



## **PRESS RELEASE** **December 2020**

### **SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** **ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS**

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) recently awarded the following grants to local Sierra Madre organizations:

- The Sierra Madre Playhouse was awarded \$2,500 for the relaunching of its Teen Council program. The program provides local students with a chance to learn directly from working professionals and to develop an expanded understanding of what it means to be a professional artist, artisan or arts administrator. The program is open to any local student in grades 6-12. In 2021, the Playhouse will begin hosting monthly in-person or virtual monthly teen learning/career pathway opportunities.
- Sierra Madre's Creative Arts Group was awarded \$1,800 to support the ImaginArt Program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Sierra Madre Elementary School beginning in 2021. This year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade project theme, "Kinetic Sculpture," combines the curiosity and creativity of children with their natural interest in science and movements.
- Sierra Madre Elementary School was awarded \$926 to purchase 23 eBooks for students in grades K-5. Each of the eBooks will be accompanied by printed versions in a reinforced hardcover edition that will be added to its library collection.
- The City of Sierra Madre was awarded \$500 to support this year's Halloween Happenings activities.
- Sierra Madre Boy Scout Troop 110 was awarded \$500 to support a Sierra Madre student's Eagle Scout project to revitalize the Sierra Vista Park Basketball Court in 2021.

So far in 2020, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation has provided grants totaling \$14,150 to support local civic and community organizations, as well as Sierra Madre residents and businesses. Other SMCF grants awarded this year include: Sierra Madre Library Bookmark Contest (\$300) and the City of Sierra Madre Mt. Wilson Trail Race Kids Fun Run (\$1,225), which has been postponed until 2021.

Additionally, in response to the devastating affects of the COVID Pandemic on our community, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation also provided grants to the City of Sierra Madre's Senior Meal Program (\$4,500), Sierra Madre Thrives (\$400), and Sierra Madre families in need (\$1,500).

"During these unprecedented and difficult times, we are thrilled to continue our support of local organizations and Sierra Madre families," said Edward Garcia, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation Chairperson. "Through the generous giving of local residents, combined with the oversight by our local volunteer board, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation is proud to help our unique community through this difficult period."

Sierra Madre Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization singularly devoted to Sierra Madre. The SMCF solicits donations to enable it to support and enhance the Sierra Madre community by making direct grants, both large and small, to civic and local organizations that might otherwise be overlooked. In addition, the SMCF assists other Sierra Madre community groups in the collection and distribution of their funds that enables ongoing program support and continued operations.

To contribute to Sierra Madre Community Foundation and its support for Sierra Madre activities and programs, please visit [sierramadrefoundation.org](http://sierramadrefoundation.org) or send your tax-deductible donation to: Sierra Madre Community Foundation - P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.

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