

Giving VOICE

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News for donors and friends of the Sonora Area Foundation



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Welcome from the Executive Director

Greg Applegate, was named Executive Director of the Sonora Area Foundation after 21 years as City Administrator of Sonora.



It is an honor and a privilege to have been named the new Sonora Area Foundation Executive Director. For years I have watched this community foundation grow and prosper, as it assists such a wide range of community organizations and individuals meet so many worthy needs and goals. To be an employee of such a successful community foundation gives me an opportunity to help make our community a better place to live, work and play.

I am thankful to be able to work with such an accomplished staff and board, as I take on this new role. I come to the Sonora Area Foundation after retiring with more than 30 years of work in the local government profession, with the last 21 years serving as the Sonora City Administrator. I was drawn to community building work from a young age, and earned a bachelor's degree from Sacramento State University and a master's degree from Golden Gate University. I am a believer in grass roots government, where you meet people, interact with them and work together to accomplish things as a team. Through the years I have served on a number of local community committees including Partners in Education, Healthy Children's Project, Community Indicators Project and the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority. Throughout my local government career I served as an active member with the League of California Cities, California Redevelopment Association and the International Cities and Counties Management Association. It is refreshing and exciting to be able to apply my skills and community connections now to the Sonora Area Foundation, where team work and relationships are the heart of our work.

Beyond professional connections, my wife Debbie and I have deep roots in Tuolumne County. We raised our family here, and our two children and two grand children all currently reside in Tuolumne County. My family and I enjoy immensely the bountiful recreational opportunities that are offered here.

I can say without hesitation that I truly look forward to working with the Sonora Area Foundation Board of Directors as together we further our community philanthropic goals.



Connections WATCH helps disabled adults stay independent & involved

After 38 years serving disabled adults, the WATCH Program is a familiar part of daily life in Tuolumne County – and that’s just what advocates aim to achieve.



WATCH buses run all week long into every neighborhood to pick up and drop off clients at their homes. Small work crews and independent clients are out and about every day with jobs and activities at all types of agencies and businesses. And its center is a hub of work and recreation activities seven days a week.

More than 180 clients and their families participate in WATCH and more than three dozen businesses and public agencies provide work placements, giving the agency a wide reach in the community.

“I rarely run into someone that doesn’t know who we are, what we do or have a connection to someone who uses our services,” said Executive Director Chris Daly.

For an agency with a mission to help disabled adults remain integrated in the community and achieve active, independent lives, that’s a good measure of success.

Twain Harte resident Patt Koral, whose son, Ben, 33, is a WATCH client, said the program and its approach is exceptional.

“Benjamin is so excited when he goes to work every day,” Koral said. “It gives him a real sense of self worth and I think it’s good for the community, too, to see people with disabilities fully participating. It makes us

aware that all kinds of people make up our community, and that’s so important. We need to consider everyone as a contributing member of our community – we all have value.”

The Sonora Area Foundation and its supporting organization, The Irving J. Symons Foundation (IJS), have been strong supporters of WATCH for many years, and this fall presented the agency with two major grants – a \$40,000 matching grant to

help WATCH raise the funds to move into a larger, more accessible building, and a surprise \$25,000 grant from the IJS Foundation in honor of the late Jane Symons, Irving Symon’s widow.

Mrs. Symons, Daly knew, had been a regular customer of the program’s Sonora thrift shop, Good Stuff, but the memorial gift was completely unexpected.



Jane’s daughter, Marianne Coombes, was there to present the check and told the WATCH staff that her mother had long been aware of the agency and liked to see the clients out working in so many parts of the community.

Daly said while most people are aware of WATCH, many still have misperceptions about its mission.

“People sometimes tell me it must be

hard to work with people who have such challenges,” Daly said, “but that isn’t the hard part. This is a place where you can come to work every day and be told ‘You’re beautiful, I love you.’ Our people are so honest and open. And they have the right to be a part of the community in every way.

“The only hard part is all the

government paperwork and trying to find funding to provide the services they need.”

Government support, she said, has been eroding for years, and that has made community support and local partnerships more and more critical. WATCH has two major fundraising events each year, and will be

launching a fundraising campaign soon for the new building. Details on the sale are not yet final, Daly said, but she expects it to be settled by the end of the month.

The building the agency hopes to acquire is on Cabezut Road, on a level site with much better parking, better handicap access, areas for outdoor activities and nearly twice as much indoor space.

PHOTOS:

Top: WATCH client carves a decorative fish from clay.

