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Los Altos Community Foundation Awards \$80,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Los Altos, CA, April 18, 2019 – Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) announced today that it has awarded \$80,000 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 **Grassroots Ecology's** community service and educational opportunities at four local nature preserves in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, **Hope's Corner, Inc.** for access and referrals to critical services that improve the lives of the homeless and vulnerable in the community, and the **Los Altos History Museum** to support the upcoming exhibit and related programming focused on the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake.

"LACF's community grants help local nonprofits develop programs that address the changing needs of our community," said Joe Eyre, Executive Director. "It's inspiring to support organizations launching innovative new activities as well as running ongoing proven initiatives."

LACF's spring nonprofit grant recipients also include:

- **Bay Area Furniture Bank** to acquire shelving to better store large donated items.
- **Canopy** to fund its Eco-schoolyards program in the Mountain View-Whisman School District.
- **Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)** to support a new social-emotional learning (SEL) program for 5th graders.
- **Community Services Agency (CSA)** to support a new client services database.
- **Computer Engineers of the Next Generation (CENG)** to offer free coding classes to underrepresented elementary school students.
- **El Camino YMCA** for its Safety Around Water (SAW) program for underserved children.
- **Festival of Lights Parade Association** for its annual parade expenses.
- **Hidden Villa** for expenses to operate hiking trails, gardens, and programs for underserved youth and families.
- **Los Altos Stage Company** to support its artistic and educational programs.
- **Mentor Tutor Connection** for volunteer recruitment, training, and program staffing.
- **Peninsula Bridge** for its Mountain View Middle School Academy.

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- **Science is Elementary** to support science instruction for students and professional development for teachers so they learn to integrate science with literacy.
- **Senior Inclusion and Participation Project (SIPP)** to reduce the impact of senior loneliness and isolation on elders in our community.
- **Westwind 4H Riding for the Handicapped** to provide ongoing health services for its horses and help maintain facilities.
- **WomenSV** to provide support, professional training and public education on domestic violence.

“We are grateful to LACF for helping expand Grassroots Ecology’s community service and educational programs into local nature preserves” said Alex Von Feldt, Executive Director. “With LACF’s generous support, we are able to create hands-on learning opportunities for those interested in helping sustain the health of our local environment in the face of climate change.”

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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.