

Morgan Hill Library Foundation

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MORGAN HILL, CA – The newly formed Morgan Hill Library Foundation announces the receipt of memorial donations from the family of longtime Morgan Hill Library supporter Georgianna “Doddie” Knopf.

Mrs. Knopf, who died on November 23, 2008, at the age of 91, was a passionate lifelong learner and avid reader. She was a longtime library volunteer through the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. Upon her death, her family asked that memorial gifts be donated to the Friends of the Library. The group’s board of directors, with the approval and support of the Knopf family, dedicated these funds to help start the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, an alliance partner of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, which Mrs. Knopf’s son Roger Knopf helped to found.

“The Knopf family is a great example to others in the community who wish their loved ones to be remembered and associated with something they felt strongly about in their lives,” Morgan Hill Library Foundation president Emily Shem-Tov said. “We are honored that the family chose to donate funds given in Ms. Knopf’s memory to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation. Making charitable donations to honor someone or to celebrate a significant event or milestone is a fantastic way to give back to our community.”

Because the Morgan Hill Library Foundation is an alliance partner of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, donations to the Morgan Hill Library Foundation are tax deductible. In addition, donors can access the trusted philanthropic advice of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation and rest assured that funds are being expertly managed.

“We envision funding major needs like building expansion or extended library hours,” Morgan Hill Library Foundation vice president Lisa

Pampuch said. "We'd love to create an endowment to generate income for the library in perpetuity."

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation's signature event is Silicon Valley Puzzle Day. The fourth annual sudoku and crossword puzzle tournament will be held on Feb. 20 and 21, 2010, at the Morgan Hill Library. Plans for other exciting events are under way.

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation's mission complements the work of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, which focuses on raising funds through used book sales to support short-term needs of the library, such as programs, books, materials, and services that are not covered by the library's regular budget.

The Morgan Hill Library Foundation's mission is to support an endowment to fund capital and large-scale operational needs of the Morgan Hill Library to ensure that the community has access to knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment in state-of-the-art facilities. We accomplish this by encouraging private support through gifts, trusts, government and private foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and bequests. For more information, visit the foundation's web site at <http://mhlif.org>.

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