

Stanislaus  
Community  
Foundation

**2023**  
**Annual Report**

# A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear friends,

2023 was a pivotal year for Stanislaus Community Foundation. We say this not because we launched another large-scale initiative. In fact, we did the opposite. We continued our work while also pausing to reflect on the lessons learned from more than a decade of collective impact efforts in our region. Through a series of strategy sessions with partners and key stakeholders, we considered multiple future scenarios for our community. And through these deep dives and many conversations in our community, we are embarking on a new leadership framework for 2024 through 2026.

While our leadership pillars focused on educational attainment, economic opportunity, civic literacy, and nonprofit innovation remain the same – our investments and work are shifting to a more granular stance. Moving forward, we're utilizing our discretionary funds to prototype and pilot solutions that have the potential to scale. And we're investing in leaders, people, and organizations closest to the problems we face.

In addition to reframing our future work, we are taking more local donors on the journey to community change with us. We launched the Friends of the Foundation in 2023, a membership-based group of local, longtime families and individuals who share our commitment to Stanislaus.

This collective commitment to our region will be realized through both short- and long-term investments in residents, leaders, and organizations to meet the challenges of our time. And, what remains steadfast is our unwavering love for this place we all call home.

Sincerely,

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# 2023

## By the Numbers

Through the generosity of our donors, SCF distributed more than \$7 million in grants and scholarships.

## GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

Stanislaus Community Foundation provided over \$6.8 million in grant support to a range of nonprofit organizations doing significant work in the region:

**30%** Health & Human Services

**17%** Arts, Culture & History

**11%** Academic & Education

**11%** Basic Needs

**10%** Community Development

**7%** Children & Youth

**5%** Agriculture

**4%** Scholarships

**3%** Civic Engagement

**3%** Other

Total number of grants:

691

Local Students Awarded Scholarships:

165

Total Scholarships Awarded: **\$329,500**

New Funds Created:

9

Total Number of Charitable Funds:

201

Total in Assets: **\$44.3 MILLION**

Investment Returns:

13.5%

SCF employs a robust investment approach overseen by our seasoned Investment Committee and independent investment advisor, Cerity Partners. Our goal is to optimize returns while mitigating potential losses over time. Through a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and alternative investments, managed with careful and proactive oversight, we safeguard the enduring value of the charitable assets entrusted to us.

# 2023 Highlights

## EXPANDING SERVICES

Many of our fundholders made major gifts to support the expansion of multiple nonprofits to Stanislaus County, including Digital NEST, HealthForce Partners, and GO Public Schools. These organizations provide job training, youth skills development, education advocacy and each had identified Stanislaus County as a region in need of their expanded services.

### Health Force Partners:

Recognizing the severe shortage of healthcare workers in our region, SCF awarded a multi-year grant to HealthForce Partners Northern San Joaquin Valley (HFP), a healthcare sector partnership that creates and implements solutions to alleviate healthcare worker shortages. This past year, HFP launched the Stanislaus Steering Committee, hired a Stanislaus Program Director and recruited additional partners in education and healthcare employers.



### Digital NEST:

SCF, with the support of Porges Family Foundation and Olson Family Fund, invested in the expansion of Digital NEST, a nonprofit dedicated to providing Latinx youth with tech skills that provide pathways to college, internships, and careers. Digital NEST has developed partnerships with several school districts, city government, and aligned nonprofits. Since our initial investment, 6 programs covering topics such as beginning coding and career exploration have been launched and 74 local youth have been served.



## BRIDGING GAPS

Stanislaus Homeless Advocacy and Resource Enterprise (SHARE) is a grassroots outreach program centered on compassion and action. SHARE employs a "whatever it takes" philosophy to provide comprehensive support, resources and advocacy to individuals experiencing homelessness through trained homeless advocates. Over the past year, SHARE has expanded daily and weekly outreach to 3 volunteers who distribute food, clothing and supplies as well as assist with connecting clients to other agencies for services. SHARE has served over 400 clients in the past year.

## BOOSTING NONPROFIT SUPPORT

Recognizing the funding gaps facing nonprofits in Stanislaus County, SCF took a comprehensive approach to support the sector over the past year. We began by hosting a primer for local nonprofits, providing them training on how to navigate the state grants portal effectively and access vital funding for operations and programs. From that effort, SCF developed the Stanislaus Story Project, in partnership with the United Way, creating a shared aspirational grant narrative with key data points to empower nonprofits in their grant writing efforts. In late summer, SCF introduced "Let's Get Candid," a series aimed at educating donors about community challenges and highlighting the nonprofits that work in those spaces.



## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

### Stanislaus 2030:

After the ten-month Stanislaus 2030 economic development sprint to identify what it takes to build quality jobs locally, Stanislaus Community Foundation followed the publication of the Stanislaus 2030 Investment Blueprint by incubating a new public-private partnership. This new team, led by former SCF Chief Strategy Officer Amanda Hughes, is driving the Blueprint strategies forward with support from an advisory committee and backing from the County Board of Supervisors and multiple corporate partners. Stanislaus 2030 is focusing on three key areas: talent development, developing supports for small business, and tackling the region's childcare shortage. This year, Stanislaus 2030 launched a pilot program to expand home-based childcare businesses, partnered with 10 of the largest manufacturing employers in the county along with stake holders to introduce the Stanislaus County Manufacturing Skills Competency Model, and began work on a comprehensive plan of support for small business.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

This past year, Stanislaus Community Foundation launched Friends of the Foundation. Philanthropic leadership is needed to solve the host of challenges we face collectively. 45 families generously stepped forward in a demonstration of philanthropic leadership by supporting the work of Stanislaus Community Foundation this past year.



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## 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 West Ballet Fund  
City of Modesto Parks & Recreation  
Community Hospice Foundation Fund  
Cradle to Career Fund  
Education Foundation of Stanislaus County  
Friends of the Modesto Library  
Friends of the Modesto Salvation Army  
Graffiti USA Classic Car Museum  
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  
North Modesto Kiwanis  
Patterson Recreation - Wellness, Sports and Fitness Fund  
Patterson Township Historical Society  
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 (Endowment)

### Corporate Donor Advised Funds

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

### Designated Funds

Bert Family Scholarship Fund  
Camp Jack Hazard - "Bart Bennett" Fund (Endowment)  
Camp Jack Hazard - "Robert Babington" Fund (Endowment)  
Christopher P. Walker Foundation Fund  
Donovan & Alberta Bodes Fund  
Friends of the Empire Community Pool  
Marie Gallo Scholarship Fund  
Modesto Bee Economic Mobility Lab  
Nick Chipponeri Family Fund  
O' B Green O'Brien's Market  
Rotary Centennial Junction Fund  
Sharing Gratitude Fund  
William H. Turner & Doris L. Turner Trust

### Donor Advised Funds

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  
Boyet 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  
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  
Garton Tractor Family Fund  
Generosity Fund  
Gianelli Family Fund  
Greater Modesto Area Churches  
Grover Family Fund  
Gulvin Family Fund  
Gunnarson-Duran Charitable Fund  
Hagerty Family Fund  
Henderson 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  
JS Toal Foundation  
Kayla Bernardi Bee Positive Foundation  
Kellogg Family  
Layman Family Fund  
Lloyd S. & Virginia M. Parks Memorial Fund (Endowment)  
Martini Family Foundation  
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 Mistlin Youth Fund  
TREMENDOUS Goodwill Foundation  
Van Konyenburgh Family Fund  
Van Overbeek Family Fund  
Youngheim Family Fund

### Field of Interest Funds

Brian LoConte Agricultural (Endowment)  
Friends Outside Re-Entry Fund  
James McClatchy Bee Disadvantaged Youth Fund (Endowment)  
John and Cheri Phillips Fund  
NOZ Fund  
Stanislaus Health Careers Fund  
Stanislaus Health Careers Scholarship Fund  
Victoria Higginbotham Fund

