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Hacienda's Helping Hands awards grants to 4 nor organizations

Helping Hands has distributed more than \$150,000 to community service groups

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Hacienda Helping Hands has awarded four grants to organizations providing local services.

They are Tri-Valley Haven, Childcare Links, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Close-up Foundation.

Tri-Valley Haven was given a \$5,000 grant to help pay for a commercial refrigerator in support of its food pantry programs.

Child Care Links was given a \$2,000 grant in support of the organization's new Diaper Bank.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation was given a \$2,250 grant to provide underwriting for a special cancer caregiver seminar series.

Close-up Foundation was given a \$2,100 grant to provide scholarship funding for local, low-participation in their program.

The grants were made through a Donor Advised Fund held by the East Bay Community Fou

"Hacienda Helping Hands is pleased to help make a difference by supporting these organiza work," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We specifically wanted to provide we could help further the special projects being undertaken by groups that contribute to the key ways."

"Tri-Valley Haven is appreciative and relieved to be awarded help from Hacienda Helping H purchase a new refrigerator," said Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven's executive Ddirector.

"We were really in a bind as two refrigerators at our food pantry stopped working recently," "This is before our busiest time, the holiday season. During the holidays alone we will provi about 1,600 families, totaling over 4,000 individuals."

Laura Page, Child Care Link's Community Events and Outreach Coordinator, praised Haciendi Hands for its support of the organization's diaper program.

"This generous contribution brings the total number of diapers raised by Child Care Links si 55,000 diapers," Page said. "The average child uses six diapers a day, which means an esti children will have a week's supply of diapers to keep them clean, dry and healthy."

Sandra J. Wing, chief executive officer of the organization that bears her name, said the He grant will help fund 2017 workshops that will cover cover a number of topics related to can and care-giving. The workshops are offered free of charge.

"Typically, attendees at these workshops include cancer patients, their family and friends a Wing said. "A cancer diagnosis impacts not only a cancer patient but all those in that perso influence."



The Close Up Foundation award will support local students participating in the organization's recognized civic education program, said Eleanor Vogelsang, the foundation's community relations manager.

Close Up's mission is to "inspire, engage and empower youth to be more active citizens in our community through week-long education programs in Washington, D.C.," Vogelsang said.

"The Hacienda Helping Hands donation will provide more students with an opportunity to participate in Close Up in April 2017 and return to the Tri-Valley area with the tools and skills needed to become active citizens," she added.

Over the last several years, Hacienda Helping Hands has distributed more than \$150,000 to support local philanthropy. These included Axis Community Health, Alameda County Community Food Bank, Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, Open Heart Kitchen, La Familia Freedom and Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center.

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