

Press Release

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DONATION TO LIVE OAK NUTRITION ADDRESSES MEALS CRISIS IN LOS GATOS

The Los Gatos Foundation for Older Adults to Thrive announced today a \$35,000.00 grant to the Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center to address a significant shortfall in funding for senior meals in Los Gatos. The funds for the grant were donated by SASCC, the Successful Solutions & Community Consulting organization, to avert a crisis in providing hot meals to seniors at the Los Gatos Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center. The grant presentation will be made on Friday, March 1 at 11:00 am at the Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center, located at the Los Gatos United Methodist Church, 111 Church St., Los Gatos, CA.

“We are so excited that through this grant meals can continue to be provided five days a week for seniors in need” said Tom Picraux, board president. Food insecurity has greatly increased since the pandemic. Currently Santa Clara County funding for the meals program covers 53 meals per day, whereas Live Oak is serving an average of 80 meals each day. This grant addresses the current crisis to allow time needed for a long-term solution. The Foundation will collaborate with SASCC and Live Oak Senior Nutrition to do advocacy and to develop sustainable funding for this vital meals program for seniors.

Live Oak Senior Nutrition director, Kathy Mlinarich, says “So many seniors have shared touching stories about how these meals and the opportunity for socialization have helped lift them out of depression. Several say that this program has, quite literally, saved their lives. For too many, this is the only substantial meal they receive all day.”

"Ensuring the well-being of our older adults requires a collective effort and sustained investment in essential programs. We hope local jurisdictions and service providers can continue to collaborate to keep this important service thriving well into the future", said Tylor Taylor, executive director of SASCC.

The Foundation is delighted to be able to collaborate with SASCC in supporting the urgent need to address the shortfall in meals for seniors in the greater Los Gatos area.

Organization descriptions:

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The Los Gatos Foundation for Older Adults to Thrive organization's mission is to create a new Los Gatos Intergenerational Community Center with dedicated space for older adults, and to provide support and advocacy for an age-friendly community where older adults are engaged, valued and provided equitable opportunities to thrive.

Formerly known as the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council, Successful Aging Solutions & Community Consulting (SASCC) is a nonprofit service provider and community consultancy that offers an integrated suite of programs for older adults, and guides local government and institutional efforts to build Age-Friendly communities.

For more information see: <https://lgthrive.org> and <https://www.sascc.org> .