### 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  
Dr. Grant E & Colleen Bare Scholarship  
Dr. Larry Cooke Memorial Scholarship  
Earl Pride Scholarship (Endowment)  
Edward T. Taylor Jr. Perpetual Memorial  
Elizabeth Jane Smyth Memorial Scholarship  
Evelyn Hanshaw Scholarship Fund  
First Tee of Central Valley Scholarship Fund  
Gemperle Family Farms Scholarship Fund  
George A Rogers Neighborhood Park Scholarship Fund  
James McClatchy Bee Employees Scholarship Fund  
Jane Wynne Woolley Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Jim & Betty Lilly Scholarship Fund  
Loving Jags Scholarship Fund  
Maralyn J. Stewart Memorial Scholarship  
Martella Family Scholarship Fund  
Rick "Ricky" Trevino Scholarship  
Rose Family Scholarship Fund  
Ryan Dickerson Scholarship Fund  
Sammy Jenkins Math Scholarship Fund  
Scholarship Athletes of Stanislaus - Formerly Tom Mellis Memorial  
Stanislaus Futures Medical School Scholarship  
Stanislaus Futures Scholarship Fund  
Tuolumne Scholarship Fund  
Zwahlen Family Scholarship Fund

### Unrestricted Funds

Bette Belle & Jean Smith Memorial Fund  
James McClatchy Discretionary Fund (Endowment)

# A Community That Works for Everyone

We are evolving our strategies and funds so that innovation can emerge:

- from many places and many partners
- from people in the closest proximity to the issues
- from public agencies and nonprofits scaling solutions that work



## OUR LEADERSHIP PILLARS & RELATED FUNDS



### Economic Opportunity

*Build upward mobility for more people*

Stanislaus 2030

North San Joaquin Valley Health Force Partners

**Housing Solutions Fund**

**Leadership & Education in Ag Fund (LEAF)**



### Educational Attainment

*Ensure access to quality education and training*

Cradle to Career Partnership

**Education Solutions Fund**

**Health Careers Fund Scholarship Program**



### Civic Identity & Infrastructure

*Create a shared civic identity and informed community members*

**Resident-Led Grantmaking**

Community Journalism

**Civic Solutions Fund**

**Latino Leadership Fund**

Central Valley Legislative Roundtable

NextGen on Board



### Nonprofit Innovation

*Support nonprofit capacity, innovation and sustainability*

**Porges Nonprofit Excellence Initiative**

- Sabbatical Program
- Mid-Level Manager Training
- Succession Planning

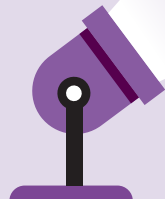
Friends of the Foundation

Ongoing Grantmaking

## Outcomes



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- **Accountable & Agile Public Systems**
- **New Vision & New Leadership**
- **Innovative & Thriving Nonprofits**
- **Empowered & Engaged Residents**
- **Energized Business Leaders & Donors**

# Special Initiative Funds

Stanislaus Community Foundation has launched a number of Special Initiative Funds, each dedicated to tackling community challenges aligned with the leadership work that SCF is undertaking. These funds are targeted to make investments both now and into the future.



## Housing Solutions Fund

The Housing Solutions Fund will allow SCF to invest in non-government housing and homelessness programs, including pilot projects to test solutions that can then be scaled with partners and implemented in the community.



## Resident-Led Grantmaking

Launching in 2024, these two funds will empower Latino and Black community members to direct grants into their respective communities, focused on the issues and organizations that serve their needs and celebrate their cultures.



## Leadership in Education & Ag Fund (LEAF)

LEAF will sustain ag students, future leaders, and current workers in Stanislaus County through ag-focused leadership programs and scholarships that strengthen the talent pipeline for the Ag industry.



## Civic Solutions Fund

Through the Civic Solutions Fund, SCF will invest in new local news platforms, bolster existing ones, and rebuild civic leadership in the community.



## Education Solutions Fund

The Education Solutions Fund will focus on investing in programs that reimagine learning and unlock better outcomes for students across the region.



## Latino Leadership Fund

Guided by an advisory group of Latino civic and business leaders, the Latino Leadership Fund will invest in programs and organizations that empower, amplify, and uplift future Latino leaders.



## Health Careers Fund

The Health Careers Fund will be used to bolster health career pathways by investing in programs that train, upskill local talent, and strengthen the talent pipeline for health careers in the region.

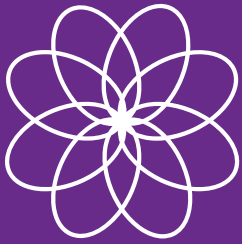


## Generations Fund

A long-term unrestricted fund to increase the capacity of SCF to address community challenges today and tomorrow quickly, proactively, and strategically.



Visit [stanislauscf.org](https://stanislauscf.org) to learn more about the benefits of your contribution to one or more of these funds.



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## 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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