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NORTHERN MONTEREY COUNTY FOUNDATION AWARDS FIRST GRANTS

Monterey County, California — The Northern Monterey County Foundation (NMCF), an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County, has awarded its first grants to benefit the communities of North Monterey County. The NMCF, established in 2016, raises funds to provide grants now and into the future. It is guided by an advisory board of North County residents who have a deep understanding of community needs in the region.

Grants totaling \$24,000 were made to the following ten nonprofit organizations serving Northern Monterey County residents:

Big Sur Land Trust: \$2,500 to provide transformative outdoor experiences for youth

Castroville Coalition: \$2,000 for a homeless advocacy campaign coordinated by the Castroville Teen Leadership Council

Central Coast YMCA: \$2,500 for Pajaro Park programs to build community and promote health and wellness

Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries: \$2,500 to provide adult literacy programs in Pajaro, Aromas, Prunedale and Castroville

Girls Inc. of the Central Coast: \$2,500 for the ECHO program, which provides leadership training to young women

Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay: \$2,500 to support the Home Repair Program for low-income homeowners in Pajaro

Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services: \$2,500 to provide practical and financial support for families of children with cancer

Legal Services for Seniors: \$2,500 for no-cost legal representation

Partnership for Children: \$2,000 to help increased access to medical care and support for children with serious illnesses

Prunedale Senior Center: \$2,500 to improve the quality of life for area seniors

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“This is an exciting new venture, one that hasn’t existed before in North County,” said Don Chapin, chair of the NMCF Advisory Board. “We now have a way to build an endowment to benefit future North County needs, while providing immediate grants to organizations providing services for current issues in our area.”

About the Northern Monterey County Foundation

The NMCF is a permanent endowed resource for the Northern Monterey County communities of Aromas, Bolsa Knolls, Boronda, Castroville, Elkhorn, Las Lomas, Moss Landing, Oak Hills, Pajaro, Prunedale, Royal Oaks and Santa Rita. It provides annual competitive grants to nonprofits serving Northern Monterey County.

The advisory board reviews all applications and makes decisions on where funding will have the greatest positive impact. The NMCF is supported by individuals, families and business who want to give to support and strengthen North Monterey County. For more information or to contribute to the NMCF, visit www.cfmco.org/NMCF.

Northern Monterey County Advisory Board members include: Don Chapin (Chair), Prunedale; Nancy Ausonio, Castroville; Leslie Austin, Aromas; Ricky Cabrera, Salinas; Lou Calcagno, Moss Landing; Jesus Corona, Royal Oaks; Anne Herendeen, Prunedale; Karen Miller, Pajaro; Manuel Osorio, Prunedale; Joe Pezzini, Castroville; John Phillips, Elkhorn.

About the Community Foundation for Monterey County

The mission of the CFMC is to inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Monterey County. Thanks to generous community members who have created charitable funds in their lifetimes or through their estates, the CFMC has granted more than \$137 million to nonprofits working towards healthy, safe, vibrant communities. In 2016 the foundation awarded \$15.4 million in grants. For more information visit www.cfmco.org, call 831.375.9712 or stay connected at www.facebook.com/cfmco or www.twitter.com/cfmco.

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