

A Lasting Legacy
2024 Annual Report

SAN BRUNO

Community Foundation



A Grand Opening for the Ages

October 2024

Since the San Bruno Community Foundation was created more than a decade ago, our charge has been to serve the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits – in other words, to ensure that “something good” comes out of the tragic gas pipeline explosion that devastated the Crestmoor neighborhood and resulted in a \$70 million restitution settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company that the Foundation administers.

With the August 24, 2024, Grand Opening of the new San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center – a gleaming, state-of-the-art facility in San Bruno City Park – the San Bruno community is realizing a lasting legacy of triumph over tragedy.

In 2015 and 2016, through the Foundation’s first Community Listening Campaign and the City of San Bruno’s subsequent community facilities visioning process, the people of San Bruno identified new community facilities – and, in particular, a new combined recreation center and swimming pool facility to replace the aging Veterans Memorial Recreation Center and San Bruno Pool – as the top priority for the use of the restitution funds. For the past eight years, the Foundation has been committed to seeing the Recreation and Aquatic Center project come to fruition, contributing grants totaling up to \$51.5 million to the City for the facility’s design and construction.

The long-awaited opening of the Recreation and Aquatic Center helps us turn the page on the calamitous events of September 9, 2010. We are elated that we came together and delivered this true gem of a facility to meet the needs you – our community – identified, and to provide San Bruno with new opportunities for recreation and communal gathering. The open and accessible Recreation and Aquatic Center will serve San Bruno’s residents and future generations in exceptional ways.



What began with tragedy brings us remembrance-filled hope for a brighter, safer, and inclusive community hub for San Bruno, which we know as the “City with a Heart.” We are so proud of the Foundation’s most meaningful legacy project and what it represents for our community, and we hope you are, too.

The Recreation and Aquatic Center is for you, the San Bruno community. And the use of this new facility by you, your family, and your neighbors is how we ensure that it honors the memory of those most affected by the 2010 explosion and becomes a treasured resource in San Bruno for decades to come.


Malissa Netane-Jones
President


Leslie Hatamiya
Executive Director



Introducing the New San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center

On Saturday, August 24, 2024, the Foundation celebrated - with the City of San Bruno and more than one thousand members of our community - the Grand Opening of the new San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center!

Supported by \$51.5 million in grant funding from the Foundation, the City designed and constructed this wonderful community asset that will benefit generations of San Bruno residents.

Located in San Bruno City Park, the Recreation and Aquatic Center features a full-size gymnasium, fitness center, indoor running track, indoor and outdoor swimming pools with adjacent party rooms, a large community hall with a catering kitchen, meeting rooms, and more. We invite everyone to visit the new Recreation and Aquatic Center and see all that this facility has to offer. Visit the City of San Bruno website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov/431/Recreation-and-Aquatic-Center-RAC for information about hours, memberships, programs, and facility rentals.

To ensure that the City has the flexibility to both address the recreational needs of the community and set the facility on a financially sustainable course, this fall the Foundation committed \$2.25 million in grant funding to support startup programming and outreach activities at the new center. The three-year grant will help the City bridge the opening of the facility to full operations and test various marketing, outreach, recruitment, scholarship, and other initiatives to encourage community members to use the facility so that it generates sufficient revenues to sustain its operations for the ongoing benefit of the community.



Investments in Downtown San Bruno



Centennial Plaza Improvement Project

The San Bruno Community Foundation eagerly awaits the completion of significant renovations to Centennial Plaza in downtown San Bruno. Supported by a \$500,000 strategic grant from the Foundation, the City of San Bruno is transforming Centennial Plaza - which is located at the intersection of Jenevein Avenue and San Mateo Avenue - into a welcoming gathering space for outdoor dining, entertainment, and community events. Festivities to open the new plaza, including a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, are planned for Friday, October 25, 2024.

