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### **E3 Youth Philanthropy Program Chosen as Outstanding Philanthropic Youth Group for 2018 by Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Silicon Valley Chapter**

**Los Altos, CA, November 9, 2018** – E3 Youth Philanthropy, a program of Los Altos Community Foundation, has been chosen as Outstanding Philanthropic Youth Group for 2018 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Silicon Valley Chapter, for “educating, engaging and empowering high school students to bring positive change in their local communities.” E3 participants are residents of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, or Mountain View or attend high school in one of the three communities. Members of E3’s Leadership Board will accept the award at AFP’s Silicon Valley Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 16, 2018.

E3 was selected because it integrates three important elements of youth development: service learning, leadership training, and nonprofit grant-making activities. Other local youth and school programs may focus on one of these elements, but not all three. ***Since its inception, E3 participants have logged close to 8,500 service hours and awarded 70 grants totaling \$120,000 to local community nonprofits that address numerous issues important to youth.***

Organizations receiving E3 grants in 2018 included Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), Caminar, Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC), Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, Community Services Agency, Mountain View Police Activities League, and Mentor Tutor Connection.

“The student-led E3 program uniquely helps participants become empathetic and effective leaders of tomorrow who understand our community and how to improve it through service and grant-making,” said Joe Eyre, Executive Director, Los Altos Community Foundation. “We’re proud of this award and the program’s 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum that inspires students to be better citizens and community leaders for tomorrow.”

#### **About the E3 Youth Philanthropy Program**

The mission of the E3 Youth Philanthropy Program is to educate, engage, and empower local youth to create positive change in their local communities. Now celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> year, E3 currently has 25 members from five local schools. Since its inception, over 175 students have served in the E3 program. For more information contact E3 Program Director, Judy Crates, [e3youth@gmail.com](mailto:e3youth@gmail.com), or contact the Los Altos Community Foundation at (650) 949-5908 | [losaltoscf.org](http://losaltoscf.org).

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#### **About Los Altos Community Foundation**

Founded in 1991, Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) enables residents, private foundations, and businesses to strengthen the community through local philanthropy and civic engagement. The Foundation, its donors, and volunteers, provide grants and scholarships, operate leadership and community-building programs, incubate “startup” nonprofits, offer donor-directed charitable 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](http://www.losaltoscf.org).