



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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annual report

THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF MENDOCINO COUNTY



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Mission

Our mission is to offer people effective ways to engage in advancing the well-being of our communities.

Vision

We envision a thriving Mendocino County, with communities that appreciate their special sense of place and the unique beauty of their natural environment, and that provide growing opportunities for people of all ages to lead healthy lives and to work, learn, create, contribute, and prosper.



Community leaders rarely have the luxury of focusing only on the big picture. Before the Redwood Complex Fire in October 2017, it was business as usual, which for us means developing funding opportunities for those wishing to give, and disbursing grants and scholarships to those in need, a busy schedule for a small staff. Thankfully when the fires struck, we had the Disaster Fund in place ready to receive contributions. What we didn't anticipate is that our usual 500 donations per year would swell to over 3,300, calling upon the dedication of staff and volunteers to receive the many generous contributions offered to help our neighbors in distress.

This annual report highlights a philosophy we employ: always thinking seven generations ahead to create a thriving Mendocino County. As committed leaders we not only think of today, or even tomorrow, but try to make wise decisions that will benefit the residents in our county long after the current leadership is gone. By helping our neighbors through all phases of the recovery process – relief, recovery, rebuilding, and resiliency – we are dedicated as leaders to be here however long it takes.

This philosophy is also perfectly demonstrated in the funds and grants highlighted this year. The Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club's decision to use some of the assets from the sale of its historic clubhouse to establish the Women's Legacy Fund will provide long-term countywide support for women and girls. The family of M. Cecil and Alice M. Gowan deciding to move the scholarship started by Cecil in 1978 to the Community Foundation ensures educational opportunities for community-minded Anderson Valley High School students in perpetuity. The Caring Kitchen Project provides meals to cancer patients as a way to empower and teach teens practical skills, so they can become not only productive members of the workforce but also engaged citizens.

As stewards for future generations, we believe the most important element of our leadership is the idea that we are connected to our communities – communities that transcend time and place. With each decision and action, we must ask ourselves not only who does this help today, but also how does this help sustain a vibrant future for this place we love? Through grants, scholarships, and strategic partnerships, we are actively applying the seventh-generation principle to create a strong, connected, and resilient Mendocino County that we can all be proud to leave behind for the generations to come.


Board Chair Gregory Nelson


President/CEO Megan Barber Allende



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A community can never know when disaster will strike, disrupt its world and raze a cruel path through history and landscape. At the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, we count ourselves grateful that we had the foresight to create the Disaster Fund in the years prior to the October 2017 wildfires with a lead gift of \$20,000 from the Board of Directors, leaving us ready to respond to the needs of our neighbors when the time came.

In the months following the Redwood Complex Fire, the Foundation raised just over \$3M in individual gifts, grants, and corporate sponsorships. Accepting the over 2,000 donations that flooded in from daybreak to dusk in the first three months following the fire required over 150 volunteer hours and 95 hours of staff overtime to receive and process. The Foundation continued to do what it does best – meet the needs of the community through grants, programs, and its networks of supporters – only this time we reached beyond Mendocino County and leveraged resources from all over the country and world to help those in need here at home.

The help we have been able to offer fire survivors through the Disaster Fund has made the difference for families with no other pathway to recovery. One couple wept when told they were receiving a large housing grant from the Disaster Fund to secure long-term housing, while their children danced in joy in the background calling out, “We don’t have to sleep on the floor anymore!” From providing gas cards and immediate cash relief to restoring utilities on burned properties to providing gap funding to build or purchase long-term homes, the Disaster Fund has become the core financial resource for our most vulnerable community members to return home.

We acknowledge the extraordinary support of local media during the Redwood Complex Fire:

- KOZT – The Coast
- KWINE
- KZYX
- Ukiah Daily Journal

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We are so very grateful to the thousands of people who have helped us raise 3 million dollars for Redwood Complex Fire relief during the past year, including these major contributors:

- AG Unlimited, a division of The Lyman Group, Inc.
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- Pamela's Products
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance Foundation
- Peet's Coffee & Tea and its customers
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- The Schow Foundation
- Schramsberg Vineyards
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- Sonoma Clean Power Authority
- Soroptimist International of the Americas – Founder Region
- Sundial Fund
- Donald B. Tanklage and Carole F. Tanklage Foundation
- Tarbell Family Foundation
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- The TK Foundation
- Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and its shoppers
- The students and employees of Ukiah Unified School District
- Renee Van Dieen
- M. S. Walker Inc.
- Jim Werner and Daphne Macneil
- WIZARD487 Fund
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- The Yang Gang
- and several anonymous donors

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- Suzanne and Tim Gilbert
- Judy Moloney
- Darca L. Nicholson
- The Center for Spiritual Living - Ukiah

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- Obenyah LLP, CPAs
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Peet's Coffee & Tea
- Sonoma Clean Power Authority
- and several anonymous donors

When asking a fire survivor who lost everything in the October 2017 wildfire what she needed to recover, she responded, "That depends on what you mean by recovery - finding a place to live? Rebuilding the home we were raised in? Reforesting our barren lands? Or coming to terms with the grief and trauma of losing everything while escaping with our lives. What does recovery mean?" Her response is poignant and guides our long-term recovery work to best support fire survivors.