Under the Centennial Plaza Improvement Project, the redesigned plaza includes a flexible plaza area, a small stage, café-style seating, picnic tables, a play area, festoon lighting, and landscaping, among other features. With these improvements, Centennial Plaza will bolster the business district with an attractive focal point and foster community spirit as a central activity hub for community gatherings. We are proud to partner with the City and the County of San Mateo, which provided Measure K funding to the project, to bring this valuable community amenity to the downtown corridor.



Downtown Beautification Project

In March 2024, the Foundation Board approved a \$350,000 strategic grant to the City of San Bruno to support its Downtown Beautification Project. With this grant, the City is planning a series of enhancements to improve the aesthetics of downtown San Bruno, replace aging amenities, and provide a welcoming environment for community members seeking to shop, dine, and gather along San Mateo Avenue.

This project includes planter revitalization along San Mateo Avenue, the potential planting of trees on Jenevein Avenue, median landscape revitalization, the creation of new street pole banners, and the replacement of the marquee sign on the south end of San Mateo Avenue. The beautification efforts are scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2025.

El Crystal Elementary School Memorial Bench

In 2018, as the San Bruno Park School District closed El Crystal Elementary School as part of its school consolidation process, the El Crystal PTA asked SBCF to accept a \$1,200 donation to be used to underwrite a memorial bench commemorating El Crystal's 70 years of service to San Bruno schoolchildren, in conjunction with the construction of the new Recreation and Aquatic Center.

This summer, with the opening of the Recreation and Aquatic Center, the City of San Bruno installed the El Crystal memorial bench behind Diamond #2 in San Bruno City Park, near the pathway leading to the former El Crystal site. In September, the Foundation Board formally approved a \$1,200 grant to the City of San Bruno to fund the installation of the bench, which serves as a lasting reminder of El Crystal as a beloved school that served generations of San Bruno students.



Investments in Education, Culture, and Youth



School Athletic Field Improvements

In September, the Foundation Board awarded a \$150,000 grant to the San Bruno Education Foundation to support much-needed athletic field improvements at three San Bruno Park School District Schools (Belle Air Elementary, John Muir Elementary, and Parkside Intermediate). These improvements will benefit the students at those schools as well as the many participants in youth soccer, softball, and other sports that utilize the fields.

While the school district is developing a long-term plan for the fields at all of its school sites, it has faced an urgent need for short-term improvements at the three schools. With the impending closure of the soccer fields at the former Crestmoor High School site, local youth soccer organizations are increasingly relying on school district fields for practices and games. In addition, the fields at some schools, such as John Muir, have been in such disrepair that it has not been safe for students to play on them without immediate upgrades.



Music Education Strategic Initiative

Since 2017, the Foundation has supported music education in San Bruno public schools with grants totaling \$853,000 as part of the Music Education Strategic Initiative. Most recently, the Foundation completed a two-year grant package totaling \$270,000 to the San Bruno Education Foundation to reinvigorate the music program at Parkside Intermediate School, enabling the school to hire a second music teacher, supplement its inventory of instruments, and offer music electives to every sixth grader. The Foundation also invested \$20,000 in the music program at Capuchino High School during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. That grant funding boosted the high school music program by underwriting transportation and other costs related to performances and competitions by Capuchino's many award-winning ensembles and by replenishing the school's instrument supply.



School Field Trip Grant

San Bruno Park School District schools continue to utilize the Foundation's \$35,000 grant to the district to support field trips and on-campus assemblies.

The grant reflects the Foundation's belief in the value of field trips for San Bruno's students – the chance to leave the school campus and be exposed to new experiences – especially after the pandemic, during which youth faced mental health challenges with social distancing and isolation. It also provides some post-pandemic financial relief for the schools' parent-teacher organizations, which typically are relied upon to fund field trips. In the 2023-2024 school year, SBCF funds supported field trips to a variety of museums and community venues, including the Exploratorium, Sanchez Adobe, Hiller Aviation Museum, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Tech Museum. District schools will use the remaining grant funds in the 2024-2025 school year.



