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Diane & Lee Brandenburg Donate \$100,000 to Help YMCA Expand Programs in East San Jose

San Jose, Calif. – East Valley Family YMCA is proud to announce that it will be expanding its youth development programming in East San Jose in order to serve more families in need thanks to a generous \$100,000 gift from local philanthropists Diane and Lee Brandenburg.

“I’d like to extend my deepest thanks to Diane and Lee for their ongoing support of the Y and for helping us meet the growing need for quality youth programs in our community,” said Debbie Vasquez, Executive Director of East Valley Family YMCA. “As a result of their generosity, we will be able to provide even more East San Jose students with opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.”

In particular, the Brandenburgs’ generous gift will:

- Fund scholarships for 70 additional East San Jose children to attend YMCA camps and programs this summer.
- Provide additional funding that, when combined with state and federal grants, will fully subsidize the cost of the Y’s after school program at L.U.C.H.A. Elementary School for 50 students for the entire 2015-16 school year.
- Make it possible to launch a new 6-week Summer Achievers program in East San Jose during the summer of 2016.

These programs are key components of the Y’s ongoing efforts to close the academic achievement gap and ensure that all students have a safe place to go when school is out. In particular, the Y’s Summer Achievers engages students from low-income families in a full-day of fun and enriching activities, including 2½ hours of instruction from a credentialed teacher to help them improve their literacy, math, and science skills.

“Lee and I feel truly blessed that we are able to support the YMCA at this point in our lives,” said Diane Brandenburg. “We believe in the mission of the YMCA - to reach out to all youth in our community and work with them to develop the tools they will need to become future leaders in our world.”

The Brandenburgs’ gift is targeted towards helping the Y serve more East San Jose families in need, with a particular emphasis on those who reside in City Council District 5.

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"On behalf of the City of San Jose and the residents of East San Jose, I'd like to express great gratitude to Diane and Lee Brandenburg for their immense generosity directly impacting our community," said San Jose City Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, who represents East San Jose / District 5. "Thanks to their donation, East Valley Family YMCA can continue to enrich the lives of our youth and families. In many instances these youth programs become the lifeline to many of our at-risk youth in East San Jose and give them a second chance at survival. So for that, I am very thankful and honored to witness such generosity."

As a non-profit organization, the Y raises funds every year to help ensure that its programs and services remain accessible to all members of the community, regardless of income. Last year, more than 15,000 individuals throughout Silicon Valley were able to participate in YMCA programs and services as a result of the Y's financial assistance program.

For information about the East Valley Family YMCA's wide array of programs, including its 2015 summer programs and L.U.C.H.A. Elementary after school program, please call (408) 715-6500 or visit <http://www.ymcasv.org/eastvalley/index.html>.

To learn how you can support critical programs in our community and help the Y serve more families in need, please visit: <http://www.ymcasv.org/association/html/giving.html>.

About East Valley Family YMCA and YMCA of Silicon Valley

East Valley Family YMCA is a branch of the YMCA of Silicon Valley that has been serving East San Jose, Evergreen and Milpitas for more than 40 years. East Valley Family YMCA operates a full-service health and wellness facility, located at 1975 S. White Road in San Jose, and also offers a variety of programming at locations throughout the community. For more information on East Valley Family YMCA, please visit: www.eastvalleyymca.org.

YMCA of Silicon Valley is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves 200,000 members and participants across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties — regardless of age, income or background — through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The organization collaborates with 150 community partners and delivers programs and services at 10 health and wellness facilities, a resident camp and more than 350 school and community sites. Through public, private and government support, YMCA of Silicon Valley provides nearly \$14 million each year in financial assistance and program subsidies to enrich the lives of children, adults and families who otherwise could not afford its services. For more information, please visit www.ymcasv.org.

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