

Kaiser Makes Large Donation to Help Grief Victims

August 21, 2019 - (SAN JOSE, CA) Bill Wilson Center, a leader in homeless services for youth and young families in Santa Clara County, has received a \$50,000 donation from Kaiser Permanente to support BWC's Centre for Living with Dying program's efforts in providing grief support services in the aftermath of mass shootings in Gilroy and throughout the country.

After the Gilroy Garlic Festival tragedy, Kaiser Permanente wanted to help the community by supporting an organization that would provide wide emotional support to the Gilroy community.

"Many of us at Kaiser Permanente are deeply shaken by this event, which struck so close to home, and that many in the community share our grief and sorrow over this terrible act of violence. It touched the lives of our members, our staff, and those at the festival," said Irene Chavez, Senior Vice President and Area Manager of Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center and Gilroy Medical Office. "We understand that collaboration and partnership is what it will take for our community to heal which is why it was important to support the work of the Bill Wilson center and its Center for Living with Dying who will continue to provide emotional support for the residents of Gilroy and many others."

Part of Kaiser Permanente's mission is to improve the health of the communities where it works. Kaiser Permanente has provided medical care in Gilroy since 1986.

BWC's Centre for Living with Dying provided grief counseling services to nearly 1,000 individuals since the shootings.

About Bill Wilson Center

Founded in 1973, Bill Wilson Center is a nonprofit community-based organization serving more than 35,000 clients annually through its counseling and housing programs, crisis hotlines and street outreach in Silicon Valley. It is the mission of Bill Wilson Center to support and strengthen the community by serving youth and families through counseling, housing, education, and advocacy. The vision is to end youth and family homelessness in Silicon Valley.

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