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Kiwanis Club calls for grant applications, offers more than \$33,000 to worthwhile community non-profit organizations

DANVILLE—The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley has issued a call for non-profit organizations throughout the area to apply for more than \$33,000 in grants to be awarded during 2003. 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.

Unlike previous years, grants will not be awarded to individual public schools during the 2003 grant cycle, according to Kiwanis Grants Committee Chairman John Lineweaver. Rather, a \$2,500 individual donation will be presented to the San Ramon Valley Education which will subsequently distribute the funds to schools and programs that the Foundation deems most deserving. “Rather than review dozens of individual school grant applications,” Lineweaver said, “we have turned to the Foundations to bring their expertise to the decision making process.”

The bulk of the grants will be awarded in May with an additional several thousand dollars held in reserve to provide emergency grants and fund Kiwanis community projects throughout the year. In addition to the more \$36,000 in grants to be distributed in May, the Kiwanis Club also awards individual scholarships at each of the District’s three high schools in June and supports Key Club service organizations and grad night activities at the high schools. The total of this direct youth support will exceed \$7,000 during the coming year.

Lineweaver noted that the Kiwanis Club generally recognizes grant applications for 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 need seed money and those that demonstrate a recipient’s commitment to seek and provide sources of matching funds. Last year some thirty organizations received grants, including Children’s Hospital Foundation, San Ramon Senior Center,

Discovery Counseling Center, Widow's and Widowers' Network, The Danny Foundation, Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Open Heart Kitchen, Museum of the San Ramon Valley and the Family Stress Center.

Funds for the annual grants are raised by the Kiwanis Club through several fund raising projects including staging the annual Danville Fourth of July Parade and an annual golf tournament held each April at Round Hill Country Club.

Applications and further information may be obtained by contacting Lineweaver at 925-837-3665. The deadline for grant applications is Thursday, March 14 and winners will be announced at a grants award luncheon May 22. Additional information on the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtain by visiting their web site:

www.kiwanis-srv.org.