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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY AWARDS \$30,000 IN GRANTS

Danville, California – May 1, 2009. **The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley has awarded over \$30,000 in grants to 30 area non-profit agencies.** The grants will be presented at the club's annual **grants luncheon held May 21** at Round Hill Country Club. Representatives of the recipient organizations will make brief presentations on the programs the Kiwanis grants support.

Grant amounts ranged from \$350 to \$3,000 and additionally, the San Ramon Valley Educational Foundation will receive a check for \$2,500 for distribution to worthy school projects that the educational foundation identifies. Top grants were awarded to Discovery Counseling Center, Down Syndrome Connection, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Loaves & Fishes, Nayeli Faith Foundation, STAND! Against Domestic Violence, and The Taylor Family Foundation. Kiwanis also provides financial support totaling \$1,500 to the GRAD NITES of local area High Schools.

Other recipients include: Assistance Leagues of Amador Valley and Diablo Valley, Camp Camelot, Contra Costa Child Care Council, Contra Costa for Every Generation, Family Stress Center, Hope Hospice, Inc., Hospice of the East Bay, Moment by Moment, Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, San Ramon Library Foundation, Building Bridges, San Ramon Symphonic Band, Senior Helpline Services, Shelter Inc. of Contra Costa County, SonRise Equestrian Foundation, The Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation, The Wellness Community, Youth Services of Danville, Valley Humane Society and Wardrobe for Opportunity.

Funds for the annual grants program are raised by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley through several fundraising projects, including organizing and conducting the annual **Kiwanis Danville 4th of July Parade** and an **annual golf tournament**. 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.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world on child and one community at a time. Founded in 1915 in Detroit and with headquarters now in Indianapolis, Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. More than 600,000 Kiwanis family members in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World".

Anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is invited to visit www.kiwanis-srv.org. **The club holds weekly luncheon meetings at noon on Thursdays at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Please join the club for lunch and find out more about the organization.**