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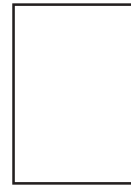
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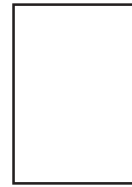
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# Community Foundation

for San Benito County



Spring 2004

## Always a Helping Hand in Time of Need

The San Benito County Chapter of the American Red Cross helps individuals and families recover from, prepare for, and prevent disasters. They are an independent, nonprofit organization that depends upon the generosity of the local community for financial support; they do not receive funds from the American National Red Cross.



*Executive Director  
Kathryn Englehard*

By sending donations directly to the San Benito Chapter, the public can ensure that funds remain here to respond to local emergencies and to teach others emergency response skills. The San Benito Chapter offers courses on CPR, First Aid, Preventing Disease Transmission, Disaster Preparedness,

and Mitigation and Response. They also offer baby-sitting classes for children ages 11-15.

The Red Cross responds to disasters ranging from local house fires, floods, and earth-

quakes, to larger-scale national disasters. Red Cross volunteers provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical assistance, as well as mental health counseling for disaster victims and families. The Red Cross also provides education programs to increase disaster preparedness awareness in the community.

Courses are offered at their office located at 341 Tres Pinos Road, Suite 202-A in Hollister and can be taught at different localities for businesses and groups. For more information or to register for a class, please contact Kathryn Englehard at (831) 636-2100. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm except from 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm. ↗

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## Mission

The Community Foundation for San Benito County is dedicated to building a stronger community and enhancing the quality of life in San Benito County through support of philanthropic activities.

## New Funds

Galaxy All Star Cheer-leading Fund

Friends of the Baler Fund

Bennett/Klein Fund

Bev and Bob Stratton Endowment Fund

Hope for a Cure Memorial Education Scholarship Fund

Leadership San Benito County Fund

Veterans Coalition of San Benito County Fund

Adult Literacy Fund

Grants Fund

Friends of the South East Neighborhood Park Fund

If you would like to set up an individual, family, or organizational fund, please contact the Foundation office at (831) 630-1924. ↗



*Representatives from thirteen non-profit organizations came together and formally launched the Community Foundation Challenge Grant Program.*

## Non-Profits to Meet the Challenge

On April 14, 2004, the Community Foundation Challenge Grant Program for local non profit organizations in San Benito county was formally launched at the Tennis Club facility in Ridgemark. This Program requires each organization to generate a minimum of \$5,000 for endowment funds. The Foundation will match the funds, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, and with the help of generous donors, we have received \$100,000 to use as matching funds for this grand venture.

Thirteen applications were received from local non-profits and, after much review and discussion, it was decided to accept all thirteen applications with the understanding that we will now go out among our fellow donors and ask for an additional \$30,000 to meet the need.

The funds generated during this period are for endowment purposes only, which means that all funds generated by each non-profit will be placed in a Community Foundation Endowment Fund under the name of that specific non-profit organization. Only the interest may be expended; the principle remains

## Participants

**Friends of the San Benito County Free Library**  
est. 1980

This group sponsors exhibits, receptions, and youth programs at the library such as the Kids Club, Live Homework On-line, Summer Reading Program, and various Story Times. They also support adult literacy volunteers, volunteers who staff the library, pro-library legislation at state and national levels, and provide books, supplies, and equipment not funded in the library's budget.

**Pet Friends and Rescue**  
est. 1997

Pet Friends is one of two permanent animal rescue facilities in the county. They provide the community with education programs, spay/neuter programs, assistance with feral cat (TNR) programs, rescue and shelter of homeless dogs and cats and adoption services for those same pets.

**Hollister Youth Alliance**  
est. 1994

This organization was founded to bring peace to our city and rural neighborhoods through educational outreach, leadership devel-

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## Philanthropy Day Honors 45 Nominees

The Community Foundation for San Benito County hosted the third annual "National Philanthropy Day" event on November 14, 2003. This nationally celebrated event is designed to recognize and honor the outstanding efforts of individual members from local organizations. Bernie Furman, President of the Foundation opened the event with a warm welcome to all participants. There were 45 nominees representing 39 local organizations. The 200 plus participants at the luncheon represented 46 non-profit organizations from our community.