San Bruno-Narita Sister City Program

The Foundation assisted with recent efforts to restart San Bruno's Sister City relationship with Narita, Japan, with \$2,500 in grant funding to the City of San Bruno. After a three-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the summer of 2023 San Bruno relaunched the relationship by sending a four-person delegation to Narita, including SBCF Secretary Raul Gomez. Following that successful visit, a Narita delegation of ten students and four adults traveled to San Bruno this past March. As in the past, Narita students had the opportunity to visit with their counterparts at Parkside Intermediate School and experience life in the United States. SBCF grant funding helped underwrite transportation and hospitality expenses during their visit, ensuring that the high level of hospitality shown to the San Bruno delegation last July by their Narita hosts was reciprocated during the March visit.

Launched in 2016, the Community Grants Fund invests in the valuable work that community organizations do to enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, attend school, and utilize community, recreational, and commercial resources in San Bruno. Eligible community groups may apply for grant funding of up to \$25,000 for programs that benefit the San Bruno community.

With a \$100,000 contribution from **YouTube** and **Google.org**, the Foundation distributed \$300,000 in Community Grants for the 2023-2024 grant cycle.



2023-2024 Community Grant Awards

In December 2023, the SBCF Board approved 26 Community Grants to local organizations for programs that benefit the San Bruno community. SBCF is proud to partner with YouTube and Google.org to invest in organizations dedicated to addressing critical community needs in San Bruno. The following grant awards are being expended and carried out in 2024:

- \$5,000 to **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) NORTH PENINSULA, CA**, to enable four San Bruno middle school students to attend the Tech Trek science and math summer camp for girls at a local university
- \$12,000 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 inside and outside the courtroom
- \$10,000 to **CATALINO TAPIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** to provide comprehensive support to first-generation college students by offering scholarships, mentorship, workshops, and stipends, ensuring their success in higher education and beyond
- \$6,000 to **CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (PROJECT READ)** to provide literacy programs and other social services to low-income San Bruno parents and children through Learning Wheels, Project Read's literacy van
- \$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
- \$12,500 to **EACH GREEN CORNER** to empower students to address food insecurity and climate readiness through sustainable urban agriculture and the Food Explorers Curriculum by supporting the garden and outdoor classroom complex at Portola Elementary School with a food systems educator and storage infrastructure
- \$7,500 to **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** to provide financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship programming to Capuchino High School students, cultivating the knowledge and skills needed to move toward college and career success, through the Inspiring Economic Empowerment program
- \$10,000 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
- \$12,500 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
- \$6,000 to **THE LOWEN SOCCER CLUB** to enable economically disadvantaged San Bruno youth to participate on competitive club soccer teams through Lowen's Scholarship Program
- \$20,000 to **MINDFUL LIFE PROJECT** to provide mental health and wellness support through comprehensive in-person, full-time mindfulness-based social and emotional learning programming at Belle Air and Allen Elementary Schools
- \$5,000 to **MISSION HOSPICE AND HOME CARE, INC.**, to offer free monthly drop-in grief support with experienced bereavement counselors for community members at the San Bruno Senior Center
- \$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



LifeMoves' Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) provides comprehensive services to unhoused people in San Mateo County, referring clients to housing resources, benefit assistance, employment services, transportation resources, and shelter opportunities. SBCF Board Member Belinda Wong presented a \$12,500 Community Grant check to LifeMoves to support its HOT efforts in San Bruno.

Grants Fund



COMMUNITY GRANTS IN ACTION: Since 2016, SBCF has awarded 186 Community Grants totaling \$2,300,000 that benefit a diverse cross-section of the community. A \$22,000 Community Grant to Art in Action in 2022-2023 funded arts education programming at all four San Bruno Park School District elementary schools (top left), reaching 880 students in 31 classrooms. Another 2022-2023 Community Grant, \$15,000 to the San Bruno Education Foundation, supported the creation of a mural celebrating the theme of unity at Parkside Intermediate School (top right). San Mateo County muralist Ellen Silva guided Parkside students and faculty in designing and painting the colorful mural on the Parkside gymnasium wall, which was unveiled to the community on May 17, 2024.

