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PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

DEAR FRIENDS,

In 2022, Stanislaus Community Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary. In the two decades of service to our beloved community, we've invested more than \$41 million in charitable grants and scholarship awards. And while Stanislaus Community Foundation has evolved our work over the years, our core mission endures: to partner with donors, nonprofits, and local institutions to meaningfully improve Stanislaus both now and for years to come.

While we are grateful that the pandemic has receded into the background of our daily lives, we recognize that we must respond to the seismic ruptures in our democracy, exposing the fault-lines of entrenched poverty and the deepening cracks along socio-economic, racial, and political fault-lines.

These epochal shifts bring immense pain ... and, if we are paying attention, profound new insights about our collective work and the needs of our community. Unmoored from our familiar assumptions, many community members are leaning into this challenging time with curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to collaboration. And for our part, we feel a sense of urgency, recognizing that we must create change now.

That's why, in 2022, Stanislaus Community Foundation partnered with public, business, and civic leaders to develop the **Stanislaus 2030 Investment Blueprint** in just ten months. We cannot afford to wait for concrete strategies that lead to an inclusive, resilient economy. The Stanislaus 2030 Investment Blueprint calls out a promising new industry cluster for our region – Bio-Industrial Manufacturing. At the same time, the Blueprint focuses on strengthening higher education and workforce pipelines and developing a robust ecosystem of supports for small businesses to thrive. Ultimately, our collective goal is to create more quality jobs in Stanislaus through a vibrant local economy that provides pathways to prosperity for more residents. And thanks to Stanislaus 2030 and funding from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and local business leaders, we are well on our way to realizing this goal of opportunity for all.

Our urgency for transformational change is shared with many partners – including local donors and nonprofits. Stanislaus Community Foundation provided over \$7.2 million in grants and scholarships in 2022. With a mixture of humility and curiosity, local donors worked through Stanislaus Community Foundation to expand their charitable support in surprising ways: giving general operating support, investing in new social enterprise models, providing ongoing cash stipends for living expenses, and supporting innovation and experimentation among both nonprofits and public agencies. We've highlighted just some of those stories in this annual report.

As we work towards building a better community, what is unequivocally shared among all of us is a profound love for this place we call home. And while Stanislaus Community Foundation has been tested with the hardships of the past few years, we are emerging ever more resilient, with resolve to partner together in new ways.



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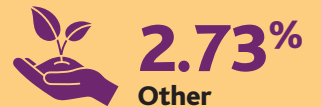
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OUR IMPACT

Through the generosity of our donors, SCF distributed over
\$7.2 MILLION in grants and scholarships
into the community.

GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA:



PERCENTAGE OF
ASSETS DEPLOYED
INTO THE COMMUNITY:

18%

Stanislaus Community Foundation advises donors to give as much as they can as often as they can to strengthen our community. We granted out 18% of our assets in 2022, which is 3x times above the Internal Revenue Service requirement for private foundations.



PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY: STANISLAUS 2030



Stanislaus 2030 was an ambitious and far-ranging sprint that began in Fall 2021 and extended through the Fall of 2022. At the heart of Stanislaus 2030 were two essential questions: how can we build a more resilient economy for more residents to experience financial well-being? And how can we support industry and small business growth in the next decade and beyond?

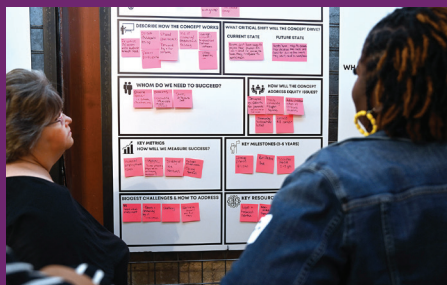
The multi-sector initiative was co-led by local business leaders, higher education and government partners alongside labor and community-based organizations. With the release of a comprehensive market assessment from the Brookings Institution in March 2022, Stanislaus 2030 used frameworks for both drivers of resilient economies (*talent, innovation, traded sectors*) and analyzed the enablers of economic vibrancy (*infrastructure and governance*).

Stanislaus 2030 launched workgroups to dive deeper into the critical shifts needed around small business dynamism & entrepreneurship, traded sector development with a focus on bioindustrial manufacturing, talent development, and non-skill barriers to jobs and training, such as childcare and transportation. Findings from the workgroups were included in the final Investment Blueprint, which highlights key strategies and the estimated investment needed to jumpstart each strategy. These investments will come from multiple sources, including private investors and public funding at the federal, state, and local levels.



