# Contributions Committee Grants Report and Recommendations for Funding 2006-07 Cycle 1

Presented and Approved December 21, 2006

The following organizations are recommended for funding for the current grant cycle. Where agencies provide countywide services, the committee looked specifically at the level of services to San Jose residents.

# Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund 6 Grants \$29,061

#### 1. American Assoc. of University Women

Every year, the AAUW, a women's civic organization buys holiday gifts for low-income teens. With everyone buying cute toys for young children through other programs, teens can be left out in the cold during the holidays. The AAUW packages their gifts in sturdy gym bags that the teens can use.

Request: \$5,000.00

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**Request: \$4,061.00** 

Recommended for \$5,000 in Partnership funds.

#### 2. Alum Rock Counseling Center

This grant will allow troubled and low-income youth participating in a special Youth Mentoring Program to build leadership and team building skills through an offsite Ropes Course Activity.

Recommended for \$5,000 in Partnership funds.

#### 8. Assistance League of San Jose

The Assistance League, a service organization, provides free school uniforms for low-income children in the San Jose Unified and Franklin-McKinley School Districts. For many children, the uniforms and shoes may be the first articles of new clothing they have ever had. Wearing uniforms at school provide a sense of self-worth and prevent the intrusion of gang clothing onto the school campus.

Recommended for \$5,000 in Partnership funds.

#### 10. Grail Family Services

Grail Family Services, located in the Mayfair neighborhood of East San Jose, provides English as a Second Language, computer training, and parenting classes for families in the neighborhood. Children participating in its afterschool programs have done markedly better on school achievement than others in the neighborhood schools. They have an onsite children's library, and need child-friendly furniture and developmentally appropriate materials. There is no public library in the neighborhood.

Recommended for \$4,061 in Partnership funds.

15. YES Reading Request: \$5,000.00

YES Reading has had phenomenal success with its tutoring programs at school sites in East Menlo Park, Mountain View, and now at Horace Mann. Many children at Horace Mann are behind in their literacy skills and many are learning English for the first time. This program pairs a student one-on-one with a trained tutor for attention the classroom teacher can't provide. The site coordinator works to keep teachers informed of progress and challenges. Note: the committee discussed introducing YES Reading to our volunteer team at Washington Elementary School to see if it might make a good match. *Recommended for \$5,000 in Partnership funds*.

## 16. Teatro Vision de San Jose

Teatro Vision, housed at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in the Mayfair neighborhood of East San Jose, has been providing quality Latino theater (in English and Spanish) for more than 20 years. This vibrant arts organization needs a used high-end copier for its publications and programs.

**Request: \$5,000.00** 

Request: \$4,925.38

**Request: \$5,000.00** 

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Recommended for \$5,000 in Partnership funds.

# Rotary Club of San Jose Endowment Fund 10 Grants \$47,740

# 3. Notre Dame High School

The visual arts program at Notre Dame needs to replace kiln that its ceramics students use. The current kiln is a safety hazard.

Note: the committee had some discussion about funding schools other than those with which we currently have a club committee relationship. This proposal meets all current criteria. We will discuss grant guidelines at a special January meeting. *Recommended for \$4,925 in Community Grants funds.* 

#### 4. Our Lady of Grace & Sacred Heart Nativity Schools Request: \$5,000.00

The new schools need a professional copy machine, which will save time and money. The schools have a club relationship and serve low-income middle school students in the Washington neighborhood.

Recommended for \$5,000 in Community Grants funds.

#### 5. Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County

The Master Gardeners, a county-wide organization, need a new sound system and presenter screens. for their educational programs.

Recommended for \$2,500 in Community Grants funds. The Contributions Committee believed they had some other options for providing a sound system. That did not pan out. The Endowment Board must decide whether to provide full funding or not.

#### 6. Youth Science Institute

The Youth Science Institute needs new furniture for its new learning center. This program provides science education to children throughout the county. *Recommended for \$5,000 in Community Grants funds.* 

## 9. Digital Clubhouse Network

The Digital Clubhouse Network, our neighbor at History Park, serves a variety of middle and high school students providing safe after-school activities. They learn valuable computer and leadership skills through projects chronicling history and current events, such as the veteran's project featured in a recent Rotary program. They need \$2,547 for alarms for the building and \$1,329 for DVD duplicator.

**Request: \$4.876.00** 

**Request: \$3,675.00** 

Request: \$4,829.33

Request: \$4,793.31

**Request: \$5,000.00** 

Recommended for \$4,876 in Community Grants funds.

#### 11. Breathe California of the Bay Area

Breathe California (formerly the American Lung Association) provides a variety of services ranging from asthma education to stop smoking classes. Their outreach is in multiple languages and they need a commercial-quality color laser printer to put together tailored brochures and fliers for their programs.

Recommended for \$3,675 in Community Grants funds.

#### 14. YWCA of Silicon Valley

The YWCA's excellent after-school childcare program is tackling several tough issues in our community: childhood obesity and keeping kids in a safe environment during the after-school hours. They need appropriate and fun sports, play and recreation equipment for the center.

Recommended for \$4,829 in Community Grants funds.

# 17. City Lights Theater Company of San Jose

City Lights, an excellent small theater company in Downtown San Jose, needs theatrical communications equipment to improve the staging of its programs. Currently the stage manager, actors and backstage crews use cell phones and text messages to communicate during shows!

Recommended for \$4,793 in Community Grants funds.

#### 19. Catholic Charities-Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Request: \$4,642.00

Our community's frail elders rely on volunteer and staff ombudsmen to provide them an advocate in their long-term care homes. The ombudsmen investigate complaints and keep an eye on the facilities they visit. The program needs three laptop computers for the ombudsmen working out in the field.

Recommended for \$4,642 in Community Grants funds.

#### 20. Support Network for Battered Women

The Support Network provides shelter services, counseling, and other programs for women and their children who are escaping a violent home environment. The staff needs new computers and monitors to better serve the clients and track their progress. *Recommended for \$5,000 in Community Grants funds.* 

Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund	\$29,061
<b>Rotary Club of San Jose Endowment Fund</b>	<u>\$45,240</u>

Total \$74,301