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### **Community Health Trust Announces 2023-2024 Grant and Scholarship Recipients**

**[Watsonville, California, June 6, 2023]** The Community Health Trust of Pajaro Valley (CHT) recently awarded \$225,000 in grants to 15 local organizations whose work aligns with CHT's Strategic Plan of Building Health Equity and Increasing Wellness in the Pajaro Valley.

The Grants Review Committee of Community Health Trust is pleased to have received 39 applications for the 2023-2024 grant cycle, which resulted in a highly competitive pool of applicants. Ultimately, 15 community-based organizations were selected and awarded \$15,000 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

CHT also distributed \$36,000 in scholarships to Pajaro Valley Unified School District for students aspiring to pursue careers in the field of health and human services, including Public Health, Behavioral Health, Clinical Professions, and Environmental Health. A total of 42 students were selected to receive a scholarship on behalf of CHT ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

"We are proud to support these organizations and students whose work and career paths align with our mission of building health equity and increasing wellness in the Pajaro Valley," DeAndre' James, Executive Director of CHT. "We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our community's health and well-being."

### **2023-2024 Grant Cycle Recipients**

Acupuncturist Without Borders

County Park Friends

Family Service Agency of the Central Coast

Farm Discovery at Live Earth

Girls Incorporated of the Central Coast

Hospice of Santa Cruz County

Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services

Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower

Life Lab

NAMI Santa Cruz County

Teen Kitchen Project

The Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County  
United Way of Santa Cruz County  
Vista Center for the Blind and Visually *Impaired*  
Watsonville Family YMCA

**PVUSD Scholarship Distributers**

Aptos High School  
New School Community Day High School  
Pajaro Valley High School  
Watsonville High School  
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Education

**About Community Health Trust of Pajaro Valley:** Founded in 1998 and serving a tri county area, the Community Health Trust is recognized for its leadership as a convener in the South Santa Cruz County area. CHT is motivated to foster an equitable Pajaro Valley with health, wellness and a full quality of life for all through access to resources, activities, and choices that help prevent illness and improve quality of life.

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