EARLY WINS FROM STANISLAUS 2030

- Stanislaus Workforce Development adopted new self-sufficiency policy standards based on Stanislaus 2030 definitions for good & promising jobs, which will allow for more employed and underemployed jobs seekers to access programs to improve skills that lead to higher earning jobs
- Stanislaus Community Services Agency in partnership with Central Valley Opportunity Center utilized key findings from Stanislaus 2030 blueprint to secure \$800,000 in new state funding to open a farmworker resource center in Stanislaus County
- The North San Joaquin Valley Bioindustrial Manufacturing Innovation Engine was launched, with a \$10 million commitment from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, to build a regional ecosystem for innovation. Co-Led by University of California Merced, Lawrence Livermore Berkeley National Laboratory, and new organization BEAM Circular, which will act as a hub for the bioeconomy catalyzed by Stanislaus 2030. BEAM Circular will develop industry plans that attract new investors and ultimately build quality jobs in our region



The full market assessment, data book, community insights report and other supplementary information can be found on the initiative website: Stanislaus2030.com

PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT



Educational Scholarships

Stanislaus Community Foundation provides scholarship opportunities to help students achieve their educational and career goals. We believe that by investing in our students, we are investing in a brighter future for Stanislaus. Last year, we awarded over \$307,000 to local students.

Youth Empowerment

Stanislaus Community Foundation and the Cradle to Career Partnership doubled down on youth empowerment investments in 2022 and focused on high impact strategies outlined in the Stanislaus Youth Empowerment Blueprint. Five nonprofits participated in a learning cohort, which included coaching and strategy development support from Youth Leadership Institute and grant funding from SCF to help move plans from ideas into implementation. SCF partnered with Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to invest \$750,000 in grants for 25 youth-serving nonprofits working to grow youth empowerment strategies, including youth leadership programs, youth advocacy efforts, and developing new platforms for youth to tell their stories. SCF also funded a youth story-telling campaign with Stanislaus State and sponsored a youth-led convening in the Spring, which brought together over 50 young people for a day of inspiration, peer-networking, and skill-building.



My parents moved to the United States from Mexico to give my siblings and I a better life. I'm not the oldest but I am the first in my family to graduate [from] a four-year university with her bachelors. I always knew what I wanted to be when I grew up, a teacher. Now I'm only one year away from achieving my dream.

Brenda Urban – Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Awardee



NextGen on Board

NextGen on Board is a two-year fellowship program that recruits, trains, and places young people on nonprofit boards. Funded by SCF and facilitated by Youth Leadership Institute, NextGen on Board aims to broaden young leaders' exposure to career pathways and develop their

professional and informal networks. In 2022, 13 fellows were placed on local nonprofit executive boards. Nonprofit executive directors report that fellows are valued members of their team, bringing greater perspective and fresh ideas to their organization.

Connecting Donors to Local Causes



Stanislaus Community Foundation, in partnership with Legacy Health Endowment and the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, launched the Candid Nonprofit Directory in 2022. The directory, hosted on SCF's website, is a comprehensive guide to IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations located in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced counties and provides real-time information to help donors in their giving decisions. Over 70 local nonprofit organizations have updated their profiles to include financial and annual reports, among other data.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: NEW PATHWAYS THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

“ Just because I think I know what someone wants, it’s not for me to determine what they need. **Nicole Piccinini Pesco**

For some, philanthropy begins at the end of their life. But Nicole Piccinini Pesco, local philanthropist, and a Stanislaus Community Foundation Fundholder has a different approach. She feels the urgency to create necessary change now. That urgency has inspired Nicole to leverage her charitable giving with SCF’s expertise to support new nonprofit programs today. Nicole is increasingly interested in programs that give people real-time tools and resources to uplift themselves.



These moments became the foundation of Nicole’s charitable point of view and are directly connected to the types of programs she has invested in in recent years.

Partnering with Stanislaus Community Foundation

When Nicole first came to Stanislaus Community Foundation, she already had a vision of the areas where she wanted to create impact. She just didn’t know where to start. SCF’s deep knowledge of local nonprofits and programs made it easy for Nicole to identify organizations who were innovatively solving key issues within our community. Her goal wasn’t just to give to organizations with proven track records – it was also to support new organizations and innovative projects that struggled to receive funding because of their unconventional ideas and solutions.

Quick Solutions & Innovative Pilots

Since opening her fund in 2021, Nicole’s philanthropy has been focused on both the present and the future. She granted funds to Tuolumne River Trust to plant trees in the Airport Neighborhood and to Improve Your Tomorrow to expand their College Academy, a program to support young men of color in achieving their academic dreams, to Stanislaus County.

