



# MILLBRAE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*Proudly serving the Millbrae Community since 1996*

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## Spring 2016 Newsletter

Over the last 20 years, the Millbrae Community Foundation (MCF) has awarded financial grants for projects that provide valuable benefits to Millbrae and focus on youth, seniors, and the less fortunate. This newsletter highlights a few recent grantees' stories. If you want to help the MCF continue providing assistance to worthy causes in our community, please return the enclosed envelope with donation today. You can make a donation to acknowledge a special person or event, or perhaps to say honor a loved one on Mother's Day or Father's Day! And we send a hearty "thank you" to all that have supported MCF in the past. We can't do this without you!

### **Lifesteps Foundation: Furniture for Inclusion Classroom**

Recently a grant was given to the **Lifesteps Foundation** to purchase classroom furniture. At the Lifesteps preschool, children with special needs are integrated into an inclusive program. The program is for children with a disability to attend school with their "typically" developing peers. This grant allowed Lifesteps to purchase chairs, tables, and other classroom furniture for the children to have materials that would support their ability to learn in the classroom.

**Cynthia Fong-Wan**, Project Director, expressed their gratitude for the grant. "We received a grant from Millbrae Community Foundation to purchase furniture for the classroom to support the needs of children under 5 who have a disability. The children were so excited to be able to sit in chairs that supported their learning in table activities or circle time. This has helped children with a disability engage with their peers in the



classroom. The teachers were excited as some of the children in our classroom who have lower muscle tone were able to sit with support in the new chairs. Having child-sized sofas in the classroom has also allowed teachers and parents to sit with the children and read to them."



## The Millbrae Community Foundation is Accepting Grant Requests!

Please visit the MCF website for full details on the kinds of grants we make and how to apply. And LIKE us on Facebook to keep up with all MCF activities. [www.millbraefoundation.org](http://www.millbraefoundation.org)

### Cub Scout Pack 355: Pinewood Derby Storage Shed

Millbrae's Cub Scout Pack was in need of a storage shed to house all of the materials needed for the annual Pinewood Derby. The Millbrae Community Foundation was happy to provide a grant for its purchase and construction. The Cub Scouts now have a wonderful shed to keep their precious materials safe. The Millbrae Community Foundation presented a plaque to Pack 355 and Cub Master Rob Ducote to acknowledge the grant. The plaque will soon be installed on the shed.



### Millbrae Super Chili Bowl Fun Run & Chili Cookoff

On February 6, the day before Super Bowl 50, Millbrae hosted its first Super Chili Bowl Fun Run & Chili Cookoff! The day saw more than 300 runners come out on a glorious sunny Saturday to run or walk through the streets of downtown Millbrae and surrounding neighborhoods. After the run, attendees' attention turned to the Chili Cookoff. Entrants from several local organizations cooked up delicious chilis including the Millbrae School District, Central County Firefighters (winners of the People's Choice Award), and the **Millbrae**

**Community Foundation!** Board members Debbie Van Wart, Lynne Ferrario, Anna Fairbank, and Cathy Quigg served up a wonderful chili that won over the hearts and stomachs of many! The Millbrae Community Foundation is dedicated to serving our community. In addition to giving grants, we are out in the community helping where we can. This event was a fabulous success and brought residents and visitors together for a great day out in Millbrae. We hope to be cooking chili again in the future!

### Holiday Stars 2015 : Most Successful Campaign to Date



Each year, MCF offers community members an opportunity to make a donation and have a custom holiday star created to commemorate someone special or a special occasion. We are very pleased to report that the 2015 campaign was the most successful to date, in large part because we were able to reach more people and increase the number of stars! MCF also had a larger part to play in the festive community event which included live music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa. Board members Janet Fogarty and Lynne Ferrario hand-painted the stars that hung on the official City of Millbrae Holiday Tree. Thank you to all that contributed to the Holiday Star program! Be sure to tell your friends about the stars and we will see you in December!