Middle: Clients work on keyboard skills in the computer lab.

Lower: Clay fish get a careful coat of colorful glaze.

COVER PHOTO:

WATCH clients spend a morning in the sunny ceramics workroom.



Scholarship Columbia College challenge



The Oak Pavillion

A San Francisco Foundation and half a dozen Tuolumne County donors have created an impressive new scholarship program to benefit Columbia College students.

Together, they have guaranteed that at least 10 second-year students every year will receive

\$1,000 scholarships to stay in school – and the program will continue in perpetuity.

“I like that word – perpetuity,” said Sonora donor Joyce Brockman with a smile. She and her husband, Ed, quickly stepped up to the challenge. “Who wouldn’t want to do this for students if they’re able?”

The program, a challenge created by philanthropist and community college advocate Bernard Osher, works like this – for the next eight months, the Osher Foundation will match \$1 for every \$2 raised by local donors to help establish endowed scholarships at any California community college. Funds are pooled and invested to assure that for every \$20,000 raised, a new \$1,000 scholarship can be paid out annually. So donors contribute \$13,500, the Osher

Foundation contributes \$6,500 and the selected community college takes on administration. Each scholarship must be awarded to low-income students in their second year of study.

“This was a tremendous opportunity and I thought it would make sense to many of our donors,” said Sonora Area Foundation’s Mick Grimes, who recently retired as the Foundation’s executive director. “Local donors can name their scholarships and even be involved in the selection of students.”

Already, Sonora Area Foundation has helped donors establish 10 new Osher scholarships, including four by the Sonora business, Front Porch, one in the memory of Foundation donor Marjorie Coffill and one established by the Sonora Area Foundation’s Board of Directors to honor Grimes.

Update Suicide task force

As a rural county, Tuolumne County’s suicide rate is more than double the state average – a tragic condition that is driving a team of health experts along with youth and senior advocates to take bold action. By the end of next year, the Tuolumne County Suicide Prevention Task Force aims to have nearly 2,000 community members trained in how to recognize the signs of someone at risk of suicide and the basics of how best to help.

This huge community education effort – the heart of the task force’s extensive three-year work plan – will be accomplished with the help of an \$81,648, two-year grant from the Sonora Area Foundation. Twenty certified volunteer trainers and many local agencies are contributing their resources and staff time.

The task force launched the education effort this year, and already has trained more than 700 people in schools, public agencies, churches and service groups. Most complete about a 2-hour information session called

“QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer,” while emergency responders and mental health professionals go through more intensive courses.

“Our goal is to see that no matter when or where someone shows signs that they’re at risk of suicide, there will be someone there who recognizes what is happening, who can listen and knows where to turn for help,” said Public Health Director Dr. Todd Stolp, the task force director.

Profile Couple opens doors



The Medina Family

Bobby Medina is not your typical nonprofit manager.

The founder of We Care Sober

Living Recovery Home grew up on the streets of San Jose, lost in gang life, drugs and violence. He was in and out of juvenile centers, and served time at eight prisons up and down the state.

But everything changed 19 years ago, when instead of a 25-year sentence, Medina was sent to San Francisco’s Delancey Street rehabilitation program. In his five years there, he cleaned up, started over and committed himself to a new life working with addicts, alcoholics and ex-cons.

His work eventually brought him to the Sierra Conservation Center to run a program for addicts. Seeing how fast newly released inmates were sent right back in, Medina and his wife, Beki, founded their first We Care recovery home in Tuolumne. The Sonora Area Foundation has supported their work over the years, with grants to help cover costs.

The Medinas at one point operated more than half a dozen group homes throughout the county, expanding to serve other hard cases of people in recovery. But the recession has taken a toll on the Medinas’ ability to subsidize costs. They now have just their original We Care home in Tuolumne. Six men live there now, with daily meals and supervision provided by the home’s long-time caretaker Geraldo Ochoa.

“Like they say at Delancey Street,” Medina said, “Harvard takes the top 10 percent and We Care takes the bottom 10 percent. Everyone here is working to get better, but this isn’t the Betty Ford clinic. These guys would be out on the street if they weren’t here.”

