



CARE

Cloverdale Adds Resources for Education

Supporting Students of Cloverdale Unified School District

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An Open Letter to the Cloverdale Community,

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We are writing to notify you that last week CARE received unfortunate news that our non-profit status has been suspended for 2020 by the IRS due to paperwork errors in past years. They have told us to re-apply for new non-profit status and we have done that and hope that status will be granted by the spring 2021. In the meantime, we wanted to offer to return your donation if you need us to for tax purposes. Please let us know. You can email at cusdcare@gmail.com. We are sorry for the inconvenience, grateful for your generosity and hopeful that your donation would be reinstated for 2021.

Regardless of our 2020 tax status, any money raised for 2020 will be provided to help the students and teachers of Cloverdale Unified School District, as always.

The abbreviated version of CARE's administrative troubles has to do with frequent Board Officer turnover and the numerous disasters our community has experienced in the past 3 years. As a result, mistakes were made by our volunteer organization. We thought the errors would be simple to fix, but after many months of review, the IRS has determined that our path forward is to apply for new non-profit status, not reinstatement. The result is that for the 2020 tax year, CARE is not designated a non-profit organization.

We are determined to continue the good work of the organization in supporting Cloverdale's students and have taken steps to ensure this will not happen going forward: we are filing more detailed tax forms for financial transparency, reviewing the tax filings at the CARE Board by September each year, budgeting for accountant support as part of our annual budget, and seeking Board Officer training for our volunteer team.

All in all, 2020 has been humbling. We will work hard to make sure 2021 is better and we are ready to go when the kids are able to return to school and eager for field trips and enhanced learning.

Please let us know if you need anything from us to correct for these unfortunate concerns in 2020. And thank you for your continued patience and support.

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Sincerely,
CARE Board