Community Foundation
FOR SAN BENITO COUNTY

GROW YOUR GIVING

Funds Overview
The Community Foundation for San Benito County is the steward of a collection of over 160 funds, overseen by a volunteer board of community leaders and administered by a professional staff. Together, we invest and manage these charitable assets, guided by rigorous national standards and auditing principles.

Income generated from these investments help fund grants to over 200 locally serving nonprofit organizations and service organizations serving our county, as well as support scholarships for higher education.

To do this, we get to the heart of the matter by working with community members, like you, to identify and assist you in reaching your charitable goals. We offer simple giving solutions, tailored to your values, goals, interest areas, and personal financial circumstances.

Potential options for giving include donating to an existing fund or choosing to open a fund of your own. Either way, gifts to these funds are tax deductible and can be made from donations through bequests, cash, stock transfers, real estate, life insurance, trusts, cryptocurrency, and other such assets.

To begin your philanthropic journey contact any Foundation staff or board member.

**OUR 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.

“I donate to the Community Foundation because I trust that the funds will be granted to meet local needs.”

— Fernando Gonzalez, SBC business owner

**WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE**

**Tax Benefits**
The Community Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 public charity under federal law. Your contributions may qualify for income and estate tax benefit considerations.

**Perpetuity**
Contributions to the Community Foundation can be directed to funds that are endowed, helping generate income forever. Earnings from these types of funds are generated from prudent investments. Grants are made from these earnings only, protecting the corpus of the fund, allowing it to continue to grow over time.

**Flexibility and Simplicity**
Donor contributions are directed for the purpose specified. They can be made in memoriam, to a specific cause or purpose, or given to support the operations of the Community Foundation itself.

**Stewardship and Public Accountability**
The Community Foundation practices prudent stewardship and carefully manages each fund to ensure growth while also assuring grant activity from each fund is kept within the purpose established when the fund was created, honoring the donors intent.

**Philanthropic Recognition**
The Community Foundation is grateful for the generosity of our many donors. We proudly share stories associated with donor and grant activity using our website, social media, traditional news sites, and other distribution channels deemed appropriate for the donation or grant. We also offer the option for anonymity to donors who prefer not to be honored publicly for their gift(s).
Agency Funds are created for a nonprofit organization when they transfer their own assets to open a fund. These funds must be held separately from any public contributions made to the nonprofit, per IRS regulations. These funds generate interest and create revenue for the organization to use for their operations, furthering their respective missions.

Caregivers Program Fund - Agency
CSDC Endowment Fund - Agency
Go Kids Endowment Fund - Agency
Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation Endowment Fund - Agency
Sacred Heart Parish Tuition Assistance Fund - Agency
Sacred Heart Agency
SBALT Endowment Fund - Agency
Sun Street Centers Fund - Agency
Women’s Club of Hollister - Agency

Sonny Paullus Grants Fund
This Board directed fund is used to award matching grants to nonprofit organizations who apply to receive funding for projects and/or programs that create a positive impact in our community. Any nonprofit providing services to San Benito County residents may apply. The Community Foundation usually manages an annual grant cycle for this purpose.

The Man Behind the Fund Name
The Sonny Paullus Grants Fund is named after Founding Board Member and Ridgemark developer, Loren Franklin “Sonny” Paullus, who was instrumental in the creation of the Community Foundation for San Benito County. With a gift from his estate, the Foundation set up the grants fund. Paullus was a visionary in our community and recognized the need to keep philanthropy local by providing the mechanism to do so.
PASS THROUGH FUNDS
Pass through funds can be set up by an organization or group for a variety of reasons. It could be the first step for a new organization making efforts to establish themselves as a nonprofit organization; it could be an easy way for an existing organization to keep their fundraising dollars separate from their operations bank account, or it could be set up to receive funds from the community for a special, one-time or limited time project. The Community Foundation offers this service to our nonprofit community if the project or service falls within the Foundation’s exempt purpose to enrich the community.

