include: Center for Human Development, We Care Children’s Services, Taylor Family Foundation, Xenophon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Family Stress Center, San Ramon Library Foundation, and the Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation. Organizations serving the needs of seniors include Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa, and Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging.

Cultural non-profits are not overlooked with grants going to the Danville Community Band, the San Ramon Symphonic Band, the San Ramon Arts Foundation, as well as the Eugene O’Neill Foundation. Other recipients include: Valley Humane Society, Volunteer and Emergency Service Auxiliary and The Wellness Community.

Funds to support the Kiwanis grants program are raised by the service club through an annual golf tournament and sponsorship of the Danville Fourth of July Parade. 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.

Additional information about the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained at their web site: www.kiwanis-srv.org. The club meets weekly for a luncheon at Tony Roma’s in Danville.