

Community Foundation

for San Benito County



Summer 2007

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.

Funds

General Endowment Funds focus on general areas of interest in the community.

Community Funds serve specific needs within the community.

Family Funds continue to keep a family name recognized within the community forever.

School Funds augment programs that would have been eliminated due to loss of state funding and develop new programs that will allow schools to meet higher standards of excellence.

Temporary Funds are for special community projects and the Community Foundation acts as the fiscal agent.

See Page 5 for a complete list of funds.

E Cubed, Giving Rural Schools a Boost!

If you take an interest in San Benito county education, you may have heard of the E Cubed Foundation. Although the group serves several rural schools including Bitterwater-Tully, Cienega, Jefferson, Panoche, Southside, and Willow Grove Schools, it is mostly associated with Tres Pinos School as the group developed from a parents' club attempting to add enrichment programs to the school curriculum. The creation of E Cubed was an effort to have consistent funding and support for enrichment classes and provide the 501(c)3 tax status to donors.

Enrich, Encourage and Educate

In the first years of operation, the group helped the students by paying for art classes. Soon they were able to offer drama, life-science training for teachers, and even after-school Spanish. After several successful years of enrichment programs at Tres Pinos, the board realized that many of the other rural schools had the same needs. Opportunities and resources were going to waste when they could be benefiting the other schools as well.

San Benito County is very proud of its family of rural schools with personal connections going back generations. Since its inception in 2003, E Cubed has been very fortunate, receiving tremendous support from area businesses and individuals. Throughout the county, there is genuine community pride and sentiment and a willing commitment to help provide a better education.

The first "Trail Ride" fundraiser in 2004 brought in an astonishing \$63,000 and in 2006 earned \$90,000 for the newly created E Cubed Foundation Endowment Fund. Small grants from the income of these funds will help pay for classes throughout the rural district. The E Cubed Board dreams of establishing a two million dollar endowment, ensuring the continuation of enrichment programs through

the ups and downs of California's strained Public School System.

Schools Work Together

Today, E Cubed enjoys a dynamic and productive relationship with all seven rural schools. After several years of operation, the foundation has funded or partially funded art or music classes for many of the schools.

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With genuine community pride, parents, teachers, and friends of our rural schools saddled up for the first "Trail Ride" fundraiser in 2004.

*National
Philanthropy Day
November 15th*

Our Founding Benefactors

Anonymous	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ladd
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levy
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Volunteers work to prepare for the weekly Brown Bag Program serving over 3,550 people.

Community Pantry is the Food Bank of San Benito County

Community Pantry provides food assistance to needy people of San Benito County, in a manner that provides for dignity and responsibility on the part of the recipient.

In an effort to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in San Benito County, the Community Pantry is now working with the government, Homeless Task Force, after school programs, and other non profits that are serving their client base, providing food and services in as many ways as possible.

A weekly Brown Bag Program is meant to be a supplemental food program, but it is becoming clear that, in some cases, the Community Pantry provides the only food a family or individual receives. Today they serve over 3,550 people, nearly half of them are children.

With a huge growth in clients this past year, the Community Pantry was forced to move into a new building. The new location, next to County Community Services, provides an ability to expand, and clients are able to use public transportation. Ultimately, the Community Pantry will be able to apply for more grants.

Although they are excited about their new home and the potential for growth, the \$3,000 they have to pay for rent each month has drained their reserves. The Community Pantry would like to buy the building and expand services, but in order to do that, they need to raise \$3,000,000!!

Building purchase	\$850,000
Operating Reserve	\$100,000
Endowment	\$2,000,000
New Truck	\$35,000
New Educational Program	\$15,000

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



Students from different schools came together at Bolado Park to learn some new dance moves.

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A joint-effort dance class was held at Bolado Park, much to the enjoyment of fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. This was an opportunity for students coming from the more isolated part of the county to learn about the history of dance and pick up a few moves while having some fun together.



This artist works to achieve just the right mix of color.

Another special event was the Foundation's trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the San Francisco Art Institute, one of the best art colleges in California. Both trips were paid for entirely by the E Cubed Foundation. All sixth graders were invited to come along on the "Culture Adventure," loading up on a beautiful bus and spending the day seeing highlights of the city, visiting a college, and getting to know some of the great artists of our time. Here are a few of the student's comments about their day:

"This trip was awesome! I had a lot of fun. Picasso's paintings are really interesting. The art school was way awesome! Thank you E Cubed!!" Annie, age 11, Willow Grove School

"I really enjoyed Stuart Davis' paintings. I enjoyed taking a day off from school and going to the city life. Picasso really did inspire a lot of painters." Brandy, age 11, Tres Pinos School

"Learning about the Art Institute was very interesting. We found out that you could do a class during the summer. The art at the Museum of Modern Art was unique. Picasso, I thought, was the best. It was colorful, and abstract. We learned so much and I would love to go again." Taylor, age 11, Tres Pinos School

From art exhibits at Starbucks in Hollister to Student Art Calendars, E Cubed has thoroughly enjoyed sharing the wonderful, creative work coming out of these schools. It is a delight to see these students move on to local theatre, develop musical skills, and even see their art displayed in San Francisco Museums!