- Evelyn Strang—Adult Literacy Program of SBC
- Richard Anderson—American Cancer Society SBC
- San Benito Bank—American Red Cross
- Patty Brown—Aromas-San Juan Unified School District
- Yesenia Rivera—Aspira Foster & Family Services
- Don & Jan Elliot—Community Foundation for SBC
- Maria Arias—Community Pantry
- Celia Sepulveda—Community Services Development Corp.
- Robert Netzly—Crossing the Line Ministry
- Gary Sandifir & Darrin Del Curto—Emmaus House
- Margaret Tortorelli—Fishes & Loaves
- Gloria Volosing—Friends of the SBC Free Library
- Brenda Weatherly—Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay
- Babette Martin—Hazel Hawkins Hospital Auxiliary
- Barbara Nicoara—Hazel Hawkins Hospitals Foundation
- Ofelia Prieto—Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition
- Ruth Erickson—Hollister Airmen's Association
- Sharlene Van Rooy—Hollister Downtown Association
- Angela & Rick Shelton—Hollister Exchange Club
- Mary & Gerald McCullough—Hollister Rotary
- Nellie Fernandez—Hollister School District
- Frances Palmtag—Hollister Sister City Association
- Susan Grace—Hollister Youth Alliance, Inc.
- Susan Paura—Hospice Foundation
- Velma Tiffany—Kinship Center—Gabilan Chapter
- Muree Reafs—Janet Graham Memorial Fund
- Jesus Salcedo—Jovenes de Antaño
- Scott Fuller—SBC Chamber of Commerce
- Adele Pimentel—SBC Free Library
- Norman Dike—SBC Historical Society
- Court Nichols—San Benito Oriana Chorale
- Lupe Maldonado—San Benito Prevention Coalition
- Shirley Sergent—San Benito Stage Company
- Dan Grant—SJB Chamber of Commerce
- Jim Garske—St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Dee Hone—United Way of SBC
- Victor Arranaga & Carol Cody—VNA & Hospice
- Curtis Hill—YMCA of San Benito County

## Non-Profits Receive Grants

One of the services the Community Foundation provides is to help donors direct their charitable gifts to local non-profit organizations in our community. Contributions may be made publicly as well as anonymously and may also be directed to a special area of interest; many choices are available.

Twice a year, the Foundation Grants Committee, consisting of seven active community leaders, invites local non-profits and organizations to apply for a grant. Last Fall the Committee spent many hours reading applications, and after careful consideration, they selected six lucky recipients for the Fall 2003 cycle.



### Donors Make It Possible

During the last three years, the Foundation has granted over \$95,000 to more than 46 non-profit organizations. This is a wonderful way to help local non-profits in San Benito County, and the Foundation wishes to extend a special *Thank You* to each and every one of our donors that make this Grants Fund possible!

- SB Healthy Mothers/  
Babies Coalition  
Health
- Leadership SBC  
Community Enhancement
- Community Pantry  
Human Services
- YMCA of SBC  
Youth Sports
- SB Prevention Coalition  
Youth Education
- Second Harvest Food Bank  
Human Services

### Challenge—from page 1

constant. This program was launched as a beginning venture to assist our local non profits developing a more stable source of income separate from their current donations that are normally expended each year.

Each non-profit has been encouraged to develop a long-range goal for their endowment funds with a monetary goal beyond the first \$10,000. This is a beginning step toward creating a more stable source of income for these organizations to help during lean years, developing more support staff, or creating additional projects for their group. 🐾



*Pet Friends received their Challenge from Foundation President, Bernie Furman. Their 20-year goal is to provide an educational program for over 400 children regarding animal overpopulation.*

### Non-Profits—from page 1

opment, and cultural enrichment programs for "at risk" youth. They are striving to provide the youth with the necessary skills needed to better their lives so they may become more productive members of our society.

### Nan Pipestem Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

est. 1979

Initially established to support the prevention of cruelty to animals of all kinds, the center now focuses on wild animals, from birds of all kinds to mammals large and small. With the assistance of volunteer veterinarians and others, they provide rescue, medical attention and necessary recovery time on site where the animals can be safely monitored.

### Community Services Development Corporation

est. 1984

As a public benefit corporation, the CSDC facilitates opportunities for education, employment, housing, and other critical human services to promote self-sufficiency and improve quality of life for low income and disadvantaged members in our community. They have focused on development of affordable housing with an emphasis on rental units.

### United Way of San Benito County

est. 1987

United Way was established by a group of county citizens interest in combining community resources to increase the capacity of people to care for one another in San Benito County. Through a community wide campaign they raise funds to assist with necessary services provided by other non-profit agencies in this

community. They foster volunteerism, encourage collaborative efforts to resolve community problems, and insure services are available to the community when people need help.

