

MendoCo Announces Community Recovery Fund Grant Ceremony Plans

\$261,000 in grants to be disbursed among 15 community and nonprofit organizations serving Santa Rosa, Potter Valley, and Redwood Valley.

UKIAH, Calif. (May 18, 2018) – The Mendocino Family of Companies announced plans today for two grant ceremonies next month that will recognize and award grants from the **Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund**.

A group of 15 organizations serving youth, elderly, animals, and educators were selected for this round of grants. Projects were chosen for support based on their impact on local communities and an emphasis on rebuilding community services that are not covered through FEMA or insurance claims. **A total of \$261,000 will be given to the various organizations.**

“With more than half of a year separating us from the firestorm, we are excited to see the results of our fundraising effort start to go out in the most impacted communities” said Bob Mertz, CEO. “We are thrilled to see the breadth and generosity of contributions to this fund maximizing our matching funds. With this first round of grants we hope this brings a bit of normalcy back to areas most impacted.”

The first event will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Mendocino Redwood Company in Ukiah. Organizations to be honored at this event include:

Arts Council of Mendocino County

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

North Coast Opportunities

Potter Valley Youth & Community Center

Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians

SAFER: Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue

The second event will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Mendocino Forest Products Company in Santa Rosa. Organizations to be honored at this event include:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County

Earle Baum Center for the Blind

Friends of ArtQuest, Inc.

Humane Society of Sonoma County

Jewish Community Free Clinic

Lomi Psychotherapy Clinic

Santa Rosa High School Agricultural Program

Social Advocates for Youth

Vintage House Senior Center

The **Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund** was established by the Mendocino Family of Companies through the Community Foundation of Mendocino County to support community restoration for youth, elderly, educators, emergency workers, and animals affected by the devastating Nuns, Redwood Valley, and Tubbs fires. Every dollar contributed to the Fund **will be matched up to \$400,000** by the Mendocino Family of Companies and distributed in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties.

Funds will be disbursed by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County via an independent committee, until the fund is exhausted. To ensure each donation directly benefits the community, the Mendocino Family of Companies will also pay all related administrative and promotional costs to manage the fund.

To donate to the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund, please visit <http://bit.ly/forward-together>.

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