**Sourcewise awards 2.7 million in grants to help support Santa Clara County’s most vulnerable**

**San Jose, August 10, 2016:** Sourcewise announces 2.7 million in grants to local non-profit organizations that provide services to vulnerable Santa Clara County community members: low-income seniors, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Twenty-two grants are being awarded in the areas of Adult Day Care/Health, Case Management, Legal Assistance, Transportation, Nutrition, Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Elder Abuse Prevention, and the Ombudsman Program. This marks year 44of the grant program, which focuses on a streamlined approach to service and support systems.

“At Sourcewise, we work with our grantees to maintain and enhance services that are critical to the lives of our client demographic—a rapidly growing group which is projected to account for 25% of our county’s population by 2030,” explains Stephen Schmoll, Chief Executive Officer of Sourcewise.

In a recent comprehensive needs assessment, *The* *Sourcewise 2016-2020 Area Plan on Aging,* the organization highlights its priorities for the next four years:

1. Services associated to access of transportation; health services; case management
2. In-Home Support Services
3. Legal Services
4. Low income seniors, including those falling below the federal poverty line, as well as those above the federal poverty line but below the Elder Economic Security Standard Index
5. Older, primarily minority individuals with limited English-speaking abilities
6. Frail or Isolated older adults
7. Informal (unpaid) caregivers for older adults
8. Seniors experiencing abuse

 “We are confident that the 2017-18 Sourcewise grantees will help strengthen and support quality of life in our community by providing access to services that support independent living,” said Manuel Altamirano.

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Grantees:

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.

Avenidas

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Community Services Agency of Mountain View

Live Oak Adult Day

Respite & Research for Alzheimer's Disease

Santa Clara County

Senior Adults Legal Assistance

The Health Trust

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About Sourcewise:

Sourcewise is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is primarily funded through federal support by the Older American’s Act. The Sourcewise mission is to provide adults and their caregivers the tools and services they need to effectively navigate their health and life options. Through a comprehensive network of resources, Sourcewise strives to educate, prepare, support, and advocate for all adults, their families, and their caregivers within Santa Clara County. Direct programs and services include: Information & Awareness, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy, Meals On Wheels, Senior Employment Services, Care Management, and Public Authority Services by Sourcewise.

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