### Community Pantry of SBC

est. 1989

Community Pantry provides a self-help supplemental food program for low-income families in San Benito County. They have six weekly distribution sites providing supplemental nutritious food to an average of 2,250 individuals on a weekly basis.

### Hollister Tremors Youth Soccer Club

est. 1983

The Hollister Tremors Youth Soccer Club has grown from 189 players to 410 players over the last three seasons with county-wide participation to over 700. Their goal is to provide safe soccer fields with a quality program for all of the youth of Hollister, regardless of economic means.

### Aspira

est.

Aspira is an organization that provides skilled foster care for children with challenging problems. It works with birth families to preserve family integrity, as well as provide adoption services, children's shelter services, mentoring programs, well-baby services and mental health services. They take collective action to support communities and families as they love and care for children.

### Rotary Club Of Hollister

est. 1925

With a membership of 100 plus business people, Rotary represents the diversity of San Benito County. They are

involved in the Youth and Vocational Services area of the local high school, establishing "The Bob Mattson Athletic Endowment Fund" to support local athletic programs.

### San Benito County Historical Society

est. 1956

The Historical Society is dedicated to preserving county history through education and other interpretive programs. The Society maintains a large collection of historical artifacts at a Museum in Hollister and maintains several structures at a historical village south of Tres Pinos.

### Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay Area

est. 1924

This chapter of the Girl Scouts encompasses San Benito County, Monterey County, and Santa Cruz Counties. In San Benito County they serve 380 girls in 35 Troops. They provide a summer day camp for 100 scouts and community based programs at Rancho Apartments and the Migrant Housing Center in Hollister. They are a member of the county's Safe Kids Coalition and the San Benito County Collaboration.

### YMCA of San Benito County

est. 2000

The YMCA is based on values such as stability, guidance, and fellowship, providing youth with programs and services that are positive alternatives. The local YMCA serves the youth in our community through programs such as after school childcare, summer day camp, basketball, karate, and parent-child programs. 🐾

For Good  
For Ever

### How to Apply for a Grant

The current grant application deadline is May 31, 2004. An application may be obtained on line or by visiting our office.

An organization may submit only one application per funding cycle. However, if an organization is part of a collaborative request, a second application may be filed as part of a second collaborative or for separate agency funding.

Notification and awards will be made on or about June 15, 2004. The next application deadline will be October 31, 2004.

### Help Us Update Our Mailing List

The Foundation is pleased to provide information to the community concerning our activities. We want to keep you informed of all the good things that are happening. However, if you are not interested in receiving this newsletter in the future, please let us know. We will regretfully remove you from our database.

## Our Donors Make All Things Possible in the Community

The Community Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Donors. Without their support, many local non-profit organizations would not be able to provide the services that have become an integral part of this community.

### Community Philanthropist \$50,000 & Above

Anonymous  
Estate of Sonny Paullus in memory of Mark Paullus

### Community Champion \$25,000 to \$50,000

Dori Hoyle  
Jeff & Claire Mallett  
Velma Tiffany

### Community Leader \$10,000 to \$25,000

Anonymous  
Don & Nenetta Corotto  
Don & Janice Elliott  
Elliott Control Co.

Thomas & Patricia Grant  
William Mabie Trust  
Gerald & Mary McCullough  
Ed & Michele Stephenson

### Community Investor \$2,500 to \$10,000

Richard & Ann Anderson  
Ron & Joan Domingues  
Richard & Marilyn Ferreira  
Bernie & Judy Furman  
Fernando Gonzalez  
Stu & Peggy Kingman  
King, Domingues & Lorincz  
Richard & Ann Morris  
Packard Foundation  
Frances Palmtag  
George & Sandy Rose  
John & Donna Sander  
Bob & Bev Stratton  
Community Foundation for Monterey County  
Hollister Rotary Club  
San Benito Bank

### Founding Benefactors \$2,500 (First 100 Donors)

Anonymous  
Richard & Ann Anderson  
Robert & Crystal Bianchi  
Hugh Bikle  
Ralph & Mary Ellen Brigantino  
Gary & Theresa Carlisle  
Don & Nenetta Corotto  
Ronald & Joan Domingues  
Donald & Janice Elliot  
Mary Kay Filice  
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Tim & Nants Foley  
Bernie & Judy Furman  
Fernando Gonzalez  
Bruce & Donna Howe  
Dori Hoyle  
Stephen Hudner  
Stu & Peggy Kingman  
Bill & Ann Ladd  
Jeff & Claire Mallett  
Ray & Pat Mariottini  
Gerald & Mary McCullough  
Richard & Anne Morris  
Fernando & Nancy Oliveira  
Frances Palmtag  
Jim Paxton  
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Ron & Dee Siletto  
Ed & Michele Stephenson  
Bob & Beverly Stratton  
Velma Tiffany  
Jim & Deborah Wood  
Community Foundation for Monterey County  
Hollister Moving and Storage  
Hollister Rotary Club  
San Benito Bank  
San Benito Land Title  
Willow Ridge Capital Advisors

