

**Contributions Committee  
Grants Report and Recommendations for Funding  
2008-09 Cycle I**

(Approved by Committee November 13, 2008)  
Report by Victor M. Reid, III, Chair Contributions Committee

**The Committee.** John Baird, Chris DiSalvo, Carl Honaker, John Hopkins, Steve Ladowitz, David Cohen, Lisa Jafferries, and Mel Matsushima did timely, professional and thorough site visits and each completed the due diligence reports as requested. Carol Schirmmacher provided invaluable support to the committee.

**Background.** Rotary Club of San Jose has allocated \$130,000 for distribution in FY 2008-2009 to local nonprofit organizations who meet the Club's *Community Grant Guidelines*. This year the Club's maximum individual grant award was \$10,000. The Contributions Committee received requests totaling \$218,097.00.

**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.

**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 \$130,273 - \$50,000 for Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund Grants and \$80,273 for the Community Grants:

<u>Rotary/City of San Jose Partnership Fund</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
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<b>Arts Council Silicon Valley</b>	2,500
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This organization provides professional arts instruction to students within The Alternative Schools Department of Santa Clara County Office Of Education, including group homes, drug treatment facilities and juvenile hall through the program ArtsConnect. They are requesting funds to purchase art supplies for their program ArtsConnect.

<b>Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society</b>	4,452
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Their organization's mission is "To preserve, to enjoy, to restore and to foster public awareness of native birds and their ecosystems, mainly in Santa Clara County" The funds are needed to provide students and volunteers with Binoculars, Field Bags, Field Guilds, and a Windbreaker for inclement weather.

<p><b>City Lights Theatre Company of S.J.</b></p> <p>City Lights mission is to “create innovative, engaging, and accessible theatre that brings audiences and artists together in an intimate vital, and inspiring experience.” The purchase of much needed upgrades and additions to its present lighting systems. The components include lighting instruments, frames shutters, cables and connectors. (An additional \$3,077 will be covered by funds from Community Grants)</p>	<p>384</p>
<p><b>Hospice of the Valley</b></p> <p>Their goal is to help those who have a terminal illness to live their last days Fully and with dignity that comes with choice. These funds would allow them to purchase 262 comfort kits for the end-of-life pain management. Comfort kits contain pain and discomfort relieving drugs and are provided to all of their patients.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p><b>Assistance League of San Jose</b></p> <p>This organization serves the city of San Jose and their mission is to improve the quality of life for those in need through our philanthropic programs. The funds will be used to provide 450 school uniforms for children attending Washington, Olinder, and Lowell Schools.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p><b>Youth Science Institute</b></p> <p>This organization’s mission is “To inspire enthusiasm for science and a love of learning.” The need is for equipment to be specifically used in the teaching of various subject areas including biology, chemistry, physics, botany, zoology and other earth and space sciences.</p>	<p>4,995</p>
<p><b>Reading Partners</b></p> <p>This organization specifically provides children with the individual attention they are unable to receive in a classroom where the students to teacher ratio average is so large. The funds requested is to purchase furniture for two new reading Centers.</p>	<p>2,500</p>
<p><b>San Jose Repertory Theatre</b></p> <p>This organization provides a theatre experience to the people of San Jose. They wish to purchase new wireless backstage communication system since their current equipment is outdated and worn out.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p><b>Next Door Solution to Domestic Violence</b></p> <p>This organization provides shelter for individuals who are victims of domestic violence. They are requesting funds to rewire one of their emergency shelters since it is presently a safety and health hazard.</p>	<p>5,196</p>

Community Grants

total

\$80,273

**Stroke Awareness Foundation** 5,155

This organization's function is to make the public aware of the danger of strokes. With these funds they will purchase four educational banners for the foundation. They will be displayed on various locations within our local community.

**Junior Achievement Foundation** 5,323

This organization serves the student population of our community in inspiring and preparing them to succeed in today's work force. These funds requested will purchase three laptops, flat panel monitor, and a docking station.

**HOPE Services** 7,500

This organization provides a full range of human services to address the evolving life-long needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. They wish to purchase and install new carpet in the Senior Center located at the Donald Whittier Center in San Jose.

**Hillel of Silicon Valley** 4,643

Hillel provides opportunity for the campus community to learn more about Jewish culture and for Jewish students to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity. They are requesting funds to purchase an updated version and support of DonorPerfect, a software package that allows integrated tracking of potential donors as well post-donation management funds.

**Services for Brian Injury** 5,139

This organization is dedicated exclusively to serving brain-injured individuals at all levels of post-acute rehabilitation. They will use these funds to purchase necessary equipment for their physical and occupational therapy programs.

**Family & Children Services** 5,272

This organization's mission is to build strong, safe, and self-sufficient individuals, families, and communities through mental health prevention services. Their requested funds will go towards the purchase of communication equipment which will strengthen their counseling services between their deaf clients and the staff.

<b>City Lights Theater Company</b>	3,077
(See above wherein all but \$3,077 is covered by the Partnership Fund)	
<b>Valley Medical Center</b>	10,000
This organization is dedicated to the health of the whole community. They are requesting funds to replace the worn out chairs in their tuberculosis clinic waiting room. These chairs have not been replaced in over 15 years.	
<b>Friends of Ryland Pool</b>	10,000
This organization provides public pool services for the 13 <sup>th</sup> street area and are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the pool, including preserving its historical character. These funds will be used to restore the tile on the outside perimeter of the pool.	
<b>Children's Musical Theater S.J.</b>	4,000
This organization strives to meet the need for positive environments for youth and community-based youth theater in San Jose. The funds will be used to acquire materials for a new work deck for CMT's set building in CMT's set shop.	
<b>History San Jose</b>	10,000
This organization aspires to provide innovative national leadership in preserving and sharing regional history by engaging diverse audiences in exploring the varieties of human experience that contribute to the continuing history of San Jose. The funds requested will provide upgrading aging entrance and introduction signage to the Park.	
<b>S.J. Institute of Contemporary Art</b>	5,000
This organization was founded in 1980 with a mission to make contemporary art accessible to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Funding will purchase a high-lumen digital video projector for the ICA Night Movies program, which presents cutting edge digital video artwork in the ICA's front windows.	
<b>Northside Theater Company of S.J.</b>	5,164
This organization's purpose is to present culturally enriching, theatrical opportunities in and around our San Jose community. Their primary activity is to cultivate challenging interpretations of traditional plays that reflect and enhance the nature of our society. Funds requested will provide them with new lighting instruments, a color photo printer and two wireless laptop cards.	