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Lafayette Juniors Raise Nearly \$50,000 for Charity

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From left: Melanie Brinkman, Laura Lashinsky, Candy Calhoun, Amy Friedli, Whitney Firestone, and Jenny Shepherd
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foster care system or have recently aged out of care.

"The Lafayette Juniors are a remarkable group of women with the magic combination of compassion and action. Their donation of \$25,000 will be used to give foster kids support right when they are learning to support themselves, including helping them get their first apartment, their first job and continue on with school," explained Valerie Todd, director of major gifts for First Place for Youth. The Lafayette Juniors also donated \$10,000 to STAND!, \$5,000 each to SEED and the Lafayette Library, and \$4,000 to Twin Canyon Camp.

The Juniors are looking forward to continuing this tradition of giving and are now accepting applications from all non-profits in Contra Costa and neighboring counties in the San Francisco Bay Area who serve children, families and seniors. They will select 4 to 5 organizations from the applicant pool to become their 2014-15 beneficiaries. Fundraising for these groups will begin this fall. To obtain an application or learn more about the Lafayette Juniors please visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.

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