Following the devastating October wildfire, the Community Foundation in collaboration with North Coast Opportunities (NCO) and the County of Mendocino called together a group of community leaders to form Mendocino-Rebuilding Our Community (M-ROC), the long-term fire recovery team. This team is organized into eight subcommittees which focus on all aspects of survivors' recovery needs, including housing, household furnishings and clothing, emotional and spiritual support. M-ROC takes a holistic approach to recovery to support survivors through multi-tiered funding ranging from school supplies to large housing grants.

Standing at the helm of M-ROC, the Community Foundation strives to leverage Disaster Fund dollars with community partner funding streams to maximize our impact on local recovery efforts. In the early days following the fires we distributed over \$290,000 to help those in immediate need. Through the end of our fiscal year, an additional 95 households received a combined \$206,181 through Critical Needs grants which remove a barrier to stable housing. We also partnered with other community funding sources to offer \$43,067 in immediate housing assistance including rental deposits and mortgage payments to 19 families. Utility restoration has been an essential step to recovery and Critical Needs grants have been given to support 38 families for restoring power and septic to their properties.

Our largest program is the M-ROC Housing Assistance Program to help close the gap in funding to purchase or rebuild a home. By leveraging our funds with those of our community partners, we granted \$230,000 to 7 households. Working collaboratively, the Community Foundation has leaned upon the strength of our networks locally and beyond to continue building an infrastructure and funding base to restore our community.

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Corporate-Advised Fund

Environmental stewardship is at the heart of Mendocino Forest Products' mission, and community enrichment is part of how the company gives back. A leading manufacturer and distributor of environmentally certified redwood based in Mendocino County, the company was formed in 1998 and maintains a strong commitment to supporting the communities in which it works.

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Following the 2017 wildfires, Mendocino Forest Products as part of the Mendocino Family of Companies including Mendocino Redwood Company, Humboldt Redwood Company, and Allweather Wood worked with the Community Foundation to establish the Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund. Pledging to match up to \$400,000, the Mendocino Family of Companies challenged donors to contribute until a total of \$800,000 was reached. The Mendocino Family of Companies identified key recovery issues it wanted to support including youth, elderly, educators, emergency workers, and animals impacted by the Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, and Santa Rosa fires.

In creating the fund, CEO Bob Mertz stated, "We want to assure our community that through our actions, we will be here for the long haul." This commitment to community allows our neighbors who lost homes in the fires to also be here for the long haul, recovering and rebuilding side-by-side to create a new version of home.

The Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund has already granted over \$400,000 this fiscal year. Among the critical needs supported by the fund, children impacted by the fires have been able to purchase lost sports equipment and participate in art classes; seniors have received respite support, from yardwork to food deliveries; and homeowners have been able to restore animal habitats, from chicken coops to dog fencing, to return their animals back home.

Recovery has many aspects but perhaps the strongest echo is left by those ways in which neighbors help neighbors to restore a sense of normalcy and remember what life was like before the firestorm changed everything.





There are many ways to help someone in need, but there can be something so satisfying about putting hammer to nail and creating something concrete. A roof to shelter, a door to protect, a foundation to hold a lifetime within its walls. At a June graduation ceremony, the Community Foundation celebrated breaking ground on the first “Hope City” home to be built in partnership with the first Mendocino County Construction Corps class, putting their newly earned skills to use in rebuilding for survivors of the Redwood Complex Fire.

Mendocino County Construction Corps (MCCC) was initiated by the Community Foundation, the Ukiah Unified School District, and local contractor Larry Richmond in the fall of 2017. It was modeled off a program in Sonoma County through the North Coast Builders Exchange and developed to address the long-term construction worker shortage in our area, a shortage made significantly worse by the devastating fires of October 2017. With the support of the Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce, local construction professionals, and many donors, the program trained 17 high school seniors over the Spring of 2018.

In the heat of the June sun, the MCCC students worked eight hours a day building sheds, bending rebar, and setting up the infrastructure for the foundation to be poured on the first home to be built by Hope Crisis Response Network’s “Hope City” program. They had the opportunity to meet and interact with the fire survivors for whom they were building, lending a very personal touch to their two-week on-site experience.

The firestorm left many without a path to secure long-term housing. The Community Foundation’s Disaster Fund and the long-term recovery committee, Mendocino-Rebuilding Our Community (M-ROC), are focused on helping the uninsured and underinsured who have few or no options to rehouse themselves. Through its collaboration with Hope Crisis Response Network, the Disaster Fund is covering the cost of materials, while the MCCC students, and other volunteers, provide the labor to help survivors rebuild one nail at a time and ultimately restore the unique Redwood Valley community, and reestablish a sense of home.

