

September 30, 2019

Under different circumstances, this would be "crunch time" at [Gilroy Foundation](#) and we would be putting the finishing touches on "A Day in the Country," Gilroy Foundation's annual fundraiser that supports our programs.

Instead, efforts continue to be focused primarily on the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund and Gilroy Foundation as the "vessel" through which all donations have flowed. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of individuals, families and businesses who are contributing to the Fund and are so very grateful.

Please take a few minutes to catch up with Gilroy Foundation's activities this past month!

FROM THE DESK OF GILROY FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#GILROYSTRONG

The Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund donations and pledges went over the \$1.7 million mark. We continue to be amazed with the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses who are contributing to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund. Thank you so much.

The "Gilroy Garlic Festival Victims Relief Fund Oversight Committee" continues to meet twice weekly to review victim applications. The Committee performs its due diligence in regard to all applications. Gilroy Foundation is committed to helping victims heal as quickly as possible through the established process.

In other Foundation business, we continue to payout scholarship awards to very worthy students who are attending colleges all over California, the Midwest, and the East Coast. The Foundation [Youth Board](#) met for the first time on September 9, welcoming new and returning members, who are excited about their plans for this year, working on grantmaking, volunteering throughout our community and continuing to learn leadership skills.

~Donna Pray

"LIFE IN AND AROUND THE GARLIC KINGDOM"

Journalist, Writer and Photographer, Mark Derry (Gilroy Foundation member) has launched a Facebook Page with an excellent read - an interview with Brian Bowe, Executive Director of the [Gilroy Garlic Festival](#) Association. Find out more @TheGilroyan on Facebook.



A PROUD SUPPORTER OF GAVILAN COLLEGE'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

It truly was a walk down memory lane as guests were able to travel through the decades

recalling the highlights of [Gavilan College's](#) 100 years at the September 7 event on campus.

Gilroy Foundation was a very proud Chrome Sponsor of the Event and we were delighted to be in the company of so many other proud supporters.

We look forward to our continuing collaboration with Gavilan College as we look ahead to 2020 when the first Gilroy Foundation Vocational Career Scholarship will be awarded.



Look who we ran into at the celebration? Former GF Board President and current Gavilan Foundation Treasurer, Frank Angelino, pictured here with our ED Donna Pray.

[ST. LOUISE REGIONAL HOSPITAL](#) HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS

St. Louise Auxiliary has asked us to share details about this October 19th event that will honor the First Responder Heroes in our Community.

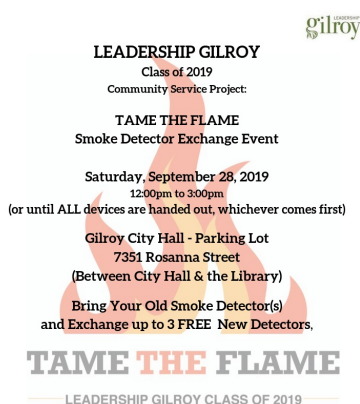
Police Chief Scott Smithee will be on hand to address the guests as will other prominent honorees.

We hope you will be there to support these men and women who mean so much to our community, always but especially following the tragic events of July 28.



FOCUS ON NONPROFIT INVESTMENT PARTNERS OF GILROY FOUNDATION

The September focus will be on our Nonprofit Investment Partner, [Leadership Gilroy](#).



Since their first Leadership Gilroy class in 1998, over 250 graduates have completed the intensive 10-month Community Leadership Program and have exited the program stronger, more skilled, and more connected to their community.

All participants develop vital leadership and team-building skills, gain a deeper understanding of the local community, and forge long-lasting friendships. And they also have a lot of fun along the way!

Leadership Gilroy is a program of the Gilroy Leadership & Education Foundation, a public benefit, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors that is passionate about developing leaders in our community.

The project for the Class of 2019 is "Tame the Flame" a Smoke Detector Exchange Event scheduled for this Saturday, September 28 in the City Hall Parking Lot. Our own Grants and

Marketing Coordinator Roya Wallace is a member of the Class of 2019 and we are very proud of her commitment and excitement--she has learned so much, she reports!

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