



The Children's Support League presents a \$5000 check to Grateful Gatherings as part of the proceeds from the CSL Heart of the Home Tour in April. Pictured are CSL Tour Co-Chair Brooke Hauch (left), Donna Somerville, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Grateful Gatherings, and Melanie Wallace, CSL Tour Co-Chair.

Children's Support League gives \$190,000 in grants to local non-profits

Children's Support League has released the list of local agencies that are receiving grants from the proceeds of CSL's 30th anniversary Heart of the Home Tour in April this year.

"We are thrilled to be able to grant \$190,000 to 23 agencies that help at-risk children in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties," said Melanie Wallace, CSL Tour Co-Chair. "We are grateful to everyone in our community who supported CSL's 30th anniversary."

"We especially want to thank our owners, who graciously opened up their homes for the tour, as well as our underwriters and donors," said Brooke Hauch, CSL Tour Co-Chair. "Our tour could not succeed without this local community support."

With the 2018 grants, CSL has donated in excess of \$3.8 million in grants to support at-risk children in the 30 years it has been raising funds through the annual Heart of the Home Tour.

A complete list of the grantees and the work they do with children in the community can be found on the CSL website www.ChildrensSupportLeague.org.

One of the agencies that received a grant from CSL this year is Grateful Gatherings, an orga-

nization providing new and gently used furniture and household goods to low-income families who are transitioning out of homelessness, crisis, and poverty. The CSL grant will fund new children's bunk beds, trundle beds, and new mattresses.

"We are delighted to be able to help fund the important work Grateful Gatherings is doing to help families get a new start," said Lillis Stern, Children's Support League Grants Chair.

"Every family we serve is sleeping on floors or air mattresses. This grant will help us buy beds for parents and bunks for kids. I wish you could experience the joy of seeing a child dive into their own bed after months and sometimes years of sleeping on a floor, and the look of relief on moms' faces when they see it," said Donna Somerville, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Grateful Gatherings.

CSL is already planning for next year's Heart of the Home Tour, which will be held the last weekend in April 2019. Membership is open and volunteers are always welcome. Those who are interested are encouraged to write to info@ChildrensSupportLeague.org or call 510-338-4521.