List of major MCCC donors

AGC of California, Inc., Christensen Construction, Crane of Ukiah, Dorn Construction, Friedman Brothers Home Improvement, Granite Construction, Guillon Inc. Construction, John McCowen, Mendocino College, the Mendocino County Office of Education, Mendo Mill, Menton Builders, Inc., Jim and Arlene Moorehead, North Coast Builders Exchange, Realty World Selzer Realty, Rotary Club of South Ukiah, Savings Bank of Mendocino County employees, the Rodrigue Family Fund, Pearl and Jeff Watts, and the Ted and Wilma Westman Fund.

To become whole as a community, we must look beyond disaster response and into community resiliency. Resiliency builds in systems to help communities recover emotionally, physically, and socially, and allows us to respond more efficiently to future disasters and with less trauma. The Community Foundation granted five Community Enrichment Grants and three Community Support Grants this year to help us build a more resilient community.

We have had ample opportunity in recent years to experience the heroic spirit of our local fire departments. In 2017 we invested through our Community Enrichment grant program in bolstering the work these critical agencies can do, including purchasing a generator for the Comptche Volunteer Fire Department, pagers for the Covelo Fire Protection District, purchasing and installing solar panels for the Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department, acquiring new fire hoses for the Hopland Volunteer Fire Department, and renovations for the Piercy Fire Protection District to establish an emergency shelter.

Broadening our impact to develop a resilient community, we also granted funds to create awareness around fire safety, health, and rebuilding through a series of public events. These funds supported “Comin’ Home” the Redwood Fire Rebuild Expo organized by the Solar Living Institute, “How to Create a Fire-safe Neighborhood” with the Mendocino Fire Safe Council, and “Heroes for Health and Safety in Mendocino County” a safety fair held in Boonville.

Resiliency is becoming a critical step for communities to recover from disasters while retaining a sense of their unique identities. The Community Foundation has been honored to play a role in supporting community resiliency, and is looking forward to making even larger strides with the new Community Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness Fund.

Community Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness Fund

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the new Community Resiliency and Preparedness Fund, designed to create more far-sighted community resources in the face of future disasters. In the wake of the October 2017 Redwood Complex Fires and the 2018 Mendocino Complex Fires, the Community Foundation has been witness to the challenges our community faces when trying to recover from a natural disaster. By building a more prepared and resilient community before disaster strikes, we increase our ability to recover. The Community Foundation’s Board of Directors created this fund with a lead gift of \$25,000 and is looking to community donors to build the fund to \$100,000.

The fund will allow us to address two pathways – community resiliency and disaster preparedness. Along with the existing Disaster Fund, these two pathways create a holistic approach to protect and nurture our community, by preparing before a disaster strikes and enabling effective response to rebuild and recover in the days and years after a disaster. In this way, Mendocino County can be stronger and more resilient.





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The Community Endowment is a collection of gifts of all sizes, as well as named endowment funds, that support discretionary grant programs and technical assistance. Grants respond to current needs and opportunities as they change over time.

Named funds within the Community Endowment include:

- Cantus Foundation Fund
- Fraeda Dubin Trust
- The Gardiner Family Endowment Fund
- Claire Ellis and Chuck Greenberg Fund
- Jonathan Gibbs Memorial Fund
- Charles and Olivia Hasty Fund
- William Leavens Foundation Fund
- Mathey Fund
- Shirley Peek Fund

Designated and Agency Funds support specific organizations through a perpetual endowment. This category also includes agency endowment funds opened by non-profit organizations.

- Anderson Valley Health Center Endowment Fund
- Board Endowment Fund for the Community Foundation
- Jack T. and Chatter C. Bishoff Funds
- William H. Carter Trust
- Huldie Schoener Clark Fund of the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society
- Erma C. Conant Endowment Fund
- Eva Dunnebeck Memorial Fund
- Delbert E. and Maradyll T. Facklam Endowment Fund
- Maradyll T. Facklam Memorial Endowment Fund
- Don Farrell Fund
- Lloyd W. Hamlin and Gladys Hamlin 1991 Trust Fund
- Friends of Drug Court Fund
- Hospice of Ukiah Fund
- Imagination Library Fund
- Frederick T. Johnson Endowment Fund
- Mae Lauer Endowment Fund for the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
- Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens' Agency Fund (Gardens' Legacy Fund)
- Mendocino County Museum Endowment Fund

- Mendocino Unified Schools Enrichment, Inc. (MUSE)
- Beverly Morby Fund
- Ginny Rorby Writers' Fund
- Harold and Mary Selim Memorial Campership Fund
- SPACE Designated Fund
- Ukiah Players Theatre Building Fund
- Ukiah Senior Center Endowment Fund

Donor-Advised Funds enable donors to contribute assets to their funds at any time and then to make recommendations to the Community Foundation regarding grants from their funds. Donor-advised funds are a flexible and personal way to support nonprofit groups in Mendocino County and beyond.

