

News Release

Sunnyvale Community Services Receives \$100,000 Google Grant Funds to Support a year of Wrap-Around Housing Case Management

Sunnyvale, Calif. November 15, 2018 – Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) (<u>www.svcommunityservices.org</u>) announces a \$100,000 grant from Google to support Wrap-Around Housing Case Management for families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The grant will fully fund one year of staffing for a housing case manager.

"It's wonderful to see Google and other Sunnyvale businesses support our community, said Sunnyvale Mayor Glenn Hendricks. "Sunnyvale Community Services is an essential safety net organization, and donations like this enable them to extend their reach and expand their services to help the most vulnerable in our local community."

"The housing crisis is not new, but the intensity and relentlessness of need continues to mount for low-income residents in Sunnyvale," added SCS Executive Director Marie Bernard. "As we advocate for long-term housing solutions, SCS will continue to be the first door for people in our local community to come to for financial aid, food, referrals, and case management. Google's generous donation will enable us to assist 48 families in urgent need."

"Google understands the importance of investing in housing solutions in our communities," stated Javier Gonzalez, Public Policy Lead for Google in the South Bay. "Sunnyvale Community Services provides vital services to our neighbors in Sunnyvale and we're proud to invest in their mission of supporting families faced with housing challenges."

About Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS)

Sunnyvale Community Services (www.svcommunityservices.org) was founded by volunteers in 1970 to provide food, personal necessities and holiday gifts to low-income local residents. In the 1980s, SCS helped form Santa Clara County's Emergency Assistance Network, which provides a safety net for low-income residents of Santa Clara County. Currently, SCS serves all of Sunnyvale, the Alviso community of San Jose, and homeless people. Last year, more than 8,700 people received one or more SCS services.

SCS collaborates with dozens of agencies throughout the county and is supported by more than 2,500 volunteers annually, enabling the leverage of its resources for maximum benefit to those served. Eighty-nine percent of its budget goes directly to services for those in need.

SCS has received the top 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator for seven consecutive years and is rated a GuideStar Exchange Platinum Participant. For more than two decades, the nonprofit has received the highest funding award from the City of Sunnyvale.

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