She also granted unrestricted funds to Stanislaus County’s Health Services Agency, an organization dedicated to providing health care services to the community. The funds allowed caseworkers to purchase gift cards for clients to use for their basic needs, child development or safety, and improving overall life skills. Despite initial fears of clients misusing the funds, caseworkers were overjoyed when they learned that clients had purchased food and diapers, repaired their broken-down vehicles, paid their rent, and even attended college classes or trade school. They were wise in their investments and are now on a path towards a better future.

“ We have to trust people. We have to trust that they’re trying to do their best.

While meeting people’s urgent needs is important, equally important is addressing the systemic issues that have created a population of people who are struggling to make ends meet. To help address this, Nicole invested in the Center for Human Services Two Gen program, an innovative pilot program intended to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children in Stanislaus County. By providing wraparound services like mentoring, peer support and housing, this program has proven that, when someone’s basic needs are being met, they can focus on investing in themselves and providing a better life for their children. A participant in the program shared, **“I make plans and I have big dreams; I just need that push to follow through.”**

Hope for the Future

Nicole envisions Stanislaus County becoming a community where everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive, no matter what that might look like for each person. She says, **“It’s hard to say just pull yourself up by the bootstraps – because you can’t do that if you don’t have any boots.”** She strongly believes that everyone deserves to have their most basic needs met and a real chance at breaking the cycles of poverty, homelessness, drug abuse, etc. For Nicole, the focus is equity – making sure we all have the same starting line in life. As she notes **“it’s not a fair race if you’re starting 100 yards behind everyone else.”** Thanks to Nicole’s gifts in our community, more residents are closer to the same starting line.

Series of Impact



Personal Inspiration for Philanthropy

In 2016, Nicole and her husband welcomed their first child. While it was one of the happiest times for her family, it was also a period of personal loss. Just before Nicole stepped into motherhood, she lost her father and shortly after the birth of her son, she lost her younger brother. Nicole grieved these losses while managing her growing family grocery business – all while juggling the demands of being a new mom. Despite the countless resources available to her, it was a daily struggle. She began to think about how a single mother without any support could possibly manage multiple stressors.

As the world was shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicole saw the community’s needs first-hand, especially the struggle of mothers trying to support their children, work, and manage their households. These struggles inspired Nicole to use her charitable resources to disrupt the cycle of poverty plaguing mothers and their young children.



Our family has a long history of supporting local nonprofits, so for us it was exciting to open a donor advised account, the Clark Family Fund, at Stanislaus Community Foundation. Funds deposited into our donor advised account are immediately tax deductible and are invested by SCF. These funds can then be donated to any qualified nonprofit at a future date which gives us the opportunity to be strategic about which charities and causes we want to support throughout the year. Because donor advised funds receive favorable tax treatment, we have been able to support more nonprofits. And it's personally very gratifying for Sandy and me to see how helping others can positively impact our community. SCF has helped us make giving family practice.

Randy and Sandy Clark
SCF Fundholders



OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

Agency Funds

American Leadership Forum - Great Valley Chapter, Inc.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County
Center for Human Services
Central California Art Association
Central Valley Professional Exchange
Central West Ballet Fund
City of Modesto Parks & Recreation
Community Hospice Foundation Fund
Education Foundation of Stanislaus County
Friends of the Modesto Salvation Army
Modesto Band of Stanislaus County - General
Modesto Band of Stanislaus County - Instruments
Modesto Band of Stanislaus County - Mancini
Modesto Fire Dept. Historical Restoration Fund
Modesto Firefighters Training Symposium Fund
Modesto Gateway Rotary Club Foundation Fund
Modesto Police Foundation
Modesto Rotary Club Foundation
Modesto Rotary Club Foundation Endowment
Patterson Historical Research Foundation
Patterson Recreation - Wellness, Sports and Fitness Fund
Prospect Theater Project
Safe Parking
Sierra Vista Child & Family Fund
St. Luke's Family Practice
State Theatre of Modesto, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy Association Fund

Corporate Donor Advised Funds

Boyettt Petroleum "Make Dreams Real" Fund
Garton Tractor Family Fund
Oak Valley Community Bank Fund