- Elmer Albertson Fund
- Mabel Albertson Fund
- Patricia and Albert Beltrami Family Fund
- Bowman Family Fund
- Matthew Coleman Fund for Environmental Education and Conservation
- The Community Assistance Fund
- Frank and Maxine Crane Memorial Fund
- Meredythe G. and Clayton C. Daley, Jr. Family Fund
- Guilford and Gudrun Dye Family Fund
- Full Circle Family Fund
- Hudson Family Fund
- J-Olivanti Fund
- Klein Family Fund for South Coast Opportunities
- Lowery Family Fund
- Sandy Mailliard Fund
- Martin and Morris Fund
- Mathey Charitable Fund
- Jim and Babbie Mayfield Fund
- Pacific Redwood Medical Group Charitable Fund
- John Pack and Linda Francis Family Fund
- Pearson Family Fund
- Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa Community Recovery Fund
- Rodrigue Family Fund
- Rotary Club of Ukiah Fund
- Paul and Linda Shimmin Fund
- Ted and Wilma Westman Fund

Field-of-Interest Funds make grants in a specific area of interest, or a specified geographical area, or both.

- A.D. Abramson Endowment Fund for the Visual Arts (North Coast)
- Jane Anderson Developmental Disability Fund
- The Anderson Valley Fund
- Angel Fund & Angel Endowment Fund
- Animal Welfare Fund for Inland Mendocino County
- Arts in the Schools Endowment Fund
- Donna Baxter Memorial Fund for STEM Education
- Blood Bank of the Redwoods Legacy Fund
- Broadband Development Fund
- Community Resiliency and Preparedness Fund
- Pat Denny Endowment Fund
- Disaster Fund for Mendocino County
- Fraeda Dubin Endowment Fund
- Economic Development Fund
- Environmental Education and Conservation Fund
- Charles F. Flinn and Walker B. Tilley Fund for Sustainable Forestry
- Foster Fund
- The Fund for Animal Welfare
- The Fund for Homeless Services
- The Fund for Round Valley
- Fund for Trails and Open Space
- Genentech, Inc. Fund for Fire Relief
- Haigh-Scatena Youth Leadership, Empowerment and Advocacy Fund
- Jim Levine Youth Endowment Fund
- Vivian Martin Fund
- John and Sandra Mayfield Family Economic Development Fund
- Mendocino Coast Healthcare Fund
- Mendocino Coast Youth Mentorship Fund
- Mendocino County Endowment for Community Health Projects
- Moorehead Endowment Fund for Seniors
- Poverty Program Fund
- Judy Pruden Historical Preservation Fund
- Evelyn G. Smith Science Fund
- Textile and Fiber Arts Endowment Fund
- Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club Endowment Fund
- Women's Legacy Fund
- Workers' Memorial Fund

Scholarship Funds are created by donors who want to help students pursue university, college or vocational educations, using criteria of the donors' choosing.

- "Ain't Noth'n Ever Been Got That Ain't Been Went Out After" Jack and Ruby Terwilliger Scholarship Fund
- Viola L. Allen and Oscar A. Allen Scholarship Fund
- Warren "Ed" Brown Scholarship Fund
- California Retired Teachers' Association (CRTA) Division 55-Bessie Scott Scholarship Fund
- California Retired Teachers' Association (CRTA) Division 55-Hilmer Finne Music Scholarship Fund
- Jean Cannon Scholarship Fund
- Randy Clark Memorial Vocational Scholarship Fund
- Community Foundation of Mendocino County Scholarship Fund
- M. Cecil and Alice M. Gowan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship Fund
- Todd Hudson Memorial Basketball Scholarship Fund
- Jonathan Family Scholarship Fund
- Jerry Juhl Fund for the Arts
- McCarthy and Whitcomb Inland Performing Arts Scholarship Fund
- MCHC Health Centers: Linnea Hunter Scholarship Fund
- Mendocino Agricultural Families' Scholarship Fund
- Alma and August Mendosa Scholarship Fund
- Marge Pardini Philanthropy Scholarship Fund
- Penserra Founder's Scholarship Fund
- Fionna and Richard Perkins Scholarship Fund
- Ryan and Collin Petite Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jesse Pittman Scholarship Fund
- Paul and Linda Shimmin Scholarship Fund
- Skye Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Charles O. and Harriett C. Smith Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award Scholarship Fund
- David Joseph Talamo Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund
- Ukiah High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund
- Westman Vocational Scholarship Fund
- Woman's Opportunity Scholarship Fund

For full fund descriptions visit www.communityfound.org



Now the family has established a lasting legacy by transferring the scholarship to the Community Foundation. "We want it to continue, and this looks like the best way to keep it going," says Jo. The Community Foundation will administer the scholarship in keeping with the family's values. Jo says, "Cecil believed that

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The Community Foundation will work with the Gowan family to find students who meet the family's selection criteria. It is a privilege to administer the M. Cecil and Alice M. Gowan Memorial Scholarship on behalf of a family that has done so much for our county well beyond their renowned apples.

