Los Altos Community Foundation Awards $58,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Los Altos, CA, November 22, 2019 – Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) announced today that it has awarded $58,000 in grants 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 Animal Assisted Happiness to bring its Mobile Barnyard to special education students in Los Altos and Mountain View schools, GreenTown Los Altos to support its 500 Tree Initiative program, and the Healthier Kids Foundation to provide vision screening and glasses to preschooler and elementary school children in the area.

“LACF’s community grants help local nonprofits tackle community issues and bring hope to local residents both now and for the long-term,” said Joe Eyre, executive director. “We would also like to thank LACF’s Donor Advised Fund (DAF) owners who provided a number of supplementary grants to these organizations for an even greater impact.”

LACF’s fall nonprofit grant recipients also include:

- **Bring Me A Book Foundation** for its Book Buddies and Family Book Cubby Workshops that teach reading to low-income preschoolers and their families.
- **Community School of Music & Arts (CSMA)** to support the 100th birthday celebration and tribute concert for jazz legend Charlie Parker.
- **Day Worker Center of Mountain View** to match local workers with Los Altos and Los Altos Hills employers.
- **Friends of Deer Hollow Farm** for its Animal Fund and capital improvements.
- **Friends of the Library of Los Altos** to provide funding to expand its Books4Schools program.
- **Just Read** to support its remedial tutoring for struggling students in Mountain View.
- **Kara** to launch its culturally relevant Spanish Language Grief Support Program for individuals and families.
- **Los Altos Hacks** to cover operating expenses and free admission to students for its upcoming two-day hackathon.

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- **Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford** to provide needed medication for at-risk students who rely on the Teen Health Van at MVLA high schools.
- **MVLA Scholars** to provide scholarships for low-income, high potential students from the Mountain View-Los Altos high school district, many who are the first in their family to go to college.
- **Reading Partners Silicon Valley** to increase children’s reading proficiency through one-on-one, volunteer-led literacy tutoring at Castro Elementary School.
- **The Health Trust** to deliver groceries, meals and wellness checks to low-income seniors and disabled adults.
- **YMCA of Silicon Valley** to positively improve youth social-emotional development through Project Cornerstone school partnerships in the Los Altos community.

“Thanks to our grant from LACF, we are able to expand our mobile services to reach more special education students in Los Altos and Mountain View – and increase our vocational education services at the AAH Smile Farm,” said Vicki Amon-Higa, president, Animal Assisted Happiness. “With LACF’s continued support, we enrich the lives of these youth through barnyard animal interactions and create moments of joy and happiness throughout our AAH community.”

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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-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).