- \$5,000 to **PARTNERS & ADVOCATES FOR REMARKABLE CHILDREN & ADULTS (PARCA)** to offer advocacy, family support groups, information and referral, parent education, inclusive recreation opportunities, and community outreach to San Bruno families with developmentally disabled members
- \$12,500 to **RENAISSANCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER** to coordinate a series of activation events in downtown San Bruno involving local businesses, community vendors, and performing artists to promote and celebrate San Bruno's small businesses
- \$15,000 to **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY GARDENS, INC.**, to bolster and sustain San Bruno's community-enhancing community garden by investing in capital improvements, including a new irrigation system
- \$16,500 to **SAN BRUNO EDUCATION FOUNDATION** to establish a scholarship program to enable socioeconomically disadvantaged eighth graders to experience U.S. history first-hand and participate in Parkside Intermediate School's annual trip to Washington, DC, and Williamsburg, Virginia
- \$7,000 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 **SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (BAY AREA ENTREPRENEUR CENTER OF SKYLINE COLLEGE)** to support Skyline College students conducting hands-on community projects aimed at supporting and mobilizing the downtown San Bruno area through the Accelerate Fellowship
- \$15,000 to **SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT** to expand Capuchino High School's Summer Bridge Program for incoming ninth grade students, allowing for greater interpersonal connections and enhanced social and emotional learning opportunities for students and faculty
- \$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
- \$15,000 to **SONRISAS DENTAL HEALTH, INC.**, to improve health equity in San Mateo County by removing systemic barriers to care, providing prevention education, and increasing dental utilization for adult residents of San Bruno
- \$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
- \$7,500 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



SBCF Vice President Jim Ruane presented a \$15,000 grant check to San Bruno Community Gardens to support much-needed capital improvements to the group's garden on the east side of San Bruno

The 2024 Crestmoor Scholars

CELINA BUNCAYO: Having grown up in an underserved community in the Philippines, Celina understands the importance of political empowerment. As a political science major at Skyline College, she founded the Politics and Civic Engagement Club, served as a student senator, tutored other students in reading and writing, and was a leader of the Honors Club. Celina has also worked at an elementary school afterschool program, volunteered on a local county supervisorial campaign, and interned at a voter outreach nonprofit. This fall, Celina transferred to UC Berkeley, with the goal of becoming an immigration attorney.

CAMILLE CATOLOS: As a woman in STEM, Camille is a trailblazer dedicated to helping women and students of color achieve their potential in the sciences. At Skyline College, Camille was a leader of the Women in Science Engineering Represent and Computer Science clubs, served as a peer tutor at Skyline's STEM Center, led a Scratch programming workshop at the Expanding Your Horizons conference for teen girls, and volunteered with Girls Who Code. Transferring to UC Santa Cruz, Camille plans to major in computer science and explore uses of artificial intelligence in health care and the environmental sciences.

JUSTIN CHAN: Captivated by technology from a young age, Justin is studying computer engineering at UC San Diego. At Capuchino High School, where he was a scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program, Justin served as president of the Coding Club and mentored other students interested in artificial intelligence and programming. Motivated by a desire to minimize school lunch waste, he became president of the Environmental Club, educating classmates on recycling and composting and leading community cleanup efforts. Justin also played on the badminton team and led the Chinese Culture Club.

XENIA GOMEZ IÑIGUEZ: Xenia is a leader committed to a life of service. As student body president and a member of the School Site Council at Capuchino High School, Xenia spoke out against hate speech, gun violence, and sexual harassment and helped to foster a safe, supportive, and creative place for student learning. To motivate young girls to pursue STEM interests, she founded the SAGEx Club at Parkside Intermediate School and served as a Mathnasium tutor. She was captain of the track and field team, specializing in shotput and discus. This fall, Xenia began her undergraduate studies in astrophysics at UC Berkeley.

