

# Community Foundation

for San Benito County



Spring 2006

## 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 the support of philanthropic activities.

## Endowed Funds

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## Rebuilding History, One Nail at a Time

The San Benito County Historical Society is a county-wide organization founded in 1956 that serves the public on a year-round basis. With the Museum at 498 Fifth Street and the Historical Village one mile south of Tres Pinos, the Historical Society is dedicated to preserving county history and artifacts, as well as educating youth, current residents, and newcomers to our community.

Recently, the Community Foundation was provided

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*Historical Society members Janet Brians, Peter Sonn , and Delbert Doty stand in front of the restored Cottage Bar.*



*Kathy Tiffany, Chair of the Southside School Endowment Fund, and Principal Eric Johnson are excited about new technology recently installed in the school's computer lab.*

## Technological Success At Southside School

Like many other schools in the county, Southside School lost some of its funding due to financial constraints at the state level; however, Southside School is fortunate to also have a very active Parents Club that has contributed to the school by working with the teachers and Principal Eric Johnson. These dedicated parents focus on strengthening and enriching the school by supporting programs that could not have been continued because of the financial constraints at the state funding level. Parents Kathy Tiffany and Allison Rohnert worked together to create the Southside School Endowment Fund with intent to use the income generated from the fund to enrich the curriculum for the school.

The goal for the endowment fund is to raise \$1,000,000 to enrich the educational experience of Southside School. There have been two fund-raisers to generate monies for the fund, and three anonymous donors have generously provided additional funding to bring the current total up to \$115,000.

Southside School has been able to purchase a computer server and software technology with the interest earned from the cur-

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# Our Donors Make All Things Possible in the Community

The Community Foundation would like take this opportunity to thank all of our Donors. Without their forward thinking philosophy and continued contributions to the Foundation, many local nonprofit organizations would not be able to provide the many services that have become an integral part of living in our community. 🌿

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*"Wise are they  
who plant a tree  
under whose shade they  
know they will never sit."*



The 1890 Dunneville Dance Hall is shown restored at the Historical Park in the top photo and then with members picking up the pieces after a storm blew the building down on January 1, 2006.

### One Nail at a Time

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with a personal tour of the Historical Village by President Peter Sonné along with Directors Janet Brians and Delbert Doty. The tour highlighted the current needs of the group and many exciting plans for the future. The Society works from a very modest budget, and they rely heavily on annual fund-raisers and informal donations to perform necessary upkeep of the Village's many historical structures and to maintain the equipment, machinery, and tools used for every day tasks.

## Generous Families, Old and New, Within Our Community Are Recognized at Family Heritage Reception

On September 15, 2005, the Community Foundation hosted the first of a series of Family Heritage Receptions. The event was held at the lovely home of Jae and John Eade on Santa Ana Valley Road and highlighted contributions that families have given to the community since the early days of San Benito County. Recognition was also given to current generations of generous families that have helped support the betterment of our community up to present time.

### Names Live on in Posterity

By establishing a Family Heritage Fund, these families that contribute generously to the community, both past and present, will live on in posterity. So many times the names of our generous community members have been forgotten as time passes. Sadly, if you look around our county, you will see historical names on many streets for which the current citizenry has no knowledge of who they were, and in what role they participated in the development of our community.

### Dance Hall Takes a Fall

Now more than ever, the Historical Society has a critical need for funds to reconstruct the 1890 Dance Hall that was blown down on the first day of January 2006. The Dance Hall has been a prominent feature of the park since 1992 when it was moved from Dunneville. Since then, the Dance Hall has been used for many public events, including a field hospital for both the North and South armies during a Civil War Reenactment put on by the National Civil War Association in September of 2005. Now the Society is faced with rebuilding, and meeting the current building codes will take more funds than the society has at the present time.

President Peter Sonné said, "The major focus this year is a campaign to raise funds to reconstruct the damaged 1890 Dance Hall as soon as possible." The Society has set a goal to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2006. Because of the size of the building, they are hoping to receive additional donations of material and labor to help offset some of the costs.

The Society is currently working on mailing information about the Dance Hall to businesses and homeowners throughout the community, but donations may be made immediately through the Community Foundation or directly to the Historical Society, 498 Fifth Street. For further information, please contact Peter Sonné at 831-375-5928.

Meanwhile, events continue to be scheduled at the park. In June the Third Annual Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show will be held at the park, and the public is invited to step back in time and enjoy these wonderful working pieces of history. The Historical Village is open daily for passive viewing, and offers tours for schools and other organizations upon request. The Society is looking forward to the day when these groups may use the 1890 Dance Hall once again. 🏠

A Family Heritage Fund creates a means to keep the name of that individual family alive within the community by creating endowment funds that will support our needs forever in the future.

