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Breathe California Golden Gate Receives $50,000 Grant from The Peninsula Health Care District

SAN FRANCISCO, CA- FEBRUARY 02, 2017: Breathe California Golden Gate is pleased to announce that it has received a $50,000 grant from the Peninsula Health Care District’s (PHCD) Community Grants Program. This grant will support Breathe California’s mission to fight lung disease and promote public health.

“PHCD is proud to provide financial support for the 2017 community grant recipients as they work tirelessly to provide services that improve the health and wellness of District residents and empower our community with their impactful, innovative programs,” said PHCD Board Chair Lawrence Cappel, Ph.D.

For 109 years Breathe California has been fighting lung disease, advocating for clean air, and advancing public health through prevention, education, advocacy, and direct services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Breathe California’s Lung Health Education program for youth and families combines the critical asthma education program, All About Asthma, with Breathe California’s youth smoking cessation/awareness raising program to provide direct services to the communities in greatest need within the Peninsula Health Care District’s boundaries.

At the ninth annual Community Partners Awards Ceremony on February 1, 2017, PHCD awarded the 2017 grants to 30 local organizations. In addition, each organization had an opportunity to recognize a key volunteer who helps support their mission and makes a significant contribution to the community. A special certificate was provided for Breathe California’s incredible volunteer, Aaron Lipp, for all of his time and energy spent educating youth about lung disease and raising funds for lung health programs.

“We are excited about the opportunity to partner with PHCD to reach more youth and families with targeted lung health education,” shares Breathe California’s CEO Tanya Stevenson, EdD, MPH. “Low-income communities are disproportionately impacted by poor air quality and high asthma and smoking prevalence, with children at high risk for developing lung disease. Providing preventive health education is crucial for addressing lung health needs of the District.”

Every year, PHCD awards grants to local organizations that address local health priorities and help carry out the vision of the District. Community Grant recipients are chosen based on a review of local health care needs and the evolving priorities of District communities. In 2017, Breathe California is one of 30 local organizations to receive a
grant from PHCD. Since 1996, PHCD has invested more than $50 million to local organizations through the Community Grants Program.

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**About Breathe California Golden Gate:**

Breathe California is dedicated to fighting lung disease, advocating for clean air and promoting public health in our local communities. Since 1908, we have addressed the most serious health threats of our time through grassroots programs that empower individual, institutional and community change for better breathing and healthier living. To learn more, please visit: [www.ggbreath.org](http://www.ggbreath.org).

**About the Peninsula Health Care District:**

Founded in 1947, the Peninsula Health Care District serves the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City by supporting the unique health and wellness priorities of our vibrant Peninsula communities, and safeguarding access to health care services, today and in the future. PHCD fulfills its commitment to the community through oversight of District assets and infrastructure, planning for future health care needs, and investing taxpayer dollars in local health-focused organizations and programs. To learn more about PHCD, visit [www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org](http://www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org).