EDEN HUANG: Eden is passionate about data science and exploring how data-driven technology can provide innovative solutions to benefit local communities. As a math major at Skyline College, Eden founded the Data Science Club and was active in the Computer Science and Engineering and Robotics clubs. He participated in the 2023 Winter Research Scholars Internship program, returning the following year as a mentor for other participants. Eden also regularly volunteered at the weekly Second Harvest food distribution on the Skyline campus. Eden transferred to UC Berkeley as a data science major this fall.

THET MON KYAW: Thet's journey from a childhood spent in refugee camps on the Myanmar-Thailand border to Skyline College, where he studied public health, to the University of Southern California, where he enrolled this fall, fuels his drive for public service. Thet aspires to become a physician serving underrepresented communities in refugee camps and war-torn areas. At Skyline, Thet founded the Myanmar Students Union, served as a peer instruction leader at the STEM Center, tutored ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students in writing and English courses, and promoted mental health service awareness as a health ambassador.

EMILIO RAMIREZ: Family members' battles with cancer have inspired Emilio's dreams of becoming a neurosurgeon and providing care to families in need. A scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program at Capuchino High School, Emilio served as co-president of the Leos Club, vice president of the Environmental Club, volunteer for the San Bruno Period Drive, and member of the Interact, Samosa, and Women's Advocacy clubs. He also played on the high school baseball team all four years. Emilio plans to study biology at San Francisco State University.

SAREENA ROBINSON: A Capuchino High School scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program, Sareena has been a dedicated member of the San Bruno community. As president of the Math Club and a peer tutor, Sareena loved helping other students. She co-founded the Samosa Club in an effort to educate others about Desi culture, and as a black belt, Sareena supports other youth as a karate instructor. Sareena is also an entrepreneur, providing administrative support to one Etsy shop and launching her own sticker business. Sareena plans to study electrical engineering and computer science at UC Berkeley.

JESSILYN RODRIGUEZ: Jessilyn is determined to become a doctor and, utilizing her Spanish-speaking skills, provide compassionate medical care to underserved communities. In pursuit of that goal, Jessilyn volunteered in the emergency department at Mills-Peninsula Medical Center, participated in Kaiser Permanente's Summer Careers Pathways program, interned with cardiothoracic surgeons at Stanford, and was in the International Baccalaureate diploma program at Capuchino High School. Jessilyn was also active in the Latino Unidos, Folklorico, and Interact clubs. Jessilyn began her studies at UC Berkeley this fall.

KALEY SHUM: A self-described "people person," Kaley loves giving back to her community. She particularly enjoys nurturing and engaging with children, which she has done as a swim instructor, lifeguard, and Junior Giants coach. An International Baccalaureate diploma student at Capuchino High School, Kaley served as president of the Environmental Club, vice president of the Leos Club, and as captain of both the tennis and badminton teams. Kaley is passionate about addressing the causes and impacts of climate change, and she plans to major in cognitive science at UCLA.

The 2025 Crestmoor Scholarship Application will be available at www.sbcf.org in December 2024.

Crestmoor Memorial Scholarship

The Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to exceptional San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The Crestmoor Scholarship honors the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the explosion and resulting fire, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives. It ensures that the tragedy of September 9, 2010, is not forgotten and that the resiliency, teamwork, leadership, and commitment to community displayed throughout San Bruno in the aftermath of the explosion are honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship.

Since 2016, SBCF has awarded 91 Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$1,355,000. With a generous donation from **Allan and Mary Lou Johnson**, in 2024 SBCF awarded Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$160,000 to 10 outstanding San Bruno students. SBCF honored the 2024 Crestmoor Scholars at its June Board meeting at the San Bruno Senior Center.



