



Stanislaus  
Community  
Foundation



## A FORCE FOR GOOD: 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Crisis always forces quick action, but crisis can also bring the opportunity for rapid innovation, too. At Stanislaus Community Foundation, we navigated the multiple crises of 2020 by stepping into our role as a change-agent fully.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic shutdown impacted every sector, company, organization, school, and family. Local leaders, businesses and nonprofits had to quickly adapt – and Stanislaus Community Foundation did the same. We worked with generous donors and nonprofit partners to both conceptualize as well as provide 'first dollar' investments in programs responding to COVID-19.

Donor support through Stanislaus Community Foundation led to the Downtown Modesto Partnership 'RAD' program, an innovative matching gift card that supported local restaurants and retailers. Stanislaus Community Foundation also launched the Resilient Stanislaus Fund, focused on supporting small businesses, youth-serving organizations as well as arts & culture nonprofits. Both the RAD card program and the Resilient Stanislaus Fund were subsequently scaled by County government with CARES Act dollars.

Our ability to have 'a finger on the pulse,' of the community's real-time needs was critical in 2020. As COVID-19 continued to disrupt every facet of life, individual donors, private foundations, and public funders approached Stanislaus Community Foundation throughout the year to provide guidance on emerging issues. To connect the needs of our region to philanthropic resources, we ended the year with the 'State of the Nonprofit Sector' report highlighting local nonprofits and the clients they serve.

# INVEST IN INNOVATION: 2021 & BEYOND

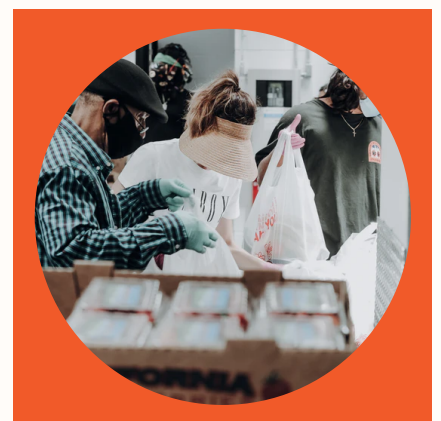
Throughout 2020, the generous spirit of Stanislaus County was clear – we gave out a record number of grants and scholarships this year. And while this has been a difficult year in many ways, it has also highlighted the interdependence and shared humanity of our community.

As we look to 2021, Stanislaus Community Foundation is committed to re-building our region in key areas:

- **Bolster educational attainment with education, nonprofit, public and faith leaders through the Cradle to Career Partnership.**

- **Support economic opportunity by investing in new entrepreneurial programs such as social enterprises.**
- **Boost civic engagement through our new Civic Saturday program and a Youth Nonprofit Board Corps.**

We know that 2021 will bring an even greater need for innovation. Please support our leadership work with a donation to the Resilient Stanislaus Fund, focused on economic recovery and rebuilding efforts. To make a tax-deductible gift, visit [StanislausCF.org/Resilient](http://StanislausCF.org/Resilient) or mail a donation to 100 Sycamore Ave, Suite 200, Modesto, CA 95356



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## Real-Time Response

- Developed a 'live' survey tool to assess needs of residents as reported by area nonprofits.
- Worked with the Office of Emergency Services and local faith leaders on a coordinated information campaign through LoveOurNeighbors.org.
- Funded technical assistance to Latino businesses to access local and federal relief programs.



**PROVIDED HARDSHIP GRANTS TO STUDENTS AT MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE AND CSU STANISLAUS.**



## Technical Support for Nonprofits

- Hosted a series of webinars for local organizations focused on stabilization.
- In partnership with United Way of Stanislaus County, funded 14 local nonprofit organizations to receive financial counseling from a team of accounting experts.

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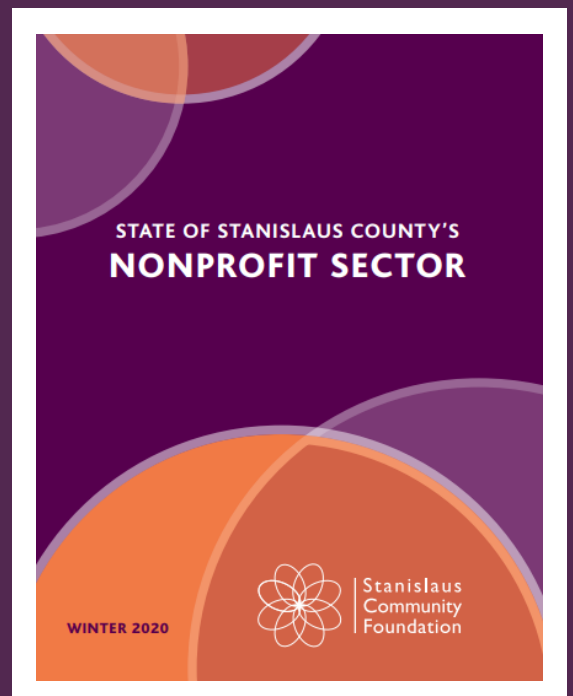
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## Philanthropic Guidance & Growth

- Published the State of Stanislaus County's Nonprofit Sector Report.
- **Provided a record-breaking \$4 million in grants and scholarships to students and nonprofits.**
- Hosted funder meetings with the United Way, Stanislaus County, and the City of Modesto to coordinate and leverage multiple funding streams.



## Scalable New Solutions

- Launched the Resilient Stanislaus Fund to respond to the economic crisis as well as longer term rebuilding efforts. Provided initial grants to small businesses as well as nonprofit organizations providing youth services or arts & culture programs. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors scaled the Resilient Stanislaus Fund concept and worked with our team to provide an additional **\$2 million in CARES Act grants to youth-serving and arts/culture organizations.**
- Worked with Downtown Modesto Partnership to launch the RAD Gift Card Program. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors also invested an additional **\$2 million in the Downtown Modesto Partnership's RAD Gift Card program, following an initial investment of \$125,000 from local donors.**



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LEADERSHIP WORK WITH A DONATION TO THE RESILIENT STANISLAUS FUND, FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REBUILDING EFFORTS.

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