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KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, OFFERING MORE THAN \$39,000 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 \$39,000 in Grants to be awarded during 2006. Ranging from \$250 to \$3,500, 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 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 **\$21,500** during 2006, **making the total dollar amount of community funding by Kiwanis \$60,500 for 2006.**

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, 27 separate non-profit organizations received grants, including The Discovery Counseling Center, Taylor Family Foundation, Loaves & Fishes, Hospice & Palliative Care, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, The Down Syndrome Connection, The Danville Community Band, and The Wellness Community. **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 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 can be obtained from the Kiwanis website at www.kiwanis-srv.org, or by contacting Lineweaver at 925-837-3665. The deadline for Grant Applications is Monday, March **13**, 2006 and winners will be announced at a Grants Award Luncheon on Thursday, May **25**, 2006. 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.

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