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PRESS RELEASE

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Community Foundation of San Joaquin Announces \$177,000 in Community Health Grants to Promote Health Careers and Improve Health Outcomes in the Region

STOCKTON, CA –December 28, 2017– As part of a multi-year, \$2 million dollar commitment towards improving health care services, health outcomes, and medical education in San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties, the Community Foundation of San Joaquin announced \$177,000 in grants to support the work of local nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

“As one of San Joaquin County’s largest philanthropic organizations, we are committed to improving the health of our region by supporting collaborative efforts, innovative approaches, and leveraging matching funds through our Community Health Fund,” said Moses Zapien, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of San Joaquin. “We are proud to support this year’s grant recipients whose work will help move the needle of progress by focusing on ‘growing’ our own healthcare workforce and improving health outcomes in the area.”

This year’s five awardees are nonprofit organizations and public agencies who have backgrounds in: primary, secondary and higher education, workforce development, and medicine. There will be more than 20 other local partnering or participating organizations involved in carrying out the various projects lead by this year’s grant recipients. “Collaboration is quickly becoming the norm rather than the exception in our region,” said Duane Isetti, Chair of the Grants Committee. “This year’s grant recipients demonstrated a strong commitment to growing a healthier community through partnerships with other organizations and leveraging existing resources to have a greater collective impact.” The total amount of matching funds committed from all of the grant recipients this year, was nearly \$130,000.

Community Health Grants were awarded on a competitive basis. 501(c)3 organizations and local public agencies based in San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties were eligible to apply for funding. Requests for funding were reviewed by a Grants Committee and scored based on a rubric.

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2017 COMMUNITY HEALTH FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

University of the Pacific - \$50,000

- For the creation of an endowed scholarship at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to support students from San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties who demonstrate financial need.

San Joaquin Delta College and the San Joaquin Area Health Sector Partnership - \$12,000

- For the creation of a regional health sector partnership to develop a skilled healthcare workforce and support healthcare career pathways for adult learners and people with barriers to employment.

Lodi Unified School District, Adventist Health Lodi Memorial, G.O.T. Kids Foundation, and Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation - \$50,000

- To develop a comprehensive program to instill a fit lifestyle, develop healthcare career interests, and reduce life-threatening obesity to serve elementary school students residing in the Heritage District of the City of Lodi.

Health Careers Academy, Stockton Unified School District - \$50,000

- To fund a full-time, Work-Based Learning Coordinator to support the high school's growing internship program to help prepare students for careers in the healthcare field.

San Joaquin Medical Society - \$15,000

- To support Decision Medicine, a program that exposes high-achieving high school students to the many facets of a career as a physician through personal mentoring opportunities and site visits, with behind-the-scenes access to many diverse clinical settings.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN JOAQUIN

The Community Foundation of San Joaquin is one of the largest philanthropic organizations based in San Joaquin County, with more than \$13 million in assets. The Foundation's mission is to provide leadership, cultivate a culture of giving, and create resources that address the needs of our community. In 2016, the Foundation granted out \$1.4 million to local, regional and national nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.cfosj.org

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH FUND

The Community Health Fund was established in 2017 at the Community Foundation of San Joaquin by a \$2 million grant from the Delta Blood Bank Foundation. The Fund aims to support projects and activities that improve healthcare services, health outcomes, and medical education, in San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties.

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