A family Heritage Fund will continue to benefit the community long after the family has passed on by constantly involving itself in betterment activities within the community. What a wonderful way to honor a family, from great-grandparents through to your children, by creating a fund that continues to keep a family name recognized forever.

To begin a Family Heritage Fund, a minimum of \$10,000 is required to establish the account. The family decides how to direct the usage of the interest in a manner that reflects the areas of the community that they care about the most. As time goes on, additional funds may be donated to honor the family and increase their good works within the community. 🏠



rent endowment fund. An up-to-date computer lab with 25 stations is in full service at the school, and another five stations will be added this summer. The school now has a program to teach students how to type on the computer keyboards and improve their computing skills. Southside's goal is to have students who graduate from eighth grade fully trained to meet the requirements for high school computer technology classes.

An alumni list is being developed for the school so each former student of Southside School may be contacted to join the group and assist with support of the endowment fund. Donations for the Southside School Endowment Fund may be sent in care of Community Foundation for San Benito County. Community Foundation oversees the Southside School Endowment Fund in their role as a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation.

The long term goals for the Southside School Endowment Fund and its active Parents Club are to augment the programs that would have been lost because of state cutbacks in funding as well as develop new programs that will allow the school to continue to meet its high standards of excellence. 🦋



Students at Southside School practice their lessons in the computer lab, striving to meet the requirements for high school technology classes.

*Philanthropia (Greek)  
meaning love for mankind*



The Community Foundation invited Attorney Paula Grace to share important rules and regulations governing nonprofits with representatives from all corners of the community.

## Raise Funds, Stay Out of Jail

Paula Grace and Mary Albert are proven team players when it comes to rules and regulations that govern nonprofit organizations. Their law firm, Grace & Albert, specializes in untangling the complex laws surrounding charitable organizations.

The Community Foundation for San Benito County recently hosted a seminar for nonprofits in the community and invited Paula and Mary to be the guest speakers. The evening was a marathon of questions and answers on how to raise money without going to jail. With their expertise and guidance, representatives from approximately a dozen nonprofits discovered that they may not be following all the rules and regulations to the letter.

Highlights of the seminar included the following interesting facts about fund-raising and nonprofit organizations.

- Always maintain a good relationship with your donors. Without donors, nonprofits would not exist.
- For continued good relations with donors, substantiate all donations with a written letter.
- Disclose *Quid Pro Quo* good faith estimates on posters and tickets when applicable.
- For 501(c)6 organizations, disclosure is required for non-deductible contributions.
- Prior to making a personal solicitation, be sure to disclose all information required by the Attorney General.
- If a nonprofit is eligible to organize a Bingo game, be sure that all volunteers and players are at least 18 years of age.
- When it comes to raffles, be sure to complete and submit a raffle registration form and then file a separate raffle report.


The Foundation plans on hosting additional seminars on a variety of subjects, including specific information regarding Boards and the facts all Directors should know before they volunteer. 🦋

## Philanthropy Day 2005 Honorees

The Foundation began hosting a luncheon on National Philanthropy Day in 2001, and since then, nearly 100 citizens of San Benito County have been recognized for their leadership role within the community. Each year the list of honorees seems to grow longer as more of our neighbors and friends step up to the plate and make change happen. The Foundation would like to congratulate those individuals who were selected in 2005.

- Jeana Arnold**  
American Cancer Society
- Jennifer Roybal-Marquez**  
Aromas-San Juan Unified  
Monterey & San Benito  
Counties
- Rachel Ponce**  
Aromas-San Juan Unified  
School District
- Shari Vanderpool**  
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- Ed Stephenson**  
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for San Benito County
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Benito County
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Development Corporation
- David Rodriguez**  
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- Henry Solorio**  
Fishes & Loaves
- Ned Hales**  
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- Martha Moses**  
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County  
Free Library
- Service Unit 53**  
Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay
- Cynthia Holthouse**  
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Benito County
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Foundation
- Fernando Hernandez  
Catarin Hernandez  
Bernadina Hernandez**  
Healthy Mothers, Healthy  
Babies Coalition  
(Oaxacan Women's Project)
- John Weatherly**  
Hollister Airmen's  
Association
- David Huboi**  
Hollister Downtown  
Association
- Bob & Sheila Stevens**  
Hollister Exchange Club
- Roseanne McLean**  
Hollister Independence Rally  
Committee
- Larry Barr**  
Hollister Rotary Club
- Joe R. Ortiz**  
Hollister Youth Alliance
- Orlando Rostran**  
Holte Holiday Dinners
- Mary Zanger**  
Homeless Task Force of  
San Benito County
- Rosalie Campisi**  
Italian Catholic Federation
- Michele Stephenson**  
Kinship Center-Gabilan  
Chapter
- Verna Pollinger**  
Kiwanis Club of Hollister
- Cilly Fisher**  
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of Commerce
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Society
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- Toni Smith**  
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- Tom Breen & Marley Holte**  
San Benito Youth Services
- Danté & Patricia Bains**  
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of Commerce
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- Kerry Lorincz**  
United Way of San Benito  
County
- Joseph W. Kraut Jr, MD**  
Visiting Nurse Association  
and  
Hospice-Central Coast
- Rotary Club of Hollister**  
YMCA of San Benito County

