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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN JOAQUIN AWARDS \$304,000 IN GRANTS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN THE REGION

[Stockton, CA.] -- The Community Foundation of San Joaquin announced that it awarded 16 nonprofits in San Joaquin County a total of \$304,000 from its competitive grants programs – the Community Health Fund and the Brian M. Stocker Fund – to support programs that promote health and wellness in the community. This is the second year that grants have been awarded from the Community Health Fund and the first year grants been awarded from the Brian M. Stocker Fund.

“We are proud to support this year’s grant recipients who share the same commitment we do to improving the health and wellbeing of our region. From cultivating healthcare workers who will stay in the area, establishing and strengthening educational programs that will teach youth healthy eating habits, to programs that support youth recreation, we are excited to see how the 16 organizations will help our community prosper,” says Moses Zapien, CEO and President of the Community Foundation of San Joaquin.

Kay Ruhstaller, Executive Director of Family Resource and Referral Center, speaks on how the \$45,000 grant from the Community Health Fund will help their 2-1-1 San Joaquin program. “The generous funding from the Community Foundation of San Joaquin-Community Health Fund for Family Resource and Referral Center’s 2-1-1 San Joaquin will help improve access to health and disaster response services for residents of San Joaquin County. Residents can call 2-1-1, 24 hours/7days a week, or visit www.211sj.org to be connected to over 550 organizations and 3,232 programs providing housing/shelter, healthcare, health screenings, food, child care, legal services and more. Services are free and confidential.”

Don Miller, Executive Director of The First Tee of San Joaquin—whose organization was a grant recipient of the Brian M. Stocker Fund—stated, “This grant will help create more opportunities in low and moderate income families to participate in a program like The First Tee. This grant will strengthen our reach in the underserved neighborhoods of Sierra Vista, Conway Homes, and The Children’s Home of Stockton, to give these young people the opportunity to participate in the game of golf.”

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2018 Community Health Fund Grant Recipients

HealthForce Partners Northern San Joaquin – \$45,000

- To prepare community residents—particularly underrepresented minorities and low-income individuals—for positions in-demand by healthcare employers by developing career pipelines into the healthcare field through the creation of a regional health-sector partnership.

Family Resource and Referral Center – \$45,000

- To support the utilization of San Joaquin’s 2-1-1 system to increase access to healthcare and prevention services, and reducing barriers to health insurance enrollment among underserved residents in San Joaquin County.

Emergency Food Bank of Stockton – \$25,000

- To address food insecurity and promote better health outcomes by increasing access to healthy foods and providing nutrition education through partnerships with private Child Day Care Facilities within the boundaries of the Stockton Unified School District.

San Joaquin Medical Society – \$20,000

- To support “Decision Medicine/Bridge to Medicine”—programs that expose high achieving, high school students from under-represented backgrounds to careers in the medical field through activities in a variety of clinical settings and mentorship services.

Peer Health Exchange – \$26,500

- To support the implementation of a skills-based health education partnership to train University of the Pacific students to become near-peer health educators to local Stockton high schools.

St. Joseph’s Foundation of San Joaquin – \$25,000

- To keep healthcare professionals in the region by supporting graduate medical education through the development of new Internal Medicine and OBGYN residency programs in San Joaquin County.

St. Mary’s Dining Room – \$2,500

- To support the safe disposal of medication from medical services provided to the homeless of San Joaquin County.

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2018 Brian M. Stocker Fund Grant Recipients

Aspire Public Schools – \$20,000

- To provide greater recreational opportunities for students from South Stockton by promoting the game of soccer through the renovation of Port City Academy’s soccer field into a dual-use field.

Positive Coaching Alliance – \$20,000

- To support teaching positive coaching strategies to improve coaching in youth sports throughout San Joaquin County.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Tracy – \$20,000

- To support a comprehensive health and wellness program whose focus is on promoting healthy eating habits and physical activity for the youth in the City of Tracy.

The First Tee of San Joaquin – \$20,000

- To promote the game of youth golf through a partnership between the Housing Authority of San Joaquin, One.TLC School for the Homeless, and The Children’s Home of Stockton.

Special Olympics Northern California – \$10,000

- To provide greater recreational opportunities for students with disabilities through the expansion of school partnerships with Stockton Unified School District.

Lodi Junior Giants \$10,000

- To promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for diverse communities in the City of Lodi, by providing capital improvements to support the game of junior baseball.

Stockton Rowing Club – \$5,000

- To support the Junior Program Revitalization Project that will provide greater access to opportunities for youth to learn the skill of rowing.

Lodi Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports – \$5,000

- To provide scholarships to underserved youth in the Lodi community to engage in youth sports and provide mentoring services.

Delta Health Care and Management Services – \$5,000

- To support a comprehensive breastfeeding and quality lactation care program for low-income women and their infants.

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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 \$14 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 2017, the Foundation granted out \$868,940 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.

ABOUT THE BRIAN M. STOCKER FUND

The Brian M. Stocker Fund was established at the Community Foundation of San Joaquin through a generous legacy gift from the Brian M. Stocker Estate. The Fund aims to support recreational and wellness programs, and promote healthy living for youth and children in San Joaquin County.

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