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Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County Announces Support from Google.org to Improve After-School Learning Program for Underserved Students

San Jose, CA (March 2, 2018) – Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, the leading multi-service agency serving individuals and families in need for more than 62 years, and Google.org, the philanthropic team of Google, Inc., will announce a grant to support STEM work at Anne Darling Elementary on Friday, March 2, 2018.

The grant will help improve Catholic Charities' CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning) STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program. CORAL is a K-8 expanded learning program that focuses on improving academic achievement through literacy and homework support. The program seeks to improve the academic achievement of local youth through out-of-school programs that involve students, families, schools, and community-based organizations. It is offered at 22 sites across San Jose, California.

Since 2003, Catholic Charities has been addressing the learning gap among Santa Clara County's most under-resourced students. "We serve nearly 3,000 children each day in our after-school programs located in the most disadvantaged areas of San Jose. Participating in CORAL can change the trajectory of these students' lives," said Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. "But we need new tools and partners to prepare them for jobs in Silicon Valley. This grant from Google will make a huge impact for the students."

Google is supporting Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Santa Clara County's largest multi-service agency, for the first time. "Google has a long history of powering change through its technology, human capital, and funding. Supporting Catholic Charities, a respected change-agent serving so many families, helps us maximize our impact," said Adrian Schurr, Google.org's Bay Area Giving Manager.

You are invited to the joint announcement event on March 2, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Anne Darling Elementary School, 333 N 33rd St, San Jose.

About Google.org

Since 2005, Google.org has worked to extend the reach of nonprofit innovators and connect them with a unique blend of support that includes funding, tools, and volunteers from around Google. These innovators are the believers-turned-doers who have made the biggest impact on

the communities they represent, and whose work has the potential to produce meaningful change that can scale. Though each nonprofit's project poses a fresh challenge, we ask the same question every time: "How can we bring the best of Google to power their work and accelerate their progress?" Google.org has focused on three areas: helping organizations connect people to jobs and opportunity; support innovators fighting racial bias and advancing justice for all; and supporting nonprofits creating a quality education for everyone.

About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-reliance for the poor and vulnerable in the county for more than 62 years. Each year, more than 500 employees and 1,000 volunteers serve more than 38,000 individuals of all cultures and beliefs through 34 programs at more than 80 sites. Program areas include behavioral health, youth and family services, economic development, employment, financial education, supportive housing, immigration legal services, in-home and long-term care, older adult services, refugee resettlement, refugee foster care, and more. Catholic Charities is working to reduce poverty with social change goals that target the alleviation, prevention, and reduction of poverty in our communities. Learn more at www.catholiccharitiesscc.org.

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