### Community Builder \$500 to \$2,500

Gene & Eileen Bourdet  
Bernice Croft  
Arnie & Terry Fontes  
Hollister Lioness Club  
August Lavagnino  
Robert Prior  
PG&E  
Bob & Kathy Tiffany

### Community Supporter \$500

Anonymous  
Joy Law  
Sonny & Donna Paullus  
Henry Verissimo

## Achieve Your Charitable Goals

Each of us can make a difference in creating a vibrant and healthy community. San Benito County has been incredibly blessed, yet there are still important issues in our community that we feel empowered to address.

If you need help clarifying how or where to make an impact in our community, information on specific organizations, or technical help structuring your giving, the Foundation can help you achieve the charitable goals that are most meaningful to you. The Community Foundation for San Benito County provides a variety of options to help you create your personal strategic philanthropic plan. One of the reasons that giving through the Foundation is easy is that we can accept a wide variety of assets.

### Cash

This is an easy and convenient way to support the work of the Foundation. Gifts of cash qualify for federal income tax purposes and are fully deductible up to 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income in any one year.

### Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities (including stocks and bonds) can provide important tax advantages, since their full fair-market value is deductible as a charitable contribution up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income each year. When the securities are liquidated by the Foundation, the full value of the gift is available to support your charitable goals.

### Marketable Real Estate

A gift of real estate held more than a year can provide the same federal tax advantages as those for gifts of securities. Since these gifts are considered on a case-by-case basis, please contact the Foundation well in advance of making such a decision.

### Personal Property


The Foundation will consider gifts of personal property, such as art. These gifts are also considered on a case-by-case basis, so please contact a representative of the Foundation to discuss them.

### Bequests

By naming the Community Foundation for San Benito County in your will or living trust, you are able to reduce your estate taxes while supporting your community. A bequest to a charitable group can be a specific amount, a specific percentage of your estate, or what remains after other bequests (including those to family members) are made.

### Life Insurance

For those whose need for life insurance has decreased as they've become older, making a gift of a policy can be a convenient and effective way of supporting the Foundation. By transferring ownership of the policy to the Community Foundation, you become eligible for a charitable tax deduction based on the current value of your paid-up policy.

Whether your great-grandparents settled here in 1868 with Colonel William Welles Hollister, or if you arrived in San Benito County last month, this is your home. You have a role to play in making it great. The Foundation can help you get started. 

## Honoring Those We Love

Making a donation to the Foundation in memory of a loved one or friend is a wonderful way to honor their lives. The Foundation would like to publish this list of Honorees, completing the circle and bringing to mind many familiar faces.

Helen DeRose  
Helen Felice  
Sam Lamanto  
Anthony Guerra  
Rose Watson  
Marie Vallejo  
Roy Miller  
Sarah Schmidt  
Richard McAbee  
Dorothy Strickland  
Roy Spencer  
Phyllis Wattis  
Jeff Dooling  
Delmer Paine  
Gordon Clark  
Robert Perry  
Betty Nishita  
Anna Mcriottini-Lavagnino  
Jerry Sars  
George E. Rose, Sr.  
Mark Paullus  
George Dias  
Robert Bilingsley  
Marjorie Lomanto  
Geniviave Eade  
Donald Marcus

## Foundation Hosts Chamber Mixer

On June 9, 2004 the Community Foundation will host the Chamber Mixer jointly with the San Benito County Historical Society. The event will be held at the County Historical Park in Tres Pinos. The Dance Hall will be jumping with folks doing the two-step, and the Cottage Bar may be serving a little sarsaparilla. Willow Creek School will not be in session; however, the headmaster will be available for a refresher course in the three Rs. And if it's been awhile since you visited the Sullivans, they should be back from their trip to San Jose for supplies and will likely have a pot of stew ready to share with any weary traveler. Be sure to join us for this fun occasion beginning at 5:30 pm (after you get done with the plowing).

*Philanthropia (Greek)  
meaning love for mankind*



Who?



Friends of the San Benito County Free Library accept their official challenge from Bernie Furman. Their long-term goal is to generate \$500,000 in endowment funds in ten years.