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**VALERO BENICIA REFINERY AWARDS \$300,000 IN GRANTS  
TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES**

**Benicia, Calif.** – The **Valero Benicia Refinery** announced today in a presentation ceremony held at the Benicia Veteran's Memorial Building that **26 charities**, nominated by refinery employees, will be the recipients of **grants totaling \$300,000**. The funds were raised through the 2016 Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic, held in San Antonio, Texas, last April.

"The charities being honored today represent truly remarkable organizations that protect children and help them thrive," said Vice President and General Manager Don Wilson. "Since 2001, the Benicia Refinery, through the Valero Energy Foundation, has participated in this special day of focus on children. Locally, we have awarded nearly \$5 million in Benefit for Children grants through this employee-nominated grant process."

The 2016 Benefit for Children Golf Classic, together with the PGA Valero Texas Open, **raised a record \$10.5 million** for charity. Valero's title sponsorship of the event began in 2002 years ago and it has helped raise more than \$111 million for charity since then, making the tournament among the top charitable fundraisers on the PGA TOUR.

Dollars raised through these events are distributed to locations where Valero has operations; local employees then nominate charities for a possible grant.

"This grant process, from start to finish, is driven by employees and reflects the respect they have for agencies making the most impact on children's lives each year," added Wilson. "I also want to thank our

business partners and sponsors who join with us each year to raise these dollars in support of children and the charities who advocate for them.”

The 26 grant recipients selected by Valero Benicia Refinery employees for 2016 are:

**Bay Area Crisis Nursery – \$15,000**

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery helps prevent child abuse and child neglect by providing supportive services to families who are in stress or crisis. The services are free, confidential and voluntary, and can include 24-hour residential care.

**Benicia Ballet Theatre– \$10,000**

This grant will assist students from economically disadvantaged families by providing scholarships and it will promote outreach programs to under-represented communities.

**Benicia Community Action Council – \$25,000**

The Benicia CAC provides children of low-income families many resources and services, including the opportunity to attend summer camp. In Benicia, the CAC is the one-stop center for family support.

**Benicia Education Foundation – \$20,000**

This grant will support the College and Career Planning initiative of the Benicia Unified School District to ensure students have a path to succeed in life.

**Benicia Historical Museum – \$10,000**

This grant supports the education programs of the museum, including the docent-led, hands-on history activities at the museum, as well as the Traveling Trunks Exhibit Program that brings the museum to the classroom.

**Benicia Little League – \$10,000**

The League’s Challenger Division – its players and its fields – will benefit from this grant through scholarships and field safety upgrades.

**Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante – \$15,000**

Serving youth ages 7 to 18, the Club offers after school and weekend enrichment programs to help children succeed in school and in life.

**Boys and Girls Club of Napa Valley – \$15,000**

The Academy of Robotics and Engineering will be the focus of this grant for the Boys and Girls Club that serves Napa and American Canyon youth.

**Camp Okizu – \$10,000**

Cancer-stricken children have an opportunity to experience summer camp with their siblings and parents through this nonprofit organization. Funds will be put toward the Family Camp Program, a weekend experience where families can take a holiday from cancer.

**Camp Taylor – \$10,000**

Camp Taylor operates free summer camps for children with heart disease. Complete, professional medical supervision is provided so special needs kids can participate in a wide range of traditional camp activities.

**Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County – \$10,000**

Prevention is the key when it comes to child abuse. This grant will support the Nurturing Parent program, one of the many child abuse prevention programs offered through this nonprofit organization.

**Child Haven – \$10,000**

Child Haven provides intensive therapeutic mental health and developmental services for children and their families.

**Child Start – \$10,000**

Child Start serves children ages birth to five in Napa and Solano Counties from families that are economically disadvantaged. This grant supports the Raising a Reader program in Solano County.

**Court Appointed Children’s Advocates of Solano - \$15,000**

CASA of Solano County is a nonprofit organization that advocates for abused, neglected, and other identified children within the court system, with the belief that every child is entitled to a safe and stable home. The need for CASA’s trained volunteers has grown as number of children in foster care, and their length of time in the foster care system, has increased.

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – NorCal Chapter – \$5,000**

This grant will support research and medical treatments for children in the Bay Area.

**East County - SHIFT (Supporting Healthy Individual & Family Transitions) - \$10,000**

This charity works with foster youth and adopted children, many of whom have experienced trauma and abuse. This grant will support the organization’s therapeutic horsemanship program that helps children with disorders and disabilities.

**Friends of Loma Vista Farm – \$10,000**

Loma Vista Farm is a 5-acre outdoor classroom that is much in need of improvements and upgrades for its hands-on educational activities involving plants and animals for children of all ages and abilities. These funds will be toward projects to support the education programs and facilities.

**Harbor House - \$10,000**

Harbor House offers after-school tutoring, a summer camp, youth leadership/job training program, and much more to economically-challenged youth in Oakland. Funds will be used in support of the After-School Enrichment Program.

**Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center - \$7,500**

Horseplay offers a year-round therapeutic recreational horseback-riding program for special needs children. Support for rider scholarships for lower-income mentally, physically and emotionally challenged kids, as well as support for programming needs, will be provided with this grant.

**Junior Achievement – \$7,500**

Junior Achievement programs in Solano County schools help young people prepare for the real world by showing them how to manage money and apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace.

**Reynaissance Family Center – \$10,000**

This residential center in Vallejo serves families and children in transition, including parents and children who are displaced from their home due to domestic partner violence.

**Royal Family Kids Camp - \$10,000**

Royal Family KIDS of Concord provides a free Summer Camp plus an ongoing School-Year Mentoring Program for community children at risk who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected and are in foster care. This grant will help the nonprofit continue its services to at-risk youth.

**SafeQuest Solano – \$10,000**

As a multi-service nonprofit, SafeQuest provides education, advocacy, community training, and intervention services for those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. This grant is in support of the Healthy Youth Relationships program.

**Sea Scout Ship Albatross, Inc. – \$10,000**

This scouting program offers The Crew (youth in the program) a core of knowledge that may be transferrable to the workplace someday, including: safety training, welding, electrical, carpentry, metal fabrication, and priming and painting. The grant will support scholarships for economically challenged youth in this scouting program.

**Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club – \$15,000**

This organization strives to inspire and empower all youth, especially those who need a hand up to become productive, responsible, and caring citizens. This grant will help fund the Power Hour program to drive the academic success of its members.

**VOENA – Voices of Eve'n Angels – \$10,000**

Children from economically challenged families will have the opportunity to participate in one of the country's most successful children's choirs through scholarships offered because of this grant.

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