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## ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ SUPPORTS SEVEN AREA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH GRANT PROGRAM

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** - The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Board of Directors recently awarded \$6,750 in grant funds to seven area nonprofit organizations through its Benevolence and Grants Committee. Funded grant amounts ranged from \$500-\$1,500.

The list of recipients includes:

- Expressivo provides affordable concert experiences to Seniors.
- Hope's Closet distributes baby, toddler and youth clothing, blankets, shoes, and more to families in need.
- Kid Power provides programs directed to children and youth to solve problems including bullying, harassment, abuse, and assault.
- Kuumbwa Jazz provides music education and features an Honors Band made up of high school musicians with a focus on community performances.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey proves hands-on science education to 4th-6th graders through a field trip on a 65-foot catamaran.
- Santa Cruz Art League supports artists in Santa Cruz through its after-school youth program and annual high school show.
- Young Writers builds writing skills and confidence in Santa Cruz County students in grades 4-12.

The Benevolence and Grants Committee awards grants on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply and can find details at on the Santa Cruz Rotary website: <a href="mailto:goo.gl/E8JwGk">goo.gl/E8JwGk</a>.

Rotary International is one of the world's largest community service organizations, with more than 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs work to improve lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge. For more information visit <u>santacruzrotary.com</u>.

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