Babe Ruth Restoration Fund
Hollister Firefighters Association Fund
Hollister Police Foundation
Hollister Prep School Pass Through
NPWRC Relocation Fund
San Benito Co. Business Council
Economic Vitality Fund
San Benito FireSafe Council
SBHS ASB Benifit Drive Fund
The New Library Fund

Hollister Firefighters Association Fund
In 2017, rising water levels caused flooding around Lovers Lane, an area located in north San Benito County. As a response, a fund was created by the Hollister Firefighters Association Local 3395 to support the flood victims and provide them with emergency assistance to cover expenses including clothing, animal feed, home and property repair tools, furniture, appliances, car cleaning and repair, and food. The fund still remains open in order to assist in future natural disasters.

Martin Rajkovich Children’s Fund
Through the generosity of benefactor, Martin Rajkovich, children experiencing chronic and/or life threatening critical illness may receive a grant to enhance their quality of life and well-being. This bequested fund is permanently endowed with the sole purpose of bringing joy and comfort to illness stricken children and their families who reside in San Benito County. This fund has helped families cover the cost of special equipment, special therapies, and ‘Make-A-Wish’ type family outings that the families, themselves, were unable to financially cover. This Fund also provides grants to organizations supporting and providing services to these children and their families.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Field of Interest funds provide a menu of options for contributions that address the general needs within our community. These Foundation Board Advised funds allow donors the opportunity to support areas of interest such as: ag preservation, advancement of the arts, education, environment enhancement and protection, economic development, and providing basic services to the most in need in San Benito County. Grants may be awarded to nonprofits addressing these needs from the appropriate field of interest fund.

Community Agriculture Fund
Community Arts and Culture Fund
Community Economic Development Fund
Community Education and Youth Fund
Community Environment Fund
Community Health & Social Services Fund
COVID-19 Relief Fund
Culinary Hospitality Foundation Fund of SBC
Homeless Services Fund
Latino Generations Endowment Fund
Martin Rajkovich Children’s Fund
Women’s Fund Endowment
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A donor advised fund can be established by a committee, corporation, educational institution, family, or organization. The purpose of these funds is to make distributions from the fund to benefit one or several nonprofit organizations. Determination of the grants from these funds are made by the fund advisors. These funds can be set up as permanently endowed, in which the corpus of the fund is protected in perpetuity and the interest earned is available for grant making; or as a nonpermanent endowment, in which the entire balance in the fund is expendable for granting purposes. Both of these types of funds earn interest from being invested as part of the entire Community Foundation investment portfolio to earn the maximum yield, and increase the value of the fund over time.

The tax benefit gained by the establishment of a donor advised fund can be substantial. Please contact your tax professional and/or financial advisor for information on how such a fund may benefit you.

Committee
Canyon SAFE Fund
Community Grants Endowment Fund
Hope Harvest Festival Fund
Rotary Mattson Charitable Giving Fund
San Benito County Athletic Foundation Fund
San Juan Batista Foundation Fund

Corporate
San Benito Engineering & Surveying Charitable Fund
Teknovia Philanthropic Fund

Education
Aromas-San Juan Bautista Community Schools Foundation Fund
Baler Athletics Fund
Baler Education Foundation Fund
E-Cubed Foundation Fund
Friends of Southside School Fund
Hollister Montessori School
Sacred Heart School Endowment
San Benito High School Athletic Department Fund
Southside School Endowment Fund

Nonprofit
Caregivers Program Fund
CASA of SBC Endowment Fund
Chamberlain’s Children Center Endowment
CSDC Endowment Fund
Downtown Endowment Fund
Emmaus House Endowment Fund
Gabilans Chapter Kinship Center Endowment Fund
Girl Scouts of SBC
Friends of SBC Free Library Fund
Hollister FFA Ag Boosters Endowment
Hollister Rotary Club Endowment
Hollister Tumors
Youth Alliance
SBALT—Public Endowment
NIPWRC Endowment Fund
Pet Friends Endowment
Pinnacles Partnership
REACH San Benito Parks Foundation Endowment
San Benito Arts Council Endowment
San Benito Stage Company Endowment Fund
YMCA of SBC Endowment Fund
United Way of SBC

