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Los Altos Community Foundation Awards \$78,684 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Los Altos, CA, December 6, 2018 – Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) announced today that it has awarded \$78,684 in its fall grants cycle to 16 local nonprofits and programs. These organizations address the needs and improve the quality of life for seniors, youth, and vulnerable populations in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View.

The grants support nonprofit programs such as **Day Worker Center of Mountain View's** essential service of matching Los Altos and Los Altos Hills employers with reliable workers, **Healthier Kids Foundation's** plan to vision screen at least 165 underserved preschoolers and elementary school children in the area, and **Village Harvest's** goal to reduce local hunger with fresh, healthy fruit gathered from Mountain View and Los Altos gardens.

"LACF's community grants are highly effective in helping local nonprofits make a strong impact in our local community," said Joe Eyre, Executive Director. "We're proud of how these grants will enable the development of new, innovative programs and also support ongoing proven initiatives."

LACF's fall nonprofit grant recipients also include:

- **Animal Assisted Happiness** to provide 14 classroom visits for special needs youth in Los Altos and Mountain View
- **Bring Me a Book Foundation** to support low-income family engagement for reading aloud at home.
- **Community School of Music and Arts** to support CSMA's 2018 – 2019 Community Concert Series, which offers free arts performances.
- **Friends of Deer Hollow Farm** to support its Animal Fund, and maintenance improvements to their physical facilities.
- **Headwaters Science Institute** to fund two underserved girls from the Los Altos/Mountain View area attending an all-girls science camp in the Sierra.
- **Just READ** remedial 1:1 tutoring classes in conjunction with online tutorials to 4th and 5th graders enrolled at several Mountain View schools.
- **Living Classroom** for three community building volunteer projects engaging school families and local residents to go "green" at three Mountain View schools.

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- **Marine Science Institute** to provide hands-on, experiential learning for approximately 300 students from local low-income schools.
- **MVLA Scholars** for scholarships to low income, high-potential students from the Mountain View-Los Altos school district, most of who are the first in their families to attend college.
- **Peninsula Symphony** to present a community Summer Pops Concert in downtown Los Altos.
- **Reading Partners** to increase children's reading proficiency through one-on-one, volunteer-led literacy tutoring for 60 kindergarten through 4th grade students at Mariano Castro Elementary School.
- **The Health Trust** for its Meals On Wheels program that delivers groceries, daily hot meals, and Wellness Checks to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities.
- **YMCA of Silicon Valley/Project Cornerstone** to support school partnerships in the Los Altos community which create caring school communities and positively impact student's social-emotional development.

For more information on LACF's grant-making programs, please visit: losaltoscf.org/GrantMaking.

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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.