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## Lamorinda Village Receives Generous Donation for Orinda Membership Subsidies

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To start off the New Year, Lamorinda Village received a welcome gift from the Orinda Community Foundation - a \$2,000 donation.

The Foundation's mission - "Enhancing the Quality of Life in Orinda" - correlates with the Village mission of supporting Lamorinda residents who wish to remain safe and independent in their homes. From its earliest months of development, the Village has aimed to provide membership opportunities to all, including those who may not be able to afford the standard membership fees. The OCF funding will support Orinda residents who meet the criteria for subsidies.

"We are delighted to receive this grant from the Foundation," said Village founder and president Ruth McCahan. "As we approach the end of our first year in operation, we want to be sure that all members of our community have the opportunity to benefit from the connections and services we offer."

The Subsidized Membership Program is confidential and offered to individuals and couples with an income less than 60 percent of the Average Median Income of Contra Costa County. Without the support that the Village provides, seniors with low income or without local family support are at risk of isolation, lack of medical care, and other assistance.

Lamorinda Village membership is open to residents over age 55 who are living in Lafayette, Moraga, or Orinda. The Village is pursuing grants for subsidized membership for residents of all three communities, in addition to funding to support the growing portfolio of programs and services offered to members. In December the Village was fortunate to receive matching funds from two generous donors, so that donations received in that period were doubled.

For more information about membership to the Village, visit [www.lamorindavillage.org](http://www.lamorindavillage.org) or contact the office at (925) 253-2300.

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