

**Contributions Committee
Grants Report and Recommendations for Funding
2007-08 Cycle I**

(Approved by Committee November 12, 2007)
Report by Karyn Sinunu-Towery, Chair Contributions Committee

The Committee. John Baird, Chris DiSalvo, Cindy Faulkner, John Hopkins, Steve Ladowitz, Norval Nelson, Gary Shara, and Victor Reid did timely, professional and thorough site visits and each completed three due diligence reports. Carol Schirmacher provided invaluable support to the committee.

Background. Rotary Club of San Jose has allocated \$130,000 for distribution in FY 2007-008 to local nonprofit organizations who meet the Club's *Community Grant Guidelines*. This year the Club increased the maximum individual grant award from \$5,000 to 10,000. The Contributions Committee received requests totaling \$181,300.00.

Condition of these recommendations. The recommendations below are made on the condition that the Club will distribute \$130,000 in this cycle and thereby eliminate a second Spring Cycle 2. The Committee voted to adopt this approach (which had been used originally by the Club). If we had scaled the requests to distribute only \$65,000 this cycle we concluded that either the grant awards would have far less impact or the remainder for a second cycle would cause us to again award diluted grants.

Recommendations. The recommendations this year exemplify Rotary Club of San Jose's broad concern for the community as a whole. Grants are recommended to social services (for youth, elderly, homeless, abused and disabled) as well as the arts and vocational training. Contributions Committee recommends 21 grants for a total of \$130,000 - \$50,000 for 7 Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund Grants and \$80,000 for 14 Community Grants:

<u>Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund</u>	<u>total</u>	\$50,000
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Ballet of San Jose	3,894
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This ballet company and school, a stable of the arts and culture of San Jose, wishes to purchase new computer equipment for the production and costume departments.

Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen	8,000
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This organization serves hot meals five days a week in downtown San Jose to over 150 low income family, children, seniors and the disabled. They wish to purchase a commercial refrigerator and washing machine.

San Jose Stage Company	8,908
<p>This organization enhances the vitality of downtown San Jose through their offering of live theatre. They wish to purchase visual and technical equipment for in-lobby education and marketing. (An additional \$730 will be covered by funds from Community Grants)</p>	
Boys and Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley	4,358
<p>This organization provides crucial services, activities and encouragement to underprivileged children in San Jose. They wish to establish science labs in two sites within the Redevelopment Area.</p>	
CommUniverCity San Jose	7,340
<p>This organization organizes San Jose State University students in community service projects which have included house painting, clean-ups and landscaping of homes in need of attention. It is a partnership among the City, Neighborhoods Initiative area and the University. They wish to purchase multi-media equipment for recruitment and training as well as tools and equipment to support their projects.</p>	
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley	7,500
<p>This organization provides crucial free legal services to the underprivileged and unrepresented. They wish to upgrade their network server and a digital projector to improve their communications with both clients and donors.</p>	
Martha's Kitchen	10,000
<p>This organization feeds the hungry in downtown San Jose and prepares meals for other non-profit organizations such as Salvation Army. They wish to purchase an early warning monitoring system for their walk-in refrigerator in order to safeguard their refrigerated stockpile of food as well as an awning to shade their elderly volunteers.</p>	
<u>Community Grants</u>	<u>total</u> \$80,000
Hospice of the Valley	10,000
<p>This organization provides individuals and their families with dignified end-of-life care. They wish to purchase more three low-air-loss mattresses for patients.</p>	
Silicon Valley Reads	10,000
<p>This organization promotes reading and literacy. They wish to purchase 690 program selected books for distribution to 23 classrooms in San Jose.</p>	

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence	5,139
This organization provides intervention and domestic violence prevention services to low income and ethnically diverse families. They wish to purchase additional beds for an emergency shelter.	
One Step Closer	3,000
This organization provides therapeutic horse-back riding activities to individuals with physical disabilities. They wish to purchase a portable wheelchair ramp which will facilitate horse-back mounting for a disabled person.	
Almaden Valley Counseling Services	1,400
This organization provides a full range of counseling services on a sliding scale to individuals of all ages on a sliding scale. They wish to purchase a computer.	
Sunday Friends	5,000
This organization provides a supportive environment for low-income families to learn and practice social and economic life skills. They wish to purchase portable storage cabinets (which will easily roll out of their larger outdoor storage container located in downtown San Jose) as well as lighting for their storage area.	
San Jose Stage Company	970
(See above wherein all but \$970 is covered by the Partnership Fund)	
Via Services	4,875
This organization helps children and adults with disabilities and special needs through rehabilitation, recreation and education programs. They wish to purchase food preparation equipment, beds, mattresses and guard rails in order to enhance their Camp residential facility.	
American Red Cross	5,000
This organization provides disaster relief and emergency services as well as community disaster preparedness training. They wish to purchase new computer equipment in order to better serve the San Jose community.	
San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art	6,514
This organization strives to make contemporary art accessible through exhibits and art education. They wish to purchase an etching device for artists to use in their new print center.	
Schmahl Science Workshop	9,683
This organization fosters interest in science through hands-on activities and workshops with children. They wish to purchase wireless laptop computers for storing, sharing and analyzing research data.	

Community Technology Alliance	4,827
This organization links and networks information regarding homeless persons so that that community shelter services and programs can be more accessible and effective. They wish to purchase a much-needed photocopier machine.	
San Jose Conservation Corps	8,992
This organization provides vocational training and the opportunity to receive a GED for young adults 18 years and older who were school drop-outs. They wish to purchase an automotive diagnostic tool and other auto shop tools used for hands-on training.	
Family Supportive Housing	4,600
This organization provides temporary shelter and supportive services to homeless families with children. They wish to purchase a computer central file server which can support their disaster support plan and business services.	