A generous donor has partnered with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce to provide a monthly contribution to a small business. The anonymous donation has been named The 214 Gift. Each month, a different Chamber member will be presented with a $200 check. This will continue monthly through 2020. The 214 Gift for September was presented to Girls Soccer Worldwide. Pamela Jacobsen and Walter Pratte accepted the donation on behalf of the non-profit organization that empowers girls to rise out of poverty through sports, education, and leadership. Their programs are currently operating in South America and locally in the Bay Area.

In 2016, Girls Soccer Worldwide set out to create opportunities for girls to have access to an equal playing field in South America. Today, they are a Leadership program empowering girls to rise out of poverty through sports and education. They do this by creating opportunities for girls to have access to sports, to stay in school, and gain the leadership skills needed to succeed in life.

In October, they are excited to launch their second Leadership program here in the Tri-Valley, called the Grassroots Leadership Program. This program focuses on girls ages 10-12 and provides them the opportunities to gain the confidence, courage, and character that can be lost at an early age. Creating opportunities for girls to be active and engage in positive conversations is key, especially right now when interactions are at a minimum. Through their sports and leadership workshops, they want to show young girls that they are seen, cared for, and not forgotten.

Walter and Pamela would like to recognize their 2020 Bay Area Ambassadors for Change Leaders. They are leading the way by co-developing and co-facilitating their four-week Grassroots workshop that launched this month. As Girls Soccer Worldwide looks forward to 2021, they will partner with schools in the Bay Area to offer bi-monthly, after-school workshops. Learn more online at www.girlssoccerworldwide.org or visit Girls Soccer Worldwide on Instagram and Facebook.

Purpose
Girls Soccer Worldwide is an organization whose mission is to provide a platform and pathway for girls of all ages, and economic backgrounds to access and achieve their personal and athletic goals by providing creative and immersive learning opportunities. They do this by creating opportunities for girls to have access to sports, to stay in school, and gain the leadership skills needed to succeed in life.

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