Community Report Financial Information

2010 Competitive Grants

Mother Lode Fair	\$28,996	Improvements to Livestock Area
Diabetic Encounter	\$2,448	Awareness Program
Friends of Tu. Co. Library	\$3,000	Summer of Mark Twain
County of Tuolumne	\$8,000	Soap Box Derby Street Paving
Tuolumne River Trust	\$1,000	Paddle to the Sea
Interfaith	\$ 400	Community Garden
Sonora Police Department	\$5,000	Sonora Explorer Post #364 - Challenge
ATCAA Food Bank	\$50,000	Operational Support
Ogopogo Foundation	\$10,000	Single Moms Auto Program
Mounted Dream Center	\$5,000	Vocational Training Program
Mind Matters	\$8,000	Operational Support
Sierra LifeNet	\$35,000	1st year Operations - \$1 for \$1 match
Sierra Waldorf School	\$3,000	Expand Nursery
Tu. Co. Youth Football/Cheer	\$6,000	Operational Support
Columbia Union School District	\$4,600	Gold Country Music Camp
Sonora Magic	\$3,250	Youth Basketball Team
Sonora Cat Rescue	\$1,500	SNAP Program
Sonora High School	\$5,506	Sober Grad Night
Summerville High School	\$2,100	Sober Grad Night
Sierra Repertory Theatre	\$15,000	Support Additional Guest Artists
Sierra NonProfit Services	\$5,000	one VISTA Position
We Care Sober Living Recovery Homes	\$10,000	General Support
Dawn's Light	\$22,532	Capacity Building
ReHorse Rescue Ranch	\$7,500	Hay for Winter
Tu. Co. Behavioral Health	\$27,000	Senior Peer Counseling Program
Summerville High School	\$1,500	Storytelling for film-making - year 2
Tu. Co. Recreation Dept.	\$33,200	Upgrade Sonora Youth Center playground
Center for a Non Violent Community	\$38,617	Suicide Prevention Task Force - year 2
ICES	\$12,500	Heating and Cooling Equipment
WATCH	\$40,000	Capitol Campaign - match
Children's Holiday Party	\$22,603	Salel Kitchen Equipment
Little Women's Club	\$4,075	Program Development
Interfaith	\$10,000	Wood Delivery Truck
WATCH	\$25,000	In memory of Jane Symons
Children's Holiday Party	\$6,000	Annual Children's Christmas Party
Friends of Tu. Co. Library	\$2,700	Community Feud
Kiwanis Childspeer	\$1,500	Childspeer Back to School
TOTAL	\$411,077	
Grants from Restricted Funds	<u>\$551,207</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS	\$962,284	

Sonora Area Foundation

including Supporting Organizations and Component Funds
December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,491,222
Contributions receivable	45,833
Interest and Investment income receivable	110,744
Rents receivable	111,996
Other receivable	211,778
Marketable Securities	6,801,740
Deferred property taxes	1,891
Prepaid expenses	38,531
Accounts receivable	433,673
Planned gift receivable	359,195
Investment	4,966,016
Other assets	7,101
Total Current Assets	\$16,589,720

Other Assets

Real property net of depreciation	\$9,652,410
Equipment and furniture, net	25,859
Total Other Assets	\$9,678,269

Total Assets

\$26,267,989

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Grants and scholarships payable	\$682,536
Accounts payable	531,448
Advanced expenses	70,999
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,284,983

Other Liabilities

Security deposits	\$18,865
Total Other Liabilities	\$18,865

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$20,100,786
Temporarily Unrestricted	2,571,488
Permanently Restricted	2,291,867
Total Net Assets	\$24,964,141

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$26,267,989

Audited financial statements of the Foundation and its Supporting Organizations are available at the Foundation office, 362 S Stewart St, Sonora, CA.



New truck in use

Success Funds buy delivery truck for Interfaith

Fall is firewood season at Interfaith Social Services – volunteers will be cutting, moving, splitting, stacking and giving away more than 120 cords in coming months, all to help more than 250 disadvantaged families stay warm this winter. It's a huge job, and to help keep it moving, Interfaith received a significant boost this summer – a compact, 1990 GMC diesel dump truck that volunteers can use to pick up and drop off loads of wood to the agency's newly expanded wood lot. The truck was a grant from the Irving J. Symons Foundation, a

supporting organization of the Sonora Area Foundation.

"This is such a big help for our volunteers" said Interfaith's Barbara Woodward. "They don't have to use their own trucks as much to haul around loads of logs, and they can dump a large load of wood in minutes rather than having to unload it by hand."

"A more efficient operation means more households can receive free wood," Woodward said. The program provides half a cord per qualified household, with priority to seniors, disabled people and single parents with children.