Scholarship Fund

Although they are known for agriculture, the Gowan family has had a tradition for several generations of nurturing students and the Anderson Valley community. It began with Cecil and Alice (nee Studebaker) Gowan, whose families had both settled in this area in the 19th century.

For many years, the Gowan family administered a scholarship fund for Anderson Valley High School students that Cecil, a former teacher and school trustee as well as a farmer, had created in 1978 as a memorial to his wife. After the death of their son, Jim, granddaughter Grace Espinoza and her mother, Jo, administered the scholarship.

The Anderson Valley Fund

The close-knit community in Anderson Valley has long depended on neighbors helping neighbors, and the recently opened Anderson Valley Fund will provide more opportunities to do just that. The new fund will support residents in Anderson Valley long into the future by offering grant-making in the areas of health and wellness, education, the environment, and the arts. Since it is a Field-of-Interest fund, others can contribute to the fund over time in a way that enhances each individual donation for the most impact in the community.

The inaugural donors, Frederick Martin and Janet D. Morris, were longtime residents of the Valley before their recent move out of the area. Fred and Janet wanted to provide a vehicle for legacy giving in the area of Mendocino County they deeply loved and appreciated. The goal of the fund is to address current needs in the community as they evolve over time. The Community Foundation will engage local regional advisors and the Community Enrichment grant program to identify those needs and fund them on an annual basis.

Designated Fund

"I opened this fund because I love the Mendocino Coast and I love writing," says Ginny Rorby, about the designated fund she has established at the Community Foundation, the Ginny Rorby Writers' Fund. "I wanted to use an inheritance to filter money back into the local writers' community, and the Community Foundation had the best system to do that." She has arranged to give more to the fund upon her death.

Ginny discovered the Mendocino Coast while working as a flight attendant, and moved to Fort Bragg in 1991. Before that, she also discovered she could write when the editor of a local newspaper praised her writing skills. This inspired her to return to college and earn an MFA. "It had never occurred to me that I could write," she said. "But I had a lot of encouragement to pursue it."

The combination of living in the place she loves and pursuing the craft she loves has worked out well for Ginny:

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she has published six novels for young adults. "I like writing for young adults because I can have an impact on my readers. They are more flexible than adults, and willing to think about things differently."

The Mendocino Coast Writers' Conference has played a big role in nurturing Ginny's craft. She started attending in 1989, became a volunteer in 1994, was co-director from 1996-2004, and is now president of the board. The Ginny Rorby Writers Fund will support the Writers' Conference and provide an ongoing scholarship

in Middle Grade or Young Adult fiction or non-fiction. "It's a tremendous amount of effort to produce the conference," she says, "but we've made a huge difference in the lives of writers of all stripes. We use scholarships to encourage people from diverse backgrounds to attend the conference—especially those who have to overcome obstacles to keep writing. I like knowing my money will continue to help these future writers pursue the career path that has brought me so much satisfaction."





Field-of-Interest Fund

Jim and Arlene Moorehead are no strangers to community involvement, having served on non-profit boards and County commissions for decades. They knew some of the IRS rules on charitable giving, but hadn't paid attention to how the required minimum distributions (RMDs) on retirement accounts can affect taxes. When they read about Roger Foote and Chuck Vaughn using their IRAs to open a fund at the Community Foundation, they realized they could transfer ("roll over") their RMDs to selected and qualified non-profits. Jim explains, "We don't need all of our retirement funds to live on, so why not give some back - tax-free -

to this place we love? We decided to concentrate our giving close to home so we can see how much of a difference we're making." Arlene adds, "We support the 'shop local' movement and the 'local food' movement, so local giving goes along with that."



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The Mooreheads decided to give to six local charities and six Community Foundation funds. Their financial advisor assisted with the paperwork. The largest distribution "seeded" a new endowment fund to provide ongoing help for seniors. Arlene explains, "We know many seniors are living on the edge, and that services in our big county are often few and far between. We wondered how those with limited resources could get access to the help they need. We like that the Moorehead Endowment Fund for Seniors will benefit older adults and their families living in Mendocino County by helping them to "age in place" in their homes and communities and lead their lives with dignity and worth. We hope to pool gifts from many folks; perhaps other aging baby boomers will want to contribute to such a fund."

Jim and Arlene are practical about their philanthropic plans. "This will be a test year," Jim says. "We are giving to both well-established organizations and start-up groups. We're willing to take some risks and see how they do, and then re-evaluate next year." Arlene adds, "We feel fortunate to be able to help. It makes us feel so good that we wonder why we didn't do this before now."



Field-of-Interest Fund

The Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club (USAC) was formed in the early twentieth century when women in the Ukiah Valley who lived on ranches and farms on the outskirts of town were often isolated until their husbands brought them to town on Saturdays. These women would meet to discuss ways to support cultural growth and appreciation, to promote civic responsibility, and to cultivate their individual talents and leadership.

USAC is impressive not only for its longevity, but for its impact. The women of the USAC were instrumental in establishing Todd Grove Park and the Veteran's Hall, opening Ukiah's first public library (in the building that now houses Beverly Sanders Realty), improving public health by funding school nurses and installing drinking fountains in schools and parks, and planting trees that continue to beautify Ukiah today.

