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Lafayette Juniors Raise \$50,000 for Charity

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From left, Lafayette Juniors members Alison Crane, Andrea Hilsabeck, Kathy Wilson, Debbie O'Neal, and Kendra Uffelmann. Photo provided

the largest single donation we have ever received from any service group," explained Kathy Wilson, spokesperson for New Day for Children. "This \$25,000 will go toward the education, therapy, and daily care of the girls we are restoring." The Lafayette Juniors also donated \$10,000 to CoachArt and \$5,000 each to Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, and We Care.

For more information on the Lafayette Juniors and this year's beneficiaries, visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.

The Lafayette Juniors raised \$50,000 in the past 12 months for local non-profit organizations - the most money ever raised by the Juniors in a single year in its 60-year history. The funds were distributed May 30 by the Lafayette Juniors in a special ceremony at the Lafayette Community Center to New Day for Children, CoachArt, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, and We Care.

"We would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the year," said Veronique Kuhner, president of the Lafayette Juniors. "Their generosity enabled our beneficiaries to expand the services they provide to children and families in need in Contra Costa and neighboring East Bay counties."

The Lafayette Juniors have a tradition of organizing fundraising events like the Rummage Sale in the fall and Kitchen Tour in the spring for the sole purpose of raising money for selected beneficiaries. This year the Juniors chose New Day for Children as their major beneficiary and donated \$25,000 to support New Day for Children's work with young American girls ages 10-18 who have been the victims of human sex trafficking.

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