Mercury readers raise $20K to support Sourcewise Transit Service

**San Jose, March 22, 2018:** Sourcewise, a nonprofit organization that supports adults and caregivers in Santa Clara County, received a $20,000 giftfrom Mercury News 2017 Wish Book readers. The gift will be used to support the Sourcewise Transit Service, a transportation option that assists seniors in South County.

Developed by Sourcewise in response to identified transportation needs of the South County senior community, the senior transit service provides door-to-door rides to seniors who have difficulty with ambulation, are isolated, or do not have other transportation options available.

“I am grateful for the support of the Santa Clara County community, and for Mercury News 2017 Wish book whose yearly donation drive make our community a better place to live through its support of local non-profits,” shared Steve Schmoll, Chief Executive Officer of Sourcewise.

The funds could not have come at a better time, according to Rosie Jimenez, Director of South County. Rosie said, “Since our pilot began in April, the demand for Sourcewise Transit Service passengers has quadrupled.”

The service has made a real impact for seniors living in South County, connecting them with services as well as enhancing individual independence that comes from being mobile. Since the service began in April, the Sourcewise Transit Service has provided 4,564 one-way rides.

The Mercury 2017 Wish Book account is open year round, Contributions to support the Sourcewise Transit Service can be made at http://wishbook.mercurynews.com/2017/source or sent at any time to: San Jose Mercury News Wish Book Fund, 4 N. 2nd Street, Suite 800, San Jose, CA 95113.

Sourcewise is a 501(c)(3) independent nonprofit serving all adults, their families, and their caregivers in Santa Clara County since 1973.

If you are interested in learning more about Sourcewise programs and services, visit www.mysourcewise.com or call (408) 762-7362.

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