The current smart, dedicated, and community-minded members of The Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club sold their historic clubhouse a few years ago and decided to use some of the assets to seed the Women's Legacy Fund. The primary purpose of the fund is to support organizations in Mendocino County that assist women and girls to strengthen their physical, emotional, intellectual, and financial well-being.

Annually a focus area will be determined for the grant-making from the broad fields of economic independence, basic needs, safety, reproductive health, education, and mental health. "This fund allows the next generation of Mendocino County women an opportunity to improve and sustain their lives right here, keeping the successes of our county local," stated USAC co-president Jini Reynolds.

The importance of this fund is made even greater with the possibility of others adding to the Fund either now or as a part of their estate plans. In addition, other organizations are invited to collaborate and create a difference in the lives of local women. "We hope to set an example for others to direct their hard-earned assets to improving our local community," continued Reynolds. "We don't always all have it altogether, but together, we can have it all".



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Planned Gift

Dan Baxter is honoring the life and legacy of his wife, Donna, with a planned gift in her name. After discovering as a young woman that she was strong in science and math, Donna left nursing to return to college and go on to a career as an engineer. After her sudden death in 2014, Dan worked with the Community Foundation to establish an endowment fund that after

his death will provide multi-year STEM college scholarships to help young women countywide to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Young women with these interests will find an inspiring model in the life of Donna Baxter. After graduating from high school in a small southern Illinois town, Donna chose the traditional women’s occupation of nursing. This took her to Denver for her first job, where she later moved to a better-paying job as a city bus driver and met her future husband, Dan. Her next life-changing event was the decision to go back to school. Dan says, “She found she really liked math; and once she discovered differential equations, calculus, and advanced physics, engineering became her focus.” A degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado led to a fulfilling career working for major medical device manufacturers. When they moved to Ukiah, she joined Maverick Enterprises as Quality Manager and Dan worked as a manager with Mendocino Transit Authority.

Donna’s death in 2014 was a shock for Dan and all who knew her. Dan says, “Donna and I had a wonderful life together, thanks in large part to her being able to pursue her dreams. I wanted to do something to honor her and her life’s work. Some girls don’t get the encouragement they need to pursue their interests; and this scholarship can give a girl the support and confidence she needs to explore what is possible. The Donna Baxter Memorial STEM Scholarship Fund will be the perfect tribute to Donna to share her legacy with others after I’m gone.”

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The Caring Kitchen, a program of North Coast Opportunities (NCO), is all about the healing power of food and the connections it creates.

It has two major missions – to create meals for people who are seriously ill with cancer and their families, and to empower teens by teaching them practical skills and showing them how they can make a difference in the lives of others. The program, based at St. Anthony’s in Willits, currently serves 21 families with five different dishes each week, enough to last for 3-5 days. This means that every week, volunteer “delivery angels” deliver more than 100 containers of food prepared in the Caring Kitchen.

Although there are many adult volunteers, youth development is the major focus of the Caring Kitchen Project. Teen volunteers commit to weekly 2.5-hour shifts as “chefs-in-training” and learn hands-on kitchen skills and food safety. They also are encouraged to develop their leadership capabilities. The teen trainees focus on personal and professional development, and encourage the participants to assume more responsibility and ownership of the project. In return, the teen volunteers derive many benefits, from building a resumé to learning cooking skills to collaborating with others and connecting with the patients being served.

The Caring Kitchen has received support from several Community Foundation funds, including the Haigh-Scatena Foundation Youth Leadership, Empowerment and Advocacy Fund, the Foster Fund, the Community Enrichment grant program, and an anonymous donor-advised fund. The Ceres Community Project in Sebastopol provides training and support.

Tarney Sheldon and April Cunningham oversee the Caring Kitchen Project. Tarney says, “The buzz today about teens is that they lack empathy. The Caring Kitchen Project shows that when teens have the opportunity to do meaningful work, they respond. Part of the project is to fold care into each meal, and the teen volunteers do just that.”



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Community Endowment Fund Total: \$239,333

(Community Enrichment Grants, Technical Assistance, Community Support Grants, Save-the-Day Grants, Strategic Grants)

Community Enrichment \$158,000

Multi-Area

- Family Medicine Education for Mendocino County
- North Coast Opportunities - Caring Kitchen
- Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center

Countywide

- Good Farm Fund

Anderson Valley

- Anderson Valley High School

Laytonville/Leggett/Piercy

- Long Valley Health Center
- Piercy Fire Protection District

North Coast

- Comptche Volunteer Fire Department
- Fort Bragg Unified School District
- Mendocino Unified School District
- Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department

Round Valley

- BONES Pet Rescue
- Covelo Fire Protection District

South Coast

- Coastal Seniors

Ukiah Area

- Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah
- Hopland Volunteer Fire Department
- SPACE - School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education

Willits

- Nuestra Alianza de Willits
- Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Willits Community Theatre
- Willits Unified School District

Technical Assistance Program \$17,500

The Community Foundation offered eleven workshops followed with small grant opportunities for participants to receive additional support for their organization. 272 individuals attended workshops and grants were awarded to 12 organizations for improving internet security, marketing, and board development.

