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# Hacienda Helping Hands Awards Grants

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Hacienda Helping Hands has awarded four impact grants to organizations providing local services: Tri-Valley Haven, Childcare Links, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Close-up Foundation. Tri-Valley Haven was given a \$5,000.00 grant to fund a commercial refrigerator in support of their food pantry programs. Child Care Links was given a \$2,000.00 grant in support of the organization's new Diaper Bank. Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation received a \$2,250.00 grant to provide underwriting for a special cancer caregiver seminar series. Close-up Foundation was given a \$2,100.00 grant to provide scholarship funding for local, low-income student participation in their program. Grants were made through a Donor Advised Fund held by the East Bay Community Foundation.

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

Ann King, MSW, Tri-Valley Haven Executive Director, stated, "Tri-Valley Haven is appreciative and relieved to be awarded help from Hacienda Helping Hands to purchase a new refrigerator. We were really in a bind, as two refrigerators at our food pantry stopped working recently. This is before our busiest time: Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season. Hacienda Helping Hands is aptly named, as they are helping us and our many clients avoid a food crisis. The Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry assists several thousand local families per year with groceries. During the holidays alone we will provide groceries to about 1600 families, totaling over 4000 individuals."

Laura Page, Child Care Link's Community Events and Outreach Coordinator said, "Child Care Links is extremely grateful to Hacienda Helping Hands for their support of our diaper program. These funds will help our agency provide diapers to more families struggling to afford a sufficient supply for their children. This generous contribution brings the total number of diapers raised by Child Care Links since October 24th to 55,000 diapers. The average child uses six diapers a day, which means an estimated 1,300 children will have a week's supply of diapers to keep them clean, dry and healthy. The success of this program could not have happened without the support from Hacienda and other community organizations such as Valley High School, Valley Community Church and Valley Family Child Care Association. This diaper program allows Child Care Links to partner with families in new ways to discover their changing needs and help build strong and healthy families. It's evident Hacienda Helping Hands is committed to building strong community partnerships to better the lives of all Tri-Valley residents."

Sandra J. Wing, Chief Executive Officer declared, "We are honored that Hacienda Helping Hands issued our cancer charity a grant to enhance our community education events. For several years, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation has hosted 3 education events for the Tri-Valley community. Typically attendees include cancer patients, their family and friends, and caregivers. A cancer diagnosis impacts not only a cancer patient but all those in that person's circle of influence. The Hacienda Helping Hands grant will be applied to our 2017 workshops covering the following topics: Caregiving; A Mindfulness Technique of Guided/Visual Imagery; and Laughter is Good

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Medicine. Our workshops are offered free to the Tri-Valley community and all are welcome to attend."

"Close Up Foundation is honored to receive funding support from Hacienda Helping Hands to support local students participating in our nationally-recognized civic education program," stated Eleanor Vogelsang, Close Up Foundation Community Relations Manager. "As we witness an increasing polarization among both voters and elected officials, it is imperative our youth learn the importance of informed dialogue and the art of compromise to find lasting solutions to the issues facing the nation. Close Up fulfills its mission to inspire, engage, and empower youth to be more active citizens in our democracy through week-long education programs in Washington, D.C. Local students return home with a deeper understanding of the levers of power and decision-making processes, which in turn positively impacts their ability to affect change in their local community. A donation from Hacienda Helping Hands 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 be life-long, active citizens."

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