The 2024 Crestmoor Scholars are (from left to right) Justin Chan, Celina Buncayo, Sareena Robinson, Jessilyn Rodriguez, Emilio Ramirez, Kaley Shum, Thet Mon Kyaw, Xenia Gomez Iñiguez, Camille Catolos, and Eden Huang.

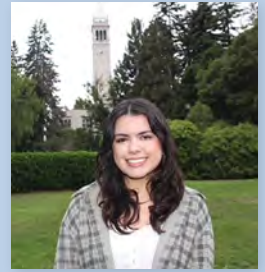


In June, 2017 Crestmoor Scholar **MADLINE VILLANUEVA-TOVAR** (left) shared her story of resilience, flexibility, and perseverance with the 2024 Scholars as they move forward in their educational journeys. After graduating from Capuchino High School, Madeline enrolled at Holy Names University in the East Bay. But her path to where she is today – a graduate of San Francisco State University and an emergency medical technician in San Mateo County – has been as circuitous as it has been rewarding, and it is rooted in her commitment to serving the community and an outgrowth of her experience as an 11 year old when the gas pipeline explosion devastated the Crestmoor neighborhood in 2010.

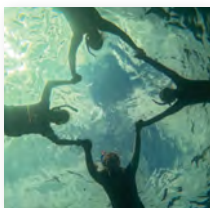
Scholarship Alumni Highlights

Over the past nine years, 91 students have benefited from the Crestmoor Scholarship. The Foundation is proud of its scholarship alumni, who continue to shine in the classroom, in the community, and in the workplace.

"I am deeply grateful to have received the Crestmoor Scholarship. This generous support alleviated much of the financial burden associated with higher education, particularly helping me secure housing. It played a crucial role during some of the most formative years of my life, granting me access to a high-quality education that many of my family members did not have access to. This scholarship not only opened doors but also solidified my passion for community service, shaping my journey and commitment to giving back."



ISABEL MARTIN, 2022 Crestmoor Scholar. In May 2024, Isabel graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Public Policy. She now works as a Community Worker with the County of San Mateo, Human Services Agency Employment Services.



After graduating from UCLA this past June, 2020 Crestmoor Scholar **ALANNAH LINDEN** joined the Peace Corps and is now stationed in the Philippines, working in the field of coastal resource management. At UCLA, Alannah studied Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences and Mathematics, played alto saxophone in the UCLA marching band, participated in undergraduate research for over two years, and won a Dean's Prize for Excellence in Research.



JOCELYNN FRANCO, 2021 Crestmoor Scholar, is another UCLA Bruin who continues to be committed to the community. A senior double majoring in Physiological Sciences and Chicano Studies, Jocelynn is currently the co-president of BruinHope, which provides donations and educational activities to two orphanages in Tijuana. Jocelynn also volunteers at a health clinic in Tijuana with Flying Samaritans and is involved with a variety of Latinx organizations on campus.



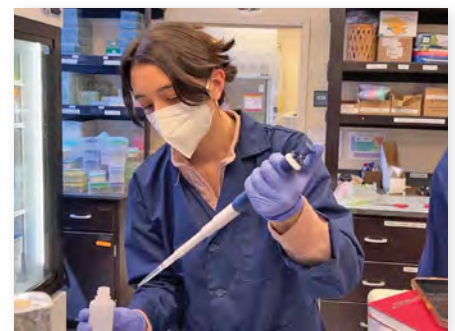
2020 Crestmoor Scholar **TRISTAN DAVIS** returned to the United States after an adventurous year in Europe. Tristan spent the last academic year at Nantes Université in France, making connections from around the world and learning what it means to be part of an international community. He remained in Europe over the summer doing volunteer work, first helping build an organic farm in Denmark and then helping restore a rural village's heritage sites and create a cultural square for activities in Italy. Tristan is now a senior at Grinnell College in Iowa.



