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The Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula, Inc. Awards Community Grants to Art in Action and Rosalie Rendu Center.

Menlo Park - June 29, 2020 - The Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula, Inc., an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, awarded a total of \$93,112 to Art in Action and Rosalie Rendu Center.

Art in Action was awarded \$85,000. The grant deepens the current partnership between AiA and the Junior League and will be renewed for three years. With this exciting partnership, AiA will expand their work with girls in East Palo Alto through an in-depth speaker series, mentorship program, and STEAM lesson development. This grant will allow AiA to develop a full line of STEAM curricula including digital lessons that will be brought to schools nationwide. AiA will be partnering with the Junior League to increase the impact of both organizations in the local community. Plans include showcasing STEAM lessons at local STEAM festivals, collaborating on the creation of a community mural, and packaging art kits for under-resourced schools in the area heavily impacted by distance learning challenges.

Rosalie Rendu Center was awarded \$8,112. This grant will support keeping the children of the Center's families who attend elementary and middle school on track with coursework. With the Center's Family Educational Enrichment Program on hold due to COVID-19, the Rosalie Rendu Center will be piloting a new tutoring program that matches college and high school students to younger children from the Center's families. The Center will offer the tutors a stipend for successfully tutoring a younger student and a letter of recommendation for their college applications or job search extolling their successful tutoring of the younger students.

Community Grant Awards are given in response to critical community needs to fund new programs, specialized training, capital expenditures, and general operating funds. Programs that requested funding were required to align with the League's current focus area of

empowering girls to be Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) leaders of tomorrow, and a portion of the grant must have the potential to benefit individuals or groups within the JLPA•MP service area

Since launching our community focus area of empowering girls to be STEAM leaders of tomorrow in 2016, the JLPA-MP has contributed over \$362,000 in strategic and program grants to our community partners to make a lasting and measurable impact to develop the next generation of female STEAM leaders.

About the Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula, Inc.

The Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula, Inc. (JLPA•MP) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The JLPA•MP serves the Peninsula communities of Atherton, Belmont, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, Stanford, Sunnyvale, and Woodside, and invites women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism to join our ranks. For more information, visit www.thejuniorleague.org.

About the Grant Recipients:

To learn more about the recipients of the Junior League 2019-2020 year community grants, please check their websites:

Art in Action: <https://artinaction.org/>

Rosalie Rendu Center: <https://www.rosalie-rendu-center.org/>