Designated Funds

Bert Family Scholarship Fund
Brian LoConte Agricultural
Camp Jack Hazard - "Bart Bennett" Fund
Camp Jack Hazard - "Robert Babington" Fund
Christopher P. Walker Foundation Fund
Donovan & Alberta Bodes Fund
Friends of the Empire Community Pool
James McClatchy Local Media Fund
Marie Gallo Scholarship Fund
Modesto Bee Economic Mobility Lab
National Ag Science Center Fund
Nick Chipponeri Family Fund
O' B Green O'Brien's Market
Rotary Centennial Junction Fund
William H. Turner & Doris L. Turner Trust
Youngheim Family Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Abigail Colby Floyd Memorial Fund
Amador Family DA Fund
Ann M. Veneman Fund
Arevalo - Frailing Family Fund
Augusta Fund
AUTHENTIC 209 Community Investment Fund
Back 40 Benefaction
Betty Parker Empire Pool Fund
Bill & Nancy Jackson Family Fund
Bill and Sharon Morris Fund
Bowen & Michelle Cardoza Family Foundation
Boyettt Family Foundation Fund
Bron Family Fund
Bruce and Grace Valentine Charitable Fund
Cardoza Bordona Family Fund
Carroll Family Foundation Fund
Ciara Chiesa's Circle of Hope
Clark Family Fund
Community Transitional Resources CTR
Coppetti Family Fund
Curtis Legal Group Foundation Fund
Deputy Dennis Wallace Kids Soccer Fund
Dickerson Family Foundation
Elliott Community Celebration Fund
Eric and Carol Benson Charitable Fund
Evans Family Fund
Florence Caruso Family Fund
Friedman Family Fund
Generosity Fund
Gianelli Family Fund
Greater Modesto Area Churches
Grover Family Fund
Gulvin Family Fund

Gunnarson-Duran Charitable Fund
Hagerty Family Fund
Holly Danae Mahnke Memorial Foundation
InterTwine Group Fund
Iron Otter Fund
Jeff and Barbara Quinn Family Fund
Jeff and Britta Foster Family Fund
John & Diane Bellizzi Fund
John and Tami Mayol Family Fund
Johnny Etchebarne's Nugget Fund
Johnson-White Fund
Kayla Bernardi Bee Positive Foundation
Kellogg Family
Layman Family Fund
Lloyd S. & Virginia M. Parks Memorial Fund
Martino/Cusenza Family Fund
Matthew's Vision
Maya Rose Children's Fund
Michael & Claudia Krausnick Fund
Michael and Marjorie Zagaris Family Fund
Muratore Family Foundation
Nicholson Family Fund
Olson Family Fund
Paul & Meika Harmon Family Fund
Piccinini Pesco Family Fund
Porges Family Foundation
Raspo Family Fund
Rene & Rosa Llamas Family Foundation
Robert E. Perry Memorial Fund
Robert Woolley Fund
Ryan Michael Barber Memorial Fund
Siefkin Family Fund
Strom Family Fund
Tim and Lisa Bettencourt Family Fund
Tony and Linda Miligi Family Fund
Tony Mistiin Youth Fund
TREMendous Goodwill Foundation
Van Konyenburg Family Fund
Van Overbeek Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Focus on Prevention
Friends Outside Re-Entry Fund
James McClatchy Bee Disadvantaged Youth Fund
John and Cheri Phillips Fund
NOZ Fund
Stanislaus Health Careers Fund
Victoria Higginbotham

Scholarship Funds

AAUW Oakdale-Riverbank Escalon (ORE) Scholarship Fund
Alpha Epsilon-Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Educator Scholarship
Amador Family Scholarship Fund
Arthur T. and Corrine K Shields Scholarship Fund
Beyer High School Athletic Scholarship Fund
Bob Boggeri Farms Fund
Chiton Society Scholarship Fund
David W. Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund
Don Hendricks Memorial FFA Scholarship
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Dr. Larry Cooke Memorial Scholarship
Earl Pride Scholarship
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Elizabeth Jane Smyth Memorial Scholarship
Evelyn Hanshaw Scholarship Fund
First Tee of Central Valley Scholarship Fund
Gempeler Family Farms Scholarship Fund
George A Rogers Neighborhood Park Scholarship Fund
James McClatchy Bee Employees Scholarship Fund
Jane Wynne Woolley Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Latino Business Assoc.
Loving Jags Scholarship Fund
Maralyn J. Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Martella Family Scholarship Fund
Mary Grogan Scholarship Fund
Melinda Nielsen Family Scholarship Fund
Rose Family Scholarship Fund
Ryan Dickerson Scholarship Fund
Sammy Jenkins Math Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Athletes of Stanislaus - Formerly Torn Mellis Memorial
Stanislaus Futures Scholarship Fund
Tuolumne Scholarship Fund
Zwahlen Family Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Bette Belle & Jean Smith Memorial Fund
McClatchy Discretionary Fund

STANISLAUS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

VISION *Stanislaus County is a community of choice, where people choose to live, work, and thrive*

MISSION *We nurture partnerships and steward charitable resources that advance the common good in Stanislaus County*

VALUES *We build community through collaboration*

We help donors craft **impactful charitable legacies**

We view the community through a **lens of abundance**, not scarcity

We **cultivate trusted relationships** by being a joy to work with

We embrace the **diversity of the region** through inclusive leadership

We encourage **bold thinking** to solve systemic problems



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