The Foundation is currently working on note cards from the art projects of 2006, which will be available for purchase. To the delight of students and parents alike, E Cubed has been invited to exhibit some of the student's art at ZEUM, a technology and art museum in San Francisco. A newsletter will also be published, explaining more about our programs and the Foundation itself.



This budding artist holds up some of his work that may be used for note cards that will be available for purchase.

E Cubed has many plans for the years ahead. There are long term goals of science trips to Yosemite for all the schools, community based performances, exhibits sharing music and art in a multi-generational environment, and perhaps publishing the written work of the students. New ideas are born year round and E Cubed has made an effort to be flexible to the teacher's inspiration from program to program.

Members of the E Cubed Foundation Board include Tami Biechman, Sarah McFall, Susan Modic, Marie Hoffman, Leslie Schwabacher, and Dara Tobias. They are interested in including new members and welcome questions or constructive comments. Please feel free to contact members at any time. 🐟

*Philanthropia (Greek)
meaning love for mankind*



Philanthropy Day 2006 Honorees

The Foundation began hosting a luncheon on National Philanthropy Day in 2001, and since then, nearly 150 citizens of San Benito County have been recognized for their leadership role within the community. Each year the list of honorees grows longer as more of our neighbors and friends step up to the plate to create a healthier, happier life for all of us. The Foundation would like to congratulate those individuals who were selected in 2006.

Michael McLennan
American Red Cross SBC

Simone Mortan
Aromas-San Juan Unified School District

Tracy & Mike Nino
Chamberlain's Children Center

Sallie Calhoun
Matt Christiano
Community Foundation for SBC

Barbara Sabbatini
Community Pantry of SBC

Robert L. Postigo
Community Services Development Corporation

Luciano Medeiros
E Cubed Foundation

Carol Thomas
Emmaus House

Paul & Mary Lou Armbruster
Fishes & Loaves

Mary Schneider
Friends of the San Benito County Free Library

Lisa Jelinek
Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay

Niessa Bauder-Guaracha
Natasha & Avianna Guaracha
Habitat For Humanity SBC

Orlaine Franklin
Arlene O'Neil
Bobby Millar
Hazel Hawkins Hospitals Auxiliary

Ray & Peggy Pierce
Hazel Hawkins Hospitals Foundation

Allen Ritter
Hollister Airmen's Association

John & Diane Gibbs
Hollister Downtown Association

Sonny Flores
Hollister Exchange Club

Lou Bettencourt
Hollister Rotary Club

Joan Burley
Hollister School District

Martha Moses
Hollister Sister City Association

Elena de la Puerta
Hollister Youth Alliance

Leigh Dietz
Homeless Task Force of SBC

Jennifer Porteur Pfeiffer
Hope for a Cure

Freda Wilson
Janet Graham Memorial Fund

Eric Dietz & Linda Boomer
Kinship Center-Gavilan Chapter

Jim West
Leadership SBC

Larry Brown
Marley Holte's Holiday Dinners

Esperanza Hernandez
Pinnacles Partnership

Lynn Mello
Safe Kids Coalition

Yvette Papenhausen
SBC Chamber of Commerce

Neal Schatmeier
SBC Free Library

Mark Rianda
SBC Historical Society

Sandra Davidson
San Benito Fire Safe Council

Isabel Fletes
San Benito Health Foundation

Irene Parra
San Benito Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition

Matt Morrison
Catherine Farnham
San Benito High School District

Jan Hille
San Benito Oriana Chorale

John Graham
San Benito Stage Company

Carmen & George Munoz
SJB Chamber of Commerce

Glenny Farney
SJB Library Auxiliary

Pearl Masterson
SJB Rotary Club

Michael & Jeanette Fedor
Second Harvest Food Bank

Dolores Perriera
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jess Bravo
Top Hatters Motorcycle Club

Gary Dunn
United Way of SBC

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Visiting Nurse Association Hospice-Central Coast

Julie Palafox
YMCA of SBC

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Raising Money to Go Forward

In addition to finding and moving into a new home, the Community Pantry also formalized and increased their service to other non profits. By fulfilling the role of "Food Bank" in our County, the Community Pantry is able to apply for additional funding for their building and their operations.

Achieving their target of \$3,000,000 will secure the future of Community Pantry and their mission to be available for those in need in our community. Executive Director Mary Anne Hughes believes, "There will always be a need among us, and it is very important to have an ongoing and stable organization like the Community Pantry."

Once they recover their operating reserve, purchase their building, as well as a new vehicle, the Community Pantry will work to increase their Endowment Fund. Their goal is to have \$2 million dollars which they hope will provide them with over \$100,000 per year to use for operating expenses going forward. ➤



Brown bags reach the ceiling the day of distribution.

