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Los Altos Community Foundation Awards \$84,500 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Los Altos, CA, April 6, 2018 – Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) announced today that it has awarded \$84,500 in its spring grants cycle to 18 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 Community Health Awareness Council's (CHAC), development of increased cultural and racial literacy by its Clinical Supervisors and interns, Parents Helping Parents' outreach and support services to families with special needs children, and Peninsula Symphony's popular summer pops concert in downtown Los Altos.

"LACF's community grants help local nonprofits more effectively address community needs," said Joe Eyre, Executive Director. "We're proud of how these grants enable the development of new programs for greater local impact."

LACF's Spring nonprofit grant recipients also include:

- **Adolescent Counseling Services** to support its Outlet Program in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Mountain View, serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.
- **Family Engagement Institute** to fund youth field work and intern opportunities in the FEI Child Development Academy and Stretch to Kindergarten programs.
- **Festival of Lights Parade Association** for annual operating expenses associated with staging the Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade.
- **Grassroots Ecology** to support local program opportunities that integrate nature education with hands-on actions to improve the ecosystems.
- **GreenTown Los Altos** to support their Safe Routes to Schools program.
- **Hope's Corner, Inc.** for access and referrals to critical services that improve the lives of the homeless and vulnerable in our community.
- **Los Altos History Museum** to support the upcoming bilingual and youth-produced exhibit, "Inspired by Juana: La Donna de la Frontera."
- **Los Altos Stage Company** for expanded Mainstage productions and youth and family education programs in 2018.

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- **Los Altos Village Association** for purchasing cost-effective, energy-saving LED lights in the trees lining Main and State Streets and parking plazas.
- **Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence** for comprehensive services addressing the needs of 75 domestic violence survivors from the Foundation’s target communities.
- **Peninsula Bridge** to support the Peninsula Bridge Mountain View Middle School Academy that closes the achievement gap for hundreds of underserved, yet high-achieving students each year.
- **Senior Inclusion and Participation Project (SIPP)** for raising awareness of the senior loneliness and isolation epidemic and to reduce its impact on elders in our local community.

“Many thanks to LACF for its generous support of the Family Engagement Institute’s Development Academy and Stretch to Kindergarten programs,” said Betsy Nikolchev, Executive Director, FEI. “The Institute is a hallmark, award-winning equity program for Foothill College, and LACF’s support will provide opportunities for our local youth to gain experience and contribute to their community.”

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.