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## SERENO 1% FOR GOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS RESOURCE AREA FOR TEACHING (RAFT) WITH A COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — The Sereno 1% For Good Charitable Foundation awards grants to local organizations actively making a positive difference in the community. This year, the Sereno Willow Glen team voted to award Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT) with a grant worth \$10,000.

“Our Christie’s International Real Estate - Sereno Willow Glen team felt Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT) was the perfect fit for a Sereno 1% For Good Community Impact Grant,” said Sereno Director of Social Impact Kirsty Duncan. “Like RAFT, we also believe every student and educator deserves abundant resources and inspiring materials to support creativity and innovative thinkers.”

Sereno and RAFT have had a collaborative relationship since 2021. Last year, Sereno awarded RAFT with a \$2,000 grant from their 1% For Good initiative. In April 2022, the Sereno Willow Glen team volunteered at RAFT to help prepare and package enough STEAM Project Kits to serve 300 students. Both organizations are passionate about helping the local community and aim to reach educators and students throughout the Bay Area.

“RAFT is pleased to be a grantee of the Sereno 1% For Good Charitable Foundation,” said Nivisha Mehta, RAFT Chief Development Officer. “We look forward to working together to bridge the equity gap through hands-on STEAM learning activities amongst students and educators that need it the most.”

**About Sereno Willow Glen:** California’s #1 independent brokerage firm is now Christie’s International Real Estate Sereno. With 17 offices and 580 agents serving Silicon Valley, the SF Peninsula, Santa Cruz, the East Bay, Lake Tahoe, and Sierra Foothills. The agent-driven [Sereno 1% For Good Charitable Foundation](#) generated over \$3.5 million in charitable donations given to 246 local organizations.

**About Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT):** *Established in 1994 by a local teacher, RAFT's mission is to help educators transform a child's learning experience through hands-on education to one that inspires the joy and discovery of learning. RAFT enables educators to increase instructional minutes in STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) by providing hands-on project kits, design challenges, and professional development. RAFT helps bridge the educational gap amongst underserved students who don't have access to high quality STEAM education and inspires the next generation of innovators, problem solvers, and creators. For more information visit: [raft.net](http://raft.net)*