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## **Community Foundation**

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### **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$300,000 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITING THE SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY**

***With \$100,000 Grant from YouTube/Google.org,  
SBCF Supports 23 Programs Addressing Community Needs in 2023***

**San Bruno, California, December 12, 2022** – The Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation recently approved 23 Community Grants totaling \$300,000 to local organizations serving San Bruno. Ranging in size from \$25,000 to \$3,000, these grants will support programs and projects that benefit a broad cross section of the San Bruno community.

This is the seventh year the Foundation has offered the Community Grants Fund to invest in community organizations providing critical services and programs in San Bruno. To fund the grants, the Foundation is utilizing \$200,000 in investment proceeds from a portion of the restitution funds received from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. For the sixth consecutive year, YouTube and Google.org made a generous \$100,000 contribution to the program.

“In collaboration with YouTube and Google.org, we are pleased to invest in the meaningful and often under-appreciated work that local organizations do to strengthen the San Bruno community,” said Foundation President Malissa Netane-Jones. “This year’s Community Grants will support community organizations that serve the people of San Bruno in many different ways, including CASA of San Mateo County’s efforts to support San Bruno children in foster care or the juvenile justice system, Art in Action’s visual arts programs at San Bruno Park School District elementary schools, and the San Bruno Amateur Radio Club’s plan to install modern emergency communications equipment in the City of San Bruno’s Emergency Operations Center.”

The recommended grantees were selected from a competitive pool of grant applications that were received by the program’s September 21, 2022, application deadline. A review panel of volunteers, including community members and individuals with grantmaking and nonprofit experience, reviewed and evaluated the applications, ultimately recommending that the Board approve grants to the 23 programs. Most importantly in its evaluation, the panel weighed the benefits of the proposed programs to the San Bruno community. Other criteria the panel considered include each proposal’s alignment with one of the Foundation’s identified focus areas, program methodology and budget, the requested grant amount in relation to anticipated community benefit, and the applying organization’s track record, stability, and financial health.

This year’s grant awards include:

- \$22,000 to Art in Action to deliver visual arts education curriculum at San Bruno Park School District elementary schools to provide all students, regardless of economic circumstances, with an outlet for creative self-expression;
- \$15,000 to CASA of San Mateo County to support San Bruno children in foster care and/or the juvenile justice system by pairing them with trained community volunteers who provide one-on-one support, mentoring, and advocacy in the courtroom and beyond;

- \$3,000 to Center for Excellence in Nonprofits to support nonprofit organizations located in or serving San Bruno through professional development and learning opportunities focused on IDEAL principles, nonprofit performance and effectiveness, capacity building, leadership development, and sustainability;
- \$25,000 to CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) to provide San Bruno victims and survivors of domestic violence with 24-hour access to crisis intervention services, including crisis counseling, safety planning, and access to emergency shelter;
- \$15,000 to Edgewood Center for Children and Families to provide low-income, at-risk, transition-age youth in San Bruno with mental health services, peer support, basic sustenance and hygiene supplies, transportation, computer and internet access, and life skills to improve life outcomes, foster independence, and build resilience;
- \$15,000 to Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services of San Mateo County to provide culturally based mental and behavioral health services to primarily Spanish-speaking San Bruno residents in substance abuse recovery;
- \$15,000 to Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County to provide legal assistance to San Bruno residents facing eviction or living in substandard conditions with the goal of keeping them in their homes, preventing homelessness through enforcement of legal rights, and remedying inadequate living conditions through advocacy;
- \$20,000 to LifeMoves to support unsheltered San Bruno residents, address their behavioral health and medical needs, and provide individualized case management through the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT);
- \$5,000 to Lowen Soccer Club for maintenance of San Bruno's widely used soccer fields at the former Crestmoor High School site and expansion of youth soccer programs;

- \$15,000 to Music for Minors to provide standards-based, in-school music education to TK-2nd grade students at San Bruno Park School District elementary schools;
- \$15,000 to Partners and Advocates for Remarkable Children and Adults (PARCA) to support program operating costs and enhance summer camp programming for REACH, an inclusive, licensed before- and after-school day care program for children with and without developmental disabilities based at John Muir Elementary School;
- \$7,100 to PIEFEST Limited to provide engaging and inclusive STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiences to San Bruno Pacific Islander elementary school-age children;
- \$9,500 to San Bruno Amateur Radio Club to modernize emergency communications equipment in the City of San Bruno's Emergency Operations Center for use in the event of local disasters or emergencies;
- \$15,000 to San Bruno Education Foundation to support the development of a mural on the campus of Parkside Intermediate School, involving students, faculty, and and artists, in an effort to build community and school spirit;
- \$5,000 to San Bruno Girls Softball to maintain and improve the athletic fields at Parkside Intermediate School to ensure a safe place to play softball for San Bruno youth;
- \$15,000 to San Bruno Lions Foundation to distribute holiday food baskets to San Bruno families in need through San Bruno public schools;

- \$5,000 to San Bruno Lions Foundation to provide a special winter holiday experience for special education students and teachers at El Portal School in San Bruno;
- \$15,000 to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to serve San Bruno families and individuals at risk for hunger through the distribution of healthy food;
- \$10,000 to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Particular Council of San Mateo County, Inc., to provide rent, utilities, and food assistance to San Bruno families and individuals at risk of homelessness through the Peninsula Family Resource Center;
- \$10,000 to Sonrisas Dental Health, Inc., to increase access to dental care for low-income, minority children in the San Bruno Park School district through the Access to Care Program and school-based screenings;
- \$10,000 to StarVista to provide school-based mental health education presentations covering such topics as depression, anxiety, coping skills, stress, help-seeking, and suicide prevention, to reduce stigma and increase access to care for San Bruno high school students;
- \$10,000 to Upward Scholars to provide financial assistance, academic support, career development opportunities, and mental health support to San Bruno adult immigrants enrolled in community college; and
- \$23,400 to Via Heart Project to treat cardiac arrest and prevent unnecessary deaths by installing AEDs in San Bruno community spaces and providing CPR and AED training to 7th graders at Parkside Intermediate School.

“As community members continue to face financial hardships in the third year of the pandemic, we are grateful to the San Bruno Community Foundation for its support of our efforts to help San Bruno families and individuals at risk of homelessness remain housed by providing short-term rent, utility,

and food assistance,” said James Lonergan, Executive Director the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Particular Council of San Mateo County, Inc. “This grant will directly benefit San Bruno residents facing economic crises and enable them to stay housed, with the lights and heat on and with food to eat.”

“Funding from the San Bruno Community Foundation enables our organization to provide much-needed mental and behavioral health services to Spanish-speaking San Bruno residents in substance abuse recovery,” said Debra Camarillo, Executive Director of the Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services of San Mateo County. “Our cultural model allows us to serve a hard-to-reach population and addresses health disparities in our community. The Foundation’s support is vital to our efforts to serve as a central health care access point for immigrant and native Latino families and individuals.”

Since 2016, the Foundation has awarded 160 Community Grants totaling \$2 million. The Foundation intends to offer grants through the Community Grants Fund again in 2023, with the online application accessible through the Foundation’s website at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org) in early July.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits.

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