Family Funds

Family funds are donor advised funds that serve to further a family’s philanthropic goals, while also establishing a legacy of generosity for the family’s name in the community. A family fund provides a great opportunity to support favorite causes, support specific charities or areas of interest, with the flexibility and freedom to change nonprofits supported annually, if desired. Family fund advisors can choose to give locally, regionally, or globally. Family funds can be established as part of an estate plan, as a means to teach family members about the importance of giving by including them in the decision making process, or as a way to manage excess financial gains that may cause undesirable tax implications.

Land, Water, Life Fund
Alexander Mottau Memorial Fund
AMR Family Fund
Bennett/Klein Family Fund
Bianchi Family
Heritage Endowment
Bob and Bess Stratton Family Fund
Bob and Kathy Tiffany Family Fund
Brigantino Family Fund
Calhoun/Christiano Family Fund
Catherine Fund
Ceja-Guardado Family Fund
Clark Family Fund
Connie O’Connor Education Fund
Dabo Family Fund
David and Gerry Wright Fund
Dilyse Family Fund
Dohm and Mary Larson Family Fund
Domingues Family Fund
Fernando Gonzalez Family Fund
Filice Family Fund
Fortino Family Fund
Gabriel Family Fund
George Lewis Family Fund
Gillaspie Family Fund
Graham and Cynthia Mackie Family Fund
Hoyle Family Fund
Hughes Family Fund
Kingman Family Fund
John and Donna Sander Endowment Fund
Martha B. Schwabacher Family Fund
Manilyn and Richard Ferreia Family Fund
McCullough Family Fund
Morris Family Fund
Palmstag Family Fund
Randy and Rebecca Wolf Family Fund
Rose Family Fund
Steiger Family Fund
Stephenson Family Fund
Steve and Sally Bryan Fund
Joseph W. Tripiano Charitable Trust
Tiffany Family Fund
Tom Walerius Charitable Fund

Women’s Fund

The Women’s Fund was established in 2012 to empower women to come together with a shared vision and create a lasting impact in the lives of women and girls in San Benito County. The Women’s Fund Advisory Committee manages both an endowed fund and a pass through fund to achieve their annual goals of supporting women and girls in our community through education, resources, and funding to achieve equity, self-sufficiency and well-being.

INSPIRE
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Community Foundation is home to more than 20 scholarship funds awarding scholarships annually to high school graduates whom reside in San Benito County. These funds are held by individuals, families, and committees. Scholarships are awarded every year to motivated students pursuing their higher education goals. A thriving community needs to support the educational endeavors of these future leaders and workforce participants. With financial assistance, we hope to lessen the burden of the cost of tuition, books, supplies, and living expenses for these students pursuing their goals and taking steps to achieve their dreams.

Since 2016, the Latino Generations Scholarship Committee has awarded San Benito County Latino and Latina students scholarships to help them realize their college attendance goals. This committee oversees both an endowment fund and scholarship fund to achieve their goal of ensuring local Latina and Latino students are supported and empowered to attain their higher education objectives, thus investing in the future economic well-being and leadership development of the Latino community in San Benito County for generations to come. Continuing University, College or Technical Students may also apply.

Timothy Conley Baldwin Fund

This memorial scholarship fund was opened in 2005 to honor the late Timothy Conley Baldwin. Tim began visiting San Benito County regularly in 1962 and moved here in 2001. He was a graduate of the University of San Francisco, and employed by UCSF in their departments of Environmental Health and Safety and Human Resources. He was also a past member of the Press and Union League Club and active in volunteer work. A STEAM scholarship and a Leadership scholarship are awarded annually, in Tim’s name, to support higher educational goals of San Benito County high school graduates. Currently enrolled college students may also apply.