2021 Crestmoor Scholar **MIA LEDESMA** also spent the spring of 2024 studying abroad, at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. After an educational six months in Europe, where she enjoyed meeting people with diverse backgrounds and exploring different cultures, Mia spent this past summer interning for a small technology service company and working at a local boba shop. Mia is now in her final year at San Francisco State University, where she is majoring in Business Management.



A senior at Menlo College majoring in Real Estate, 2021 Crestmoor Scholar **RANIA MILI** remains dedicated to her hometown as a San Bruno Police Department Cadet Explorer. After six years in the Cadet Explorer program, Rania has assumed a leadership position as a Lieutenant Explorer. Through helping at various community activities, such as the Posy Parade and the Easter Egg Hunt in San Bruno City Park, Rania has gained valuable hands-on experience in community engagement and event coordination.



"I am in my fourth year at San Francisco State University and will complete my degree in Cell and Molecular Biology with minors in Spanish, Public Health, and Chemistry. As a student researcher, I am involved with a community-engaged research project that investigates the impact of chronic stress on communities of color and how nature-based interventions can improve health outcomes. I recently formed a student-led club which provides support to other underrepresented pre-medicine students and became certified as an emergency medical technician."

"Along with my love for science, I have kept up my passion for the arts by working as a dance teacher at the local ballet studio. I am a hospital volunteer, and as a founder of the San Bruno Period Drive, I am looking forward to organizing another menstrual health product drive this fall."

"The Crestmoor Scholarship not only financially supports my pursuit of higher education, but also connects and ties me with the community that I have grown up in, which I greatly appreciate. The scholarship program highlights the bond students have with our community, which I think is a wonderful reflection of San Bruno."

– ISABELLA RAMIREZ
2021 Crestmoor Scholar

Finances and Investments

In the second quarter of 2016, the Foundation took possession of the \$70 million in restitution funds that the City of San Bruno received in the aftermath of the 2010 gas pipeline explosion. Based on feedback received during its 2015 Community Listening Campaign, the Foundation Board designated \$15 million of the restitution funds as a quasi-endowment and set aside the balance of the restitution funds to support major strategic initiatives and operations over the next several years. The Foundation also holds funds needed to cover near-term program and operational expenses in operating accounts. Sand Hill Global Advisors, LLC manages the Foundation's investment accounts. Since its inception, the Foundation's investment portfolio has realized gains of \$21.6 million.

The Foundation's Investment Committee is an advisory body charged with providing guidance to the Board on all aspects of the investment management process. In particular, this committee has played a critical role in advising the Board and staff in managing the Foundation's cash flow needs to disburse quarterly grant payments related to the Recreation and Aquatic Center Project. The Investment Committee currently includes Treasurer **PAK LIN**, Board Member **BELINDA WONG**, and community members **ANTHONY CLIFFORD**, **MARK HAYES**, and **TIM ROSS**. The Investment Committee holds quarterly meetings on the third Wednesday of February, May, August, and November at 4:30 p.m., at San Bruno City Hall Room 101.

In response to a request from several community members that the Foundation consider altering its investment policy to follow a "values-based" or "socially responsible" investment strategy, in September the Board held a study session to better educate itself and the public on this strategy. Sand Hill's CEO gave a presentation highlighting what socially responsible investing is, how it has grown in recent years, and common approaches to it. The presentation also covered the governance considerations the Board would have to examine if it were to consider adopting such an investment strategy and provided a recap of the development of SBCF's Investment Policy Statement as well as a preview of future investment-related questions the Board will need to consider. The Board will continue its discussion of socially responsible investing as part of its upcoming strategic planning deliberations mentioned below.

The Foundation's Audit Committee, comprised of Board Members **RAUL GOMEZ** and **JIM RUANE**, assists the Board in selecting an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct an annual audit of the Foundation's financial statements and oversees the audit process. Novogradac & Company LLP serves as the Foundation's Board-selected auditor. The annual audit is typically presented to the Foundation Board at its regular November meeting. Copies of the Foundation's audited financial statements and nonprofit informational tax returns (IRS Form 990) are posted at sbcf.org.

