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Sharks Foundation Awards \$25,000 Grant to Project Access

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., March 15, 2016 – A grant in the amount of \$25,000 has been awarded by the Sharks Foundation of San Jose, California to Orange County-based nonprofit Project Access.

The funds will help support the organization's After-school Tutoring and Enrichment Program conducted for nearly 300 low-income, high-risk youth ages six through 18 living in six apartment communities in San Jose.

The youth receive daily tutoring and homework help, along with enrichment activities to develop socio-emotional skills that foster success in all aspects of life. They also receive daily healthy snacks to help them develop healthy eating habits.

The Sharks Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of underserved youth and families in the community with an emphasis in the areas of education, health and safety, and character development.

The Foundation supplies emergency aid when appropriate, executes unique and relevant programming, supports the advancement of youth hockey, and provides financial support and resources to organizations that enrich the lives of those in need.

"We are honored to receive this generous grant from the Sharks Foundation and will be putting the funds to good use for the youth residing in the San Jose apartment communities we serve," said President and CEO Kathy McCarrell. She said more than 90 percent of the youth participating in the program have demonstrated positive achievement in math and reading.

Project Access operates 60 Family Resources Centers located within affordable housing complexes in California, Colorado and Arizona which provide high-quality after school programming, education assistance, wellness education and financial capacity building. Project Access programs served over 13,000 low-income children, youth and seniors in 2015.

More information is available at www.project-access.org

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About the Sharks Foundation

In 1994, the San Jose Sharks recognized the importance of giving back to the community, which so strongly supports the organization and therefore created the official charity arm of the team, the Sharks Foundation. Each year the Foundation relies on the generosity of individuals in the community who support its efforts to improve the lives of youth and families in Santa Clara County. All monetary donations received are used to fund the Foundation's annual Grant Process and numerous programs. Thanks to those donations, by the end of the 2014-15 season, the Sharks Foundation dispersed nearly \$1.4 million in funding to support the community. Since its inception, the Foundation has been able to distribute nearly \$8.6 million to over 160 non-profit organizations.