Funds

ADVISED FUNDS

– Charitable purposes in Tuolumne County (unless otherwise noted)

Acorns to Oaks Fund

Bergsund Family Fund

Boyd Family Fund

CB Celebration Fund

Comazzi Family Fund

Donald A. and Elisabeth Weber Fund – Support charitable programs

Foothill Ministry Fund – Anonymous family-advised fund

Front Porch Charitable Fund

Geer Family Fund

Gianelli Family Fund

Grimes Family Fund – Support charitable programs

Hohne Family Fund

Irving J. Symons Trustees Fund

Kevin Bates Fund

Joe Martin Family Fund

Julie Hulet Memorial Fund

Kiwanis Club of Sonora Fund – Support charitable programs

Marjorie L. Coffill Charitable Fund

Norbert & Elaine Wilson Endowment Fund

Ozborn Family Fund

Phil and Barbara Harvey Charitable Fund

Priest Family Fund – Support charitable programs

Sierra Nevada Service Fund – Anonymous fund for general charitable granting

Todd and Cyndi Simonson Fund

Tuolumne Angel Fund – Anonymous family-advised fund

Tuolumne Sunrise Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Barbara McClymont Fund – Student needs at Sonora School

Betty Regelin Fund – Support A-TCAA Family Homeless Shelter

Bill of Rights Fund – Bill of Rights education at Sonora Elementary School

Brizard Fund for South Side Seniors Inc. – Support programs and needs of the Gathering Place

Children's Holiday Party Fund – Programs for children in need in Tuolumne County

Christmas Partners Fund – Support Christmas programs

Comfort Project Fund – Quilts for children and elders in need

Comfort Project Endowment Fund – A growing endowment for the Comfort Project

Community Indicators Project Fund – Measurement and assessment of Tuolumne County

Community Safety Net Fund for Tuolumne County – Support safety net programs in Tuolumne County

Donald and Renee Paulsen Fund – Charitable purposes in City of Sonora

Dorothy Daniels Memorial Fund – Endowment for Sonora United Methodist Church.

Duende Drama & Literature Fund – Support programs and projects of Duende

Dyllon Bonella Memorial Fund – Diminishment of cancer related suffering

Elks Event Fund – Support qualified nonprofits' use of Sonora Elks Lodge

Ernest Olivieri Fund: Elks Lodge 1587 – Support Elks Lodge Scholarship program

Friends of the Children's Park Fund – Park maintenance and youth recreation

George James Memorial Education Fund – TuCARE fund for teacher education in natural resources

Graser-Knudson Memorial Fund – Endowment for Twain Harte recreational purposes

Kiwanis Childspre – Back-to-school shopping spree fund for children in need

Leadership Tuolumne County Fund – Support the Leadership Tuolumne County program

Lucille Arnold Fund – Provide success for youth at risk

Marjorie L. Coffill Local History Fund – Tuolumne County Library materials on Mother Lode history

Mary Jo Brereton Fund – Program support for Omega Nu

Miller Endowed Fund: Elks Lodge 1587 – Support Elks Lodge Scholarship program

Minnie Wind Wolfinbarger Fund – Support special education and ROP Nursing at Sonora High School

Mother Lode Christian School – Support of Mother Lode Christian School

Mrs. Pringle Music Fund – Classical music appreciation for any K-8 school in Tuolumne County

Smile Keepers Fund – Support dental needs of the underserved in Tuolumne County

South Tuolumne County Museum Library Fund – Maintenance of the Groveland museum-library

Stage 3 Theatre Company Fund – Support programs and projects of Stage 3

SOS/Safety Net Fund for Tuolumne County - Support Safety Net programs in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County Juvenile Judges Fund – Needs of Tuolumne County youth referred by justices

Tuolumne County Tennis Court Restoration Fund – Restoration of tennis courts

Tuolumne River Project Fund – Recreational needs in the Tuolumne River canyon

Twain Harte Skate Park Fund – Skate park maintenance

Vial for Life Fund – Support Vial for Life project

William and Mary Crook Fund – Support of the Alano Club

YES Partnership Fund – Support of the YES Partnership coalition

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Elinor F. Brown Endowment Fund – Endowed fund for Tuolumne County educational purposes

J.R. Christensen Family Fund – Nursing and health education in Tuolumne County

Jim and Louise Angelo Family Fund – Endowment for Tuolumne County schools

Local Emergency Services Support Fund – Disaster prevention and recovery

Robert and Kathy Boyer Fund – Youth Sports in Tuolumne County

Robert C. Jones Fund – Advocacy for those who experience discrimination

Tuolumne County Eye Care Fund – Eye care needs in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne Tennis Association Fund – Improve tennis in Tuolumne County

