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Flowery gets Ledson challenge grant

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STEVE LEDSON joins a few hundred of his best friends during an assembly at Flowery Elementary School.

pitching machine for the Sonoma Valley Girls Softball Association, has previously sponsored the Flowery jog-a-thon, has funded field trips for Prestwood Elementary School and also supports Peter Hansen's video class at Sonoma Valley High School.

"As a resident of the Sonoma Valley, it really pleases me to help fund these local needs," said Steve Ledson, founder of Harmony Foundation and owner of Ledson Winery. "With the economy struggling, and budget cuts everywhere, it is up to foundations like ours to pick up the slack for these kids."

The Harmony Foundation is funded by in-kind donations from the Ledson Family and Ledson Winery, direct donations from the public to the Harmony Foundation and special bottlings of Ledson wines in conjunction with celebrity friends of the foundation including Grammy winning artist Michael McDonald, 49er Hall of Fame receiver Dwight Clark, Academy award winning actor Jeff Bridges and San Francisco Giants' Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda.

The Ledson Harmony Foundation for Children exists to break down the barriers between need and assistance by providing direct financial support to at-risk or in-need youth whose record of personal responsibility, dedication and achievement is imperiled by circumstances or events beyond their control.

The Ledson Harmony Foundation for Children has pledged a \$3,000 matching grant to Flowery Elementary School to fund a fifth-grade field trip to the Marin Headlands.

The foundation, which has funded numerous other programs in the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, will again be sponsoring the Flowery Elementary School jog-a-thon and will match up to \$3,000 of pledges based on laps completed by grades K-5.

Committed to supporting real, identified needs for Valley youth, the Ledson Harmony Foundation has paid for a