SBCF's 2024-2025 operating budget includes direct program expenses of \$2,975,000 and support costs of about \$469,000. Cash flow needs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year total \$4.8 million – of which \$590,000 are for grant payments related to the construction of the Recreation and Aquatic Center – and are funded by new transfers from the Quasi-Endowment and Strategic Pool, funds previously transferred from those accounts to the Liquidity Pool, and interest income from the operating accounts.

As of June 30, 2024, the end of the Foundation's fiscal year, the Foundation's assets totaled \$30.6 million and were allocated in the three categories as displayed below. By then, the Foundation had disbursed a total of \$50.9 million in grant payments to the City for the Recreation and Aquatic Center, including \$8 million in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

	Quasi-Endowment	Strategic Funds	Operating Funds
	<i>Funds set aside to function as an endowment; use investment returns to help fund programs and operations, while preserving purchasing power of original \$15 million quasi-endowment</i>	<i>Funds to be spent down over the next several years to fund major strategic initiatives (including community facility capital projects), other programs, and operations</i>	<i>Funds held in SBCF's bank accounts and a liquidity investment account to cover the Foundation's near-term program and operational expenses</i>
Time Horizon:	Long-term	Mid-term	Short-term
Risk Tolerance:	Moderately conservative	Conservative	Conservative
Objectives:	Capital appreciation Capital preservation	Capital preservation Capital appreciation	Capital preservation
6/30/24 Balance:	\$23,326,819	\$5,749,618	\$1,494,949

Post-RAC Strategic Planning Process

Now that the Foundation has nearly completed paying out to the City of San Bruno the \$51.5 million committed to the design and construction of the new Recreation and Aquatic Center, the Foundation Board has begun a "post-RAC" strategic planning process to evaluate the organization's program and investment strategies going forward and chart out the Foundation's next phase. In February, the Board began considering three main options: (1) spending down the remaining funds (roughly \$25 million) in the near-to-mid-term on one or two large legacy projects and winding down all other programs, (2) spending down the remaining funds over a set period of time (e.g., 10-25 years), or (3) following an endowment model, under which the Foundation is sustained in perpetuity at a lower annual budget level.

After discussing the pros and cons of each option, the Board agreed to set aside the endowment model, which would result in a relatively modest annual payout to support the Foundation's programs and operations in order to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment's corpus, and instead focus on the other two options. The Board has paused its strategic planning deliberations until after the November 2024 election, as both City of San Bruno and the San Bruno Park School District have placed revenue measures on the ballot. The election results may allow the City to pursue major capital projects to which the Foundation may want to contribute as legacy projects, and the school district is considering plans for several strategic initiatives that include significant capital improvement projects. The Board expects to resume its planning process in early 2025.

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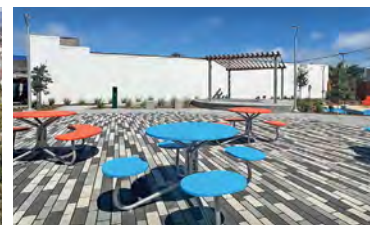


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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

SINCE 2016



\$1.4 Million
in Crestmoor
Scholarships
Supporting
91 San Bruno
Students

\$2.3 Million
in 186
Community
Grants
Benefiting the
San Bruno
Community

\$51.5 Million
in the design
and construction
of the
San Bruno
Recreation and
Aquatic Center

\$6.6 Million
in Other Strategic
Initiatives

including COVID-19 Relief Grants, Music Education Strategic Initiative, First Responder Effectiveness Strategic Initiative, Pedestrian Safety Strategic Initiative, SBPSD School Transformation Grant, Community Day, Tanforan Memorial, SBPSD Field Trip Grant, Centennial Plaza Improvement Project, Downtown Beautification Initiative, RAC Startup Programming, SBPSD Athletic Field Improvements