Wings Fund – Expenses for the non-medical care of ill children

Youth Sports Foundation Fund – Tuolumne County youth sports facilities

AGENCY DESIGNATED FUNDS

ATCAA Family Literacy Fund

Calaveras Heritage Council Fund

Central Sierra Arts Council Fund

Dawn's Light Fund

Economic Development Co. of Tuolumne County Fund

Friends of Tuolumne County Library Fund

Hospice of the Sierras Fund

Humane Society of Tuolumne County Fund

Infant-Child Enrichment Services Fund

Meals on Wheels Fund

Northern Mariposa County History Center Fund

Rose Wolf Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Fund

Salvation Army of Tuolumne County Fund

Sierra Foothills Residential Care Fund

Senior Resource Services Fund

Sierra NonProfit Support Center Fund

Sierra Repertory Theatre Fund



Claymation student

Education Grant

Bringing tales to life

More than 50 art students at Summerville High School's Connections Academy learned the craft of storytelling for filmmaking from master storyteller BZ Smith. Her new course was developed with teacher Cord Rawlinson and a grant from the Sonora Area Foundation.



Southside Senior Services Fund
Summerville High Foundation Endowment Fund
Support Sonora School Endowment Fund
Support Sonora School Fund
WATCH Endowment Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Cunningham Family Fund
Geiger Fund
Homer Latimer Fund
Martha Barnes Tuolumne County Betterment Fund
Nikki & John Karpinski Fund
Sonora Area Foundation Futures Fund
Toni Gibson Fund

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Irving J. Symons Foundation for Tuolumne County
Symons Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Aaron Baker Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: athletics
Andy Fredericks Memorial Scholarship – Fire fighting programs and scholarships
Aronos William Morris Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools
Aronos Women's Research Club Scholarship – Columbia College attendee
Barbara Sardella Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: Sonora Elementary graduates
Bill Gerber Memorial Scholarship – Summerville High: athletics
Bret Laws Memorial Scholarship – Columbia College: fire science
Brockman Family Scholarship – Sonora High: education
Bruce Paxton Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: music
Class of 1946 Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
David Paul Grant Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County Students: law enforcement – EMT-fire science
Doc Curtice Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Earl and Mary Purdy Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: music or physical education
Elaine Symons Baker Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Eva Schicke Memorial Scholarship – Nursing or fire science
Firefighter Michael Chad Harris Scholarship – Columbia College & Napa College: fire technology
Frank Salel Youth Fund – Benefit Tuolumne County youth
Front Porch Scholarship – Tuolumne County High Schools: math, engineering, computer science
Futures Forward Scholarship – Foster Care students
Gardella College Fund – Sonora High: interest in local government or politics
Harry A. Riedinger Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Harvey H. Uhl Scholarship – Sonora High: Trade schools or higher education

Highland Oaks Agricultural Scholarship – Summerville High: agriculture and natural resources
Homer Latimer Scholarship – Sonora High and Summerville High: academics
Jeff Sanders Memorial Scholarship – Bret Harte High: academics
Jeff Vassallo Memorial Scholarship – Summerville High: Friday Night Live
Jennie Evans Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: business
Jerry Ryder Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Korean War Veterans' relatives
Jessica Elizabeth Jager Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Joe Martin Family Scholarship – Sonora High: natural resources
John E. Kelley Memorial Scholarship – Mother Lode Round-Up Queen
Kathleen Caestini Memorial Fund – Tuolumne County high schools: Sonora Elementary graduate
Kristi Francis Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Larry and Virginia Reed Twain Harte Rotary Scholarship – Summerville High: vocational
Lyle R. Scott Scholarship – Vocations/trades education
Lynn Gates Nursing Scholarship Fund – Columbia College: nursing
Martha Barnes Scholarship – Summerville High: females, non-traditional fields
Martin and Bethel Liljedahl Scholarship – Sonora High: agriculture
M.L. Interagency Training Officers Scholarship/Bass Family Fire Fighters' Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne and Calaveras high schools: public safety
Mother Lode Stanford Club Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Stanford University attendee
Mt. Springs Women's Golf Scholarship – Scholarships for women in golf
Myers Family Fund – Tioga High: vocational education
Pearl Segerstrom Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Pecchinino/Sylva Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Perricone-Hobbin-Hodge Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: University of California

Ralph and Dotte Francis Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: athletics
Rockwood Scholarship – Sonora High: art
Ross Jones Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: fire sciences or law enforcement
Sgt. Bobby Rapp Ski Scholarship – Official Ski Race Team