## Foundation Awards Grants

The Community Foundation was busy in 2005, granting just over \$126,000 to 49 organizations. With support from the community, the Foundation will continue to award grants again this year. 

### Grantees

Friends of SBC Library  
Seal Rock  
Community Services &  
Workforce Development  
Fishes & Loaves  
Tri-County In-Kind Donation  
Program  
Easter Seals of Central  
California  
Red Cross of SBC  
SBC Historical Society  
Anzar High School  
San Juan Bautista Library  
CCVNA Foundation  
Leadership San Benito County  
Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay  
Homeless Task Force  
Vision San Benito  
YMCA  
San Benito Stage Company  
Panoche Elementary School  
San Benito Oriana Chorale  
Jovenes de Antano  
Hollister Youth Alliance  
Emmaus House  
Baler Education Foundation  
Rotary of San Juan Bautista  
Holte's Holiday Dinners  
Habitat for Humanity  
Chamberlain Children's Center  
Small Steps  
United Way of San Benito  
Relay for Life  
CMAP  
Aromas San Juan Schools  
Boy Scouts of America  
MACE/LULAC  
Economic Development  
Council  
Hazel Hawkins Hospitals  
Foundation  
Scholarships for 13 San  
Benito County Students

*For Good  
For Ever*

### How to Apply for a Grant

The current grant application deadline is May 31, 2006. 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, 2006. The next application deadline will be October 31, 2006.

### 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.

## Directors

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**Bob Tiffany**



**Nenette Corotto**

Nenette is a lifelong resident, and involved in many community activities. As Chair for Vision San Benito, she strives to make our community a better place to live, work, and play in future years.



**Richard Anderson**

Richard became a resident as a young child, and is now a Realtor who has involved himself in local business and organizations. He is a strong supporter of the Relay for Life event each year.



**Ed Stephenson**

Ed is another lifelong resident of San Benito County. As a retired banking executive, Ed continues to support the Boy Scouts, a passion for the past 25 years, as well as many other organizations in the community.

## Preferred Vehicle for Charitable Giving by Bernie Furman

While recently surfing the internet on the subject of Community Foundations, I came across several highly relevant comments which I'd like to share with you.

Many people wonder what a Community Foundation is, and the following quote is the best succinct definition I've ever read, "A Community Foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, publicly supported, philanthropic institution composed primarily of permanent funds established by many separate donors for the long-term diverse charitable benefit of the residents of a defined geographical area."

### Foundations Help Donors and Communities

"Community Foundations provide an array of services to donors who wish to establish endowed funds without incurring the administrative and legal costs of starting independent Foundations...Through economies of scale, donors benefit from a Foundation's investment portfolio diversification and low investment fees." Additionally, "Community Foundations build and strengthen communities by making it possible for a wide range of donors to create unique charitable funds to support the causes they care about."

Since 1996, the average return achieved by Foundations across the country has been in excess of 9% per year. It is no wonder, then, that "Overall, the Community Foundation field continues to experience gains in popularity as a preferred vehicle for charitable giving in communities large and small across America, and make up one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy in the United States today."

Our Foundation confers on San Benito County donors and residents all the benefits described above, and our asset and endowment growth reflect the popularity of this type of philanthropy here, as well as across the country.

To encourage donors to establish funds of a size large enough to enable significant annual charitable grants, our Board of Directors has authorized a new designated category of giving entitled *The Community Century Club*. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a listing of this stellar group's initial members, each of whom has pledged to give (or has already contributed) at least \$100,000 in endowment funds. To all of them, and to all the others who join them in the future, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS! 🎉

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