Foundation Funds Currently Available-2007

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Unrestricted Endowment
Youth Endowment
Seniors Endowment
Arts Endowment
Education Endowment
Environment Endowment
Grants Fund

COMMUNITY FUNDS

Rotary Mattson Fund
Pet Friends Endowment
Friends of the SBC Library
Girls Scouts of SBC
Endowment
Hollister Tremors
NPWC Endowment Fund
Janet Graham Endowment
Fund
YMCA of SBC
Community Pantry
SBC Historical Society
United Way of SBC
CSDC Endowment Fund
Emmaus House
Caregiver Programs Fund
Hollister Youth Alliance
Downtown Endowment Fund
Pinnacles Partnership
Chamberlain's Children
Center
SJB Foundation Fund
SBC Culinary & Hospitality
Foundation
Land Trust Endowment
Hollister FFA Ag Boosters
Endowment

FAMILY FUNDS

Dilyse Family Fund
Mary & Gerald McCullough
Family Fund
Bennett Klein Family Fund
Bev and Bob Stratton
Family Fund
Tiffany Family Fund
Stephenson Family Fund
Steiger Family Fund
Bianchi Family Fund
Kingman Family Fund
Rose Family Fund
Hoyle Family Fund
Christiano Family Fund
Dabo Family Fund
Palmtag Family Fund
Felice Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Charlie Presser Memorial Fund
Hope for a Cure Memorial

Scholarship
Baler Scholarship Fund
Adam Baxter Scholarship Fund
Timothy Conley Baldwin Fund
Matt Lopez Scholarship Fund

SCHOOL FUNDS

Baler Education Endowment
Fund
Friends of Southside School
Sacred Heart School Endowment
E Cubed Foundation Endowment
Connie O'Conner Education
Fund

TEMPORARY FUNDS

Help Save the Cancer Kids
San Benito Fire Safe Council
Fund for Health and Safety

Leadership San Benito County
SBC Veterans Coalition
Friends of SE Neighborhood
Park
SBC Sheriff's Search &
Rescue Unit
Children's House
Friends of Panoche School
Vision San Benito
El Rancho San Benito
Community Leaders for
Economic Activity
Mobile Rural Pre-School
Next Level Baseball
Hollister Motorcycle Rally
Committee
SBC Arts Council
Chamberlain's Children
Center

2006 Grantees

The Community Foundation was busy in 2006, granting more than \$240,00 to over 60 organizations. With support from the community, the Foundation will continue to award grants again this year.

Ag Futures Alliance	San Benito Oriana Chorale
Monterey County Symphony	Jovenes de Antaño
Friends of Southside School	Hollister Youth Alliance
Hollister Tremors Youth Soccer	Emmaus House
Health Projects Center	Baler Education Foundation
Salvation Army	Rotary of San Juan Bautista
KQED	Holte's Holiday Dinners
Hollister Aftershox	Habitat for Humanity
Friends of SBC Library	Go Kids
Fishes & Loaves	Chamberlain Children's Home
Tri-County In-Kind Donation Program	Small Steps
Easter Seals of Central California	United Way of San Benito
Red Cross of SBC	CMAP of Gavilan College
SBC Historical Society	Aromas San Juan Schools
San Juan Bautista Library	Boy Scouts of America
CCVNA Foundation	MACE/LULAC
Leadership San Benito	Economic Development Council
Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay	Hazel Hawkins Hospitals Foundation
Homeless Task Force	Kinship Center
Vision San Benito	Relay for Life
YMCA	Willow Grove School
San Benito Stage Company	19 Scholarships for San Benito Students
Panoche Elementary School	

For Good
For Ever

How to Apply for a Grant

The current grant application deadline is October 31, 2007. A letter of intent is requested by September 14, 2007. For information on the letter of intent, please call the 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 December 15, 2007. The next application deadline will be May 31, 2008.

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.

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Steve Merrell
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Jim Paxton
Sandy Rose
Bob Tiffany



Scott Fuller

Scott has donated much time to the betterment of our community with his activities in organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Hollister Business Council, and Vision San Benito.



Marilyn Ferreira

Marilyn has been involved in community activities for many years, from the Children's Home Society, to the SBC Realtors Association, to President of the Hollister Downtown Association.



Bob Bianchi

Bob has actively participated in many local organizations such as Hollister Rotary, YMCA, and Boy Scouts of America. He brings a wealth of knowledge and caring to our organization.

Three Board Members Retire with Grace

After many years of tireless devotion, three Community Foundation members have decided to retire as active members of the Board. Along with other Directors, the success of our organization evolved because of the many hours of tireless work performed by these long-standing members.

Richard Anderson, a Founding Director, has contributed so much with his energy and enthusiasm to make Community Foundation a viable entity in our community. His energy and enthusiasm will be missed.

Dori Hoyle's wisdom and community experience has been heartfelt, and her involvement with Community Foundation and its Family Heritage Fund has contributed much to its growing success. We will miss her kind, insightful participation.

Arnie Fontes, as a Founding Director and Treasurer for Community Foundation, tirelessly helped us attain the stature we now enjoy in our community. Arnie has graciously offered his continuing support, even though he will retire as an active Director, by remaining on our Finance Committee.

These three members demonstrated tireless devotion and dedication to making Community Foundation for San Benito County the guiding philanthropic organization for our area. 🌧️

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