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**Kiwanis Club awards more than \$36,000 to
26 area non-profit organizations**

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley will award \$36,300 in grants to 25 area non-profit agencies and, through the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, to local schools. Presentation of the grants will take place at the club's annual grants luncheon May 22 at noon at Tony Roma's in Danville. At which time the service club will also present scholarships to three area high school seniors: Stefanie Wong of California High, James Jelincic of San Ramon Valley High and Brian Brocious of Monte Vista.

Representatives of the recipient organizations each will 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 \$2,500 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, the Livermore-based shelter for domestic abuse victims and the Tri-Valley Haven for Women.

Recipients providing help, services and programs for youth, a major Kiwanis Club area of interest, include: Children's Hospital Foundation, Angel Flight West, Taylor Family Foundation, Down Syndrome Connection, Family Stress Center, San Ramon Library Foundation, the Business/Education Roundtable and the Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation. Organizations serving the needs of seniors include Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa, Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging and the Widows'/Widowers' Network.

Cultural non-profits are not overlooked with grants going to both the Danville Community Band and the Tassajara Symphony Orchestra, as well as the Eugene O'Neill

Foundation. Other recipients include: Drowning Prevention Foundation, Leadership San Ramon, Loaves & Fishes, STAND (against domestic violence), 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. Grand 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 on the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley may be obtained by visiting their web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Editors Note: The concentration of a significant number of Valley non-profit organizations at the grants luncheon may well make an appropriate photo story. If a reporter or photographer wants to attend, please contact John Lineweaver at the number above for logistical support.