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Los Altos Community Foundation Awards \$177,600 in Fall Grants to Local Nonprofits

Los Altos, CA, December 4, 2020 – Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) announced today that it has awarded \$177,600 in fall grants to 31 local nonprofits and programs based in - or directly serving - the communities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Mountain View.

LACF continues to provide ongoing unrestricted operating or project support to its nonprofit partners through its Community Impact grants program and its 2020 Nonprofit Relief Fund, which funds organizations assisting those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants support nonprofit programs such as the **Community School of Music & Arts (CSMA)** subsidized, bilingual, preschool music and arts program at target Mountain View schools, **MVLA Scholars** scholarships for first-generation, low-income students, and **Ravenswood Family Health Network** comprehensive health care services.

"LACF's grants help nonprofits tackle important community issues and bring hope to local residents both now and for the long-term," said Adin Miller, LACF's executive director. "We value our role in funding nonprofit organizations to better serve and improve our community during the pandemic and beyond."

LACF's fall nonprofit Community Impact grants recipients also include:

- Animal Assisted Happiness for its therapeutic animal visits to local schools program.
- Arts Los Altos for the creation of an artistic mural in Los Altos.
- **Emotions in Harmony, Inc.** to create YouTube videos that enhance resilience in the Spanish speaking community.
- **EdOpTech, Inc.** to refurbish donated computers for low-income families.
- GreenTown Los Altos to provide replacement parts needed to refurbish used bicycles.
- Junior Achievement of Northern California to support its financial literacy program at Huff Elementary School in Mountain View.
- **Mission Be** to support its Mindfulness Education Program at Huff Elementary School in Mountain View and Blach Intermediate School in Los Altos.
- **Silicon Valley Education Foundation** to support its Elevate (Math) and Computer Science Institute programs at Huff Elementary School in Mountain View.

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- The Pear Theatre for general operating support for staff, artists, and production needs.
- YMCA of Silicon Valley Project Cornerstone to support the Developmental Assets model, which empowers youth, parents, and school staff to build positive relationships.
- Youth Drama For All to provide Zoom license and tuition reduction for students.

LACF's Round Three and Round Four 2020 Nonprofit Relief Fund recipients include:

- Cantabile Youth Singers for staff operation support and choral lessons for students.
- **Day Worker Center of Mountain View** for operations, client assistance, and community advocacy support.
- Healthier Kids Foundation to provide baby care packages for families in need.
- **IsraAid** to provide virtual local mental health resilience programs and emergency response training.
- Kitchen Table Advisors to provide coaching support to local farmers and their efforts to
 provide healthy food to the community.
- City of Los Altos (Mature Adult Center) to provide virtual social outlets/events for seniors.
- Los Altos Stage Company to support education staff and afterschool programs.
- Mentor Tutor Connection to support its Remote Tutoring Program for K-8th grade students.
- Palo Alto University for telehealth efforts and student training support.
- Pink Ribbon Girls to support breast cancer patients and families impacted by COVID-19.
- Pivotal to support foster youth in local schools and community colleges during the pandemic.
- Science is Elementary to provide 1,000 science skits for underserved local school children.
- **SV Creates (Silicon Valley Creativity Corps)** to support its regional workforce and economic development initiative for the creative community.
- The Pear Theatre to provide free tickets and access to underserved populations.
- Working Scholars to provide continued college funding for employees in the Mountain View Whisman School District.

"On behalf of The Pear, we would like to thank LACF for supporting artists and community organizations like ours," said Sinjin Jones, executive artistic director for The Pear Theatre. "It is through grants like these that we can keep things moving both operationally and artistically during these challenging times and into the future."

For more information regarding LACF's grantmaking, visit: https://losaltoscf.org/grants

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Founded in 1991, Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) inspires, leads, and empowers residents and organizations for a stronger community. We provide grants to enhance the work of nonprofits, create leadership and social impact opportunities, incubate emerging nonprofits, work with donor fund advisors on their philanthropic journeys, and partner with community organizations and residents on solutions that make a difference. LACF manages local re-granting programs for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Heising-Simons Foundation. For more information, visit www.losaltoscf.org.