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Photo for Submission: Santa Cruz Rotary President Bob Bosso presents check to Patrice Maginnes, director of Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - Earlier this month, the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Board of Directors awarded \$5,500 in grant funds to four area nonprofit organizations through its Benevolence and Grants Committee. Funded grant amounts ranged from \$1,000-\$2,000.

The list of recipients includes:

- BirchBark Foundation - creates a safety net and provides veterinary services for struggling families who cannot afford critical veterinary care for their pets.
- Habitat for Humanity - builds decent, affordable homes and provides home ownership opportunities to qualified families who live and work in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
- St. Francis Catholic Kitchen - provides food, clothing, shelter, and new opportunities to those in need.
- Vista Center - empowers individuals who are blind or visually impaired to embrace life to the fullest through evaluation, counseling, education and training.

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 on the Santa Cruz Rotary website: https://bit.ly/SCRotary_Grants.

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The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets on Fridays at 12:30pm at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge, 150 Jewell Street in Santa Cruz. For more information visit santacruzrotary.com.

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