



MILLBRAE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Spring 2019 Newsletter

Over the last 23 years, the Millbrae Community Foundation (MCF) has awarded financial grants for projects that provide valuable benefits to Millbrae residents. This newsletter highlights a few recent grantees' stories. We send a hearty "thank you" to all who have supported MCF in the past. We can't do this without you!

SF Hep B Free: Screening Program



SF Hep B Free is a grassroots nonprofit dedicated to combating the high incidence rates of hepatitis B and liver cancer in Asian and Asian Pacific Islanders (AAPI). Our grant helps it expand its efforts to Millbrae residents. Plans are in the works for at least four community events in 2019, screening of individuals, educating individuals, and educating 20-30 physicians in the city of Millbrae. The initiative champions the battle against hepatitis B, and intends to increase public and healthcare awareness about the importance of testing and vaccinating AAPIs. The ultimate goal is to make screening and follow-up treatment and management the standard for care for the AAPI population.

Science from Scientists: Science Program at Meadows School

Science from Scientists is an award-winning nonprofit that offers innovation STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Enrichment Programs to San Mateo County elementary and middle schools. Meadows Elementary School worked with them previously and sought to renew the program for a new set of students. Our grant helped them bring the program back. The program brings two real, charismatic scientists and/or STEM professionals to the school, during the school day, every other week for the entire academic year. The program provides the professionals as well as materials and equipment so that students can perform experiments and hands-on projects.



CORA: Crisis Intervention Services



CORA, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse, serves the most vulnerable victims and survivors of intimate partner abuse (IPA) in San Mateo County. The grant provides funding for 24-hour crisis hotlines that provide crisis counseling and safety planning, and access to emergency shelter via CORA's Safe House

Program. According to the CA Dept. of Public Health 2017 data, IPA affects 40% of women in their lifetimes. As the only agency of its kind in the county, the rapidly rising prevalence of IPA has markedly increased demand for CORA's services, a nearly 10% increase since 2014. CORA works to not just help those in need of crisis services, but to help victims develop a plan to prevent revictimization.



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MCTV: New Playback Server to Serve Us Better



MCF made a grant to Millbrae Community Television (MCTV) for the purchase of a new video playback server. The system manages both online (high-definition) and televised (standard definition) content. The new system replaces the aged system that provides 24/7 broadcasts on MCTV channels 27 and 99. The new server not only reduces the risk of failure, but improves quality and quantity of information shared with the public and increases organizational efficiency.

Holiday Gifts & Scholarships

Two of our ongoing efforts are holiday gift cards and scholarships. Once again, MCF distributed gift cards to several deserving families during the holiday season. And last spring we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Mills senior Nicolas Handbook and Capuchino senior Jaquelyn Picazo. We will be awarding two more this spring!



This spring, remember mom, dad, grads, and all the special people in your life with a donation!

We are able to make grants thanks to the generous support of our community. If you would like to support the Millbrae Community Foundation, please return your donation in the enclosed envelope or donate online at:

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