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**Compassion Week 2019 Volunteers Come Together to Impact Thousands Through Week of Service
September 30 – October 6, 2019**

LOS ALTOS, Calif., Sept. 18, 2019 – Volunteers will extend compassion to their neighbors and serve the community through 100 projects in the San Francisco Bay Area during Compassion Week 2019, September 30 – October 6. Up to 3,500 people are expected to give their time throughout the week to complete vital acts of service and social justice that enable individuals and families to build a stronger and more empathetic community. Numerous volunteer opportunities are still available and open to all regardless of age or faith. Participation is free. To learn more and register, visit CompassionWeekLosAltos.org.

Founded by Los Altos United Methodist Church in 2013, Compassion Week has expanded its vision of service to the greater community this year through a new partnership with Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) and several local faith communities. Los Altos churches joining the Compassion Week efforts this year are Christ Episcopal Church, St. Nicholas and St. Williams Catholic Parish, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

“We are excited to be working side-by-side with a diverse population of volunteers, including families, children, youth and adults – and helping those who need our support the most,” said Jan McDaniel, Compassion Week team leader. “As founder of Compassion Week, Los Altos United Methodist Church is excited to expand its vision of building a stronger more compassionate community by working in partnership with the local faith community and Los Altos Community Foundation to make an even greater impact this year.”

The broader scope and support provided by these new partnerships will bring more opportunities for residents to volunteer throughout the Bay Area, with projects focused on the areas of poverty, hunger, homelessness, education, environment, veteran needs, housing and social justice. Service projects will take place at partner church sites and LACF, in addition to local agencies and nonprofits from Milpitas and San Jose to Pacifica.

“LACF’s partnership with Compassion Week will inspire local residents to participate in philanthropy and volunteer service moving forward,” said Joe Eyre, executive director, Los Altos Community Foundation. “Through this week of collective impact across the community, we will raise awareness of vulnerable populations and other local needs through events and volunteer opportunities.”

About Compassion Week

Compassion Week brings residents together to build a strong, compassionate, and empathetic community through volunteer opportunities that expand participants' understanding of local and global needs. Operated in partnership with several local faith communities and Los Altos Community Foundation, Compassion Week encourages individuals and families to participate. Since its inception in 2013 as an initiative of Los Altos United Methodist Church (laumc.org), more than 8,600 volunteers have participated in Compassion Week activities, with more than 50 nonprofits served. For more information on Compassion Week and to sign up and volunteer, visit compassionweeklosaltos.org.

About Los Altos Community Foundation

Founded in 1991, Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) inspires, leads and empowers residents and organizations for a stronger community. The Foundation, its donors, and volunteers, provide grants and scholarships, operate leadership and community-building programs, incubate "startup" nonprofits, offer donor-advised funds, and convene groups to solve community issues. LACF manages local re-granting programs for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Heising-Simons Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has granted over \$10 million to our local community. For more information, visit www.losaltoscf.org.