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Community Foundation of San Carlos Joins the City of San Carlos in Serving Those in Need Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

San Carlos, CA — In response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of San Carlos enlisted the help of the Community Foundation of San Carlos to help with its Neighbor to Neighbor Program. The Foundation enthusiastically took on this effort and has expanded its philanthropy to embrace our local nonprofits as well; issuing more than \$200,000 to assist in relief efforts. Over \$150,000 in emergency grants were disbursed in early April to address immediate community and frontline worker needs, including personal protective equipment (PPE), food assistance, and other core services. On April 29, 2020 the Foundation's Board of Directors approved \$60,00 in grants to local nonprofits to support community health and well-being as follows:

- **There With Care: \$10,000** to provide crisis support services, including food support, transportation assistance, and emergency rent and utilities assistance to families with hospitalized children.
- **St Vincent de Paul: \$10,000** to support crisis response services, including direct assistance with rent, utilities and food for low- and no-income residents impacted.
- **StarVista: \$10,000** to support COVID-19 response efforts, including PPE equipment purchase to ensure safe delivery of services to the community.
- **LifeMoves: \$7,500** to provide crisis response services including food and PPE in conjunction with its shelter services serving unhoused residents.

- **Edgewood Center for Children and Families: \$7,500** to provide mental health counseling, food and supplies for traumatized children and families.
- **One Life Counseling Center: \$5,000** to support safe distribution of food to impacted families and to provide teletherapy.
- **Arbor Bay School: \$4,500** to provide emergency relief funds for general operating expenses.
- **Justice at Last: \$2,500** to provide crisis response services, including general operating expenses and emergency assist.
- **West Coast Songwriters Association: \$2,000** to support moving all workshops and seminars online in support of the arts.
- **Carlmont High School: \$1,000** to support publishing and distribution of newsmagazine with an emphasis on the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Community Foundation of San Carlos was established in November 2019 with a \$2M endowment from the City of San Carlos. It's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, learns, and plays in San Carlos. Within just a few months of inception, the Foundation established the San Carlos COVID-19 Response Fund in support of nonprofits serving San Carlos community members with urgent and ongoing needs, such as food assistance, health care, mental health services, and other support to promote well-being during this crisis.

“The COVID-19 Relief Fund was established to support our community impacted by the pandemic,” said Jessica Yang, President Community Foundation of San Carlos. “With the generous support of the Holmes Family, we’ve been fortunate to have provided emergency relief to ALL nonprofits who have applied, so far. We look forward to awarding grants with additional monies raised and being a partner in recovery.”

“When we reached out to the Community Foundation of San Carlos to help those in need during this crisis, we never anticipated how fully it would take on the effort – far exceeding our hopes and expectations,” stated City Manager Jeff Maltbie. “We are so pleased with all that this group of caring individuals has done and how lucky our community members are to have them working on their behalf. San Carlos is very fortunate to have a number of organizations, including the Community Foundation of San Carlos, supporting our residents, businesses, and nonprofits through this challenging time.”

For more information about the Community Foundation of San Carlos and the COVID-19 Relief Fund, visit www.cfsancarlos.org or email info@sancarloscf.org.

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