Community Support Grants \$17,900

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has a limited budget for community grants to support public events or educational opportunities for charitable organizations and/or the broader community. These events must align with the Community Foundation's mission and vision and further the goals of our strategic plan.

Save-the-Day Grants \$18,433

Save-the-Day Grants help overcome barriers, fix problems, and enable non-profits to keep running efficiently, now and into the future. For more information, see the Save-the-Day Grant program article.

Strategic Grants \$27,500

The Community Foundation's Strategic Grant-making Committee made the following grants to organizations that aligned with the housing focus of the strategic plan.

- Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center
- Redwood Community Services Inland Shelter
- Anderson Valley Elderhome

Field-of-Interest Grants Total: \$979,900 (Includes grants received to support Redwood Complex Fire relief activities)

A.D. Abramson Endowment Fund for the Visual Arts

- FLOCKworks

Blood Bank of the Redwoods Legacy Fund

- Ukiah High School
- Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County

Charles F. Flinn and Walker B. Tilley Fund for Sustainable Forestry

- The Conservation Fund
- Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.

Disaster Fund for Mendocino County

- North Coast Opportunities
- Potter Valley Youth and Community Center
- Mendocino Coast Children's Fund
- Arts Council of Mendocino County

Environmental Education and Conservation Fund

- Acorn Partners in Education
- Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
- Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association
- The Waldorf School of Mendocino County (ReLeaf)

Fraeda Dubin Endowment Fund & Pat Denny Endowment Fund

- Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center

Fund for Trails and Open Space

- Mendocino Coast Cyclists, Inc.

Haigh-Scatena Youth Leadership Fund

- North Coast Opportunities - Caring Kitchen

Jane Anderson Developmental Disability Fund

- Circle of Horses

John and Sandra Mayfield Family Economic Development Fund

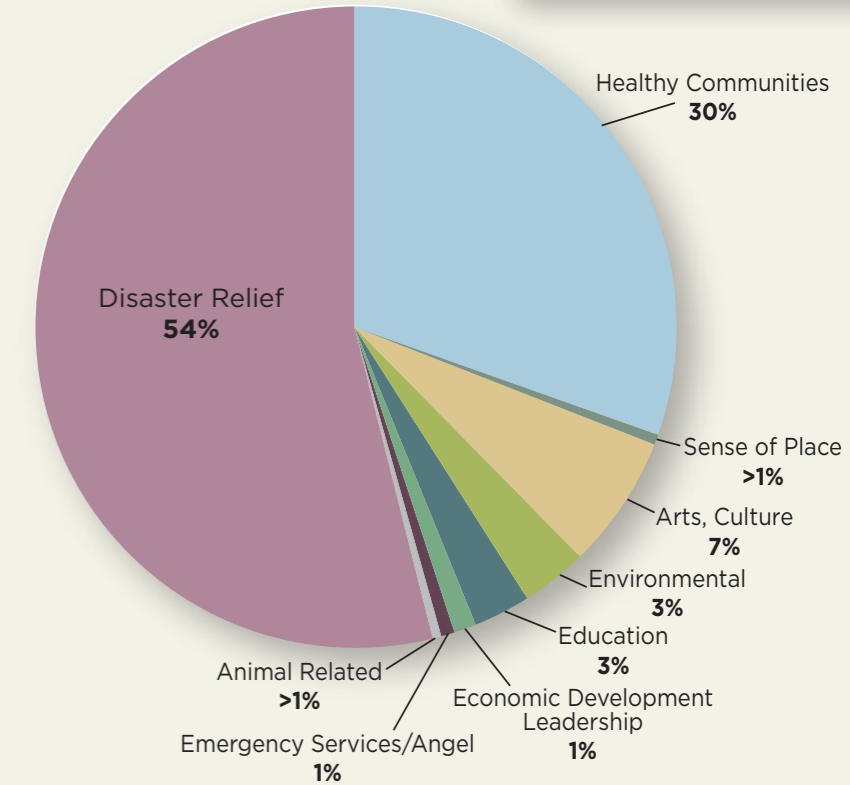
- West Company

Judy Pruden Historical Preservation Fund

- Arts Council of Mendocino County
- Fort Bragg Mendocino Coast Historical Society

Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club Endowment Fund

- Game Over/Redwood Community Services
- Project Sanctuary



Designated/Agency Funds Grants Total: \$216,320

Donor-Advised Funds Grants Total: \$598,846

Scholarships Grants Total: \$118,125

Total Grants & Scholarships: \$2,152,524



Save-the-Day Grant Program

The Community Foundation launched the Save-the-Day Grant Program to assist non-profits by responding to urgent needs and emergency situations that impair the organization from fulfilling its mission. Applicants could seek assistance with critical equipment or technology, key technical assistance, or other time-sensitive needs. Save-the-Day grants help overcome barriers, fix problems, and enable non-profits to keep running efficiently, now and into the future.

"My day runs so much smoother now that I don't have to constantly fight with an

old creaky computer that may or may not decide to run the program I need today," said Kelly Hansen, office manager for the School of Adaptive Agriculture. "Without the support of the Community Foundation we wouldn't have been able to upgrade our computers and technology and enter the 21st century. Now we can focus on serving our students, organizing educational workshops for local farmers and planning our future - not focusing on how to keep aging systems limping along with duct tape and a prayer."

Save-the-Day Grants 2017-18:

Willits Seniors, Inc.

For the purpose of upgrading restroom facilities to adhere to current American with Disabilities Act Law (ADA) allowing the Willits Senior Center to fulfill its commitment of assisting seniors and those with disabilities.

Tapestry Family Services

For the purpose of acquiring a safe and reliable vehicle to transport foster and community children who are Tapestry clients to various appointments.

Safe Passage Family Resource Center

For the purpose of developing an executive transition plan, expert consultation for new board member training, and facilitation of strategic plan development.

Friends of the Round Valley Public Library

For the purpose of replacing the computer system which allows KYBU to broadcast using their automation system.

School of Adaptive Agriculture

For the purpose of acquiring new office equipment, software, and assistance that will increase the security of data and records, providing protection from a cyber-attack including offsite backup.



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Our 2017-2018 Board

Front row, left to right: Orion Walker, Judith Bailey, Gayle Greene, Paula Cohen, Greg Nelson, Kathy Wylie, Monte Hill

Rear row, left to right: Jim King, Philip Thomas, Buck Ganter, Win Bowen, Jim Taul, Katie Gibbs

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Condensed Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2018

The following is a condensed presentation of the Statement of Financial Position. The complete audited financial statements, as prepared by Jeremiah K. Murphy, CPA, are available upon request and at www.CommunityFound.org.

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 103,714
Other current assets	11,243
Investments	36,032,756
Property and equipment, net accumulated depreciation	612,143
Other assets	0
Total Assets	36,759,856
Liabilities	
Accounts and grants payable, and accrued expenses	\$ 188,801
Other current liabilities	0
Liability under Charitable Remainder Trusts	112,563
Agency funds	1,077,755
Total Liabilities	1,379,119
Net Assets	35,380,737
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$36,759,856

The Community Foundation is grateful for the partnerships we have with all of these businesses, which have offered operational support to underwrite this annual report.

Adventist Health Ukiah Valley
Bailey's
Crane of Ukiah
CLG Wealth Management
Community First Credit Union
ComputAccount
Susan O. Gordon, Artist
Scott R. Hodges & Associates
LPL Financial
Main Street Research LLC
The Law Office of Mannon, King, Johnson & Wipf
MCHC Health Centers
Mendocino Forest Products
Jim Moorehead Photography
Nelson Family Vineyards
Rainbow Ag
Realty World Selzer Realty
Savings Bank of Mendocino County
Seiler LLP

PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY are people who have arranged for a future gift to the Community Foundation through their estate plans. Partners in Philanthropy (PIP) exists to acknowledge these individuals and to encourage others to do the same.

To become a PIP, you do not need to let us know what you are leaving to the Community Foundation, but we encourage you to discuss the gift with us to make sure we have the information we need to comply with your wishes.

Thomas C. Adams and Donald W. Toppenberg	Sallie McConnell Costello
John Andreani	Dennis McCarthy and John Whitcomb
Judy Andreani	Amaryllis Verne McHenry
Judith Bailey	Jim and Arlene Moorehead
Dan Baxter	Charles "Mike" Morgan
Maureen Bowman	Arthur Morley
Nick and Valerie Brownrigg	Susanne and Richard Norgard
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Diane Daubeneck	Thomas F. Parducci
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Roger Foote and Holly Brackmann	Julie and Raven Price
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Ron and Millie Jensen	Paul R. and Linda M. Shimmin
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Valerie Johnson	Patrick Taylor
John Knapp and Laura Levin	Benj Thomas and Susan Baird
Ruth and Lee Lowery	Donna Vaiano
Judith and Robert Mathey	Patti E. Williams
Jim and Babbie Mayfield	

Ways to Give

Retirement Plan Assets: These assets are first-in-line for charitable consideration since they are taxable to your heirs, but not to a charitable beneficiary such as The Community Foundation of Mendocino County (EIN 68-0330462). It is a simple procedure to contact the plan administrator and add the Community Foundation as a beneficiary.

A Charitable Bequest from your Will or Living Trust: Your attorney can add a provision to your will or trust naming the Community Foundation of Mendocino County (EIN 68-0330462) for a specific dollar amount, a specific asset, or a percentage of your estate.

Life Insurance Policy: You can name the Community Foundation as the primary or secondary beneficiary of the policy.

Call for a conversation to explore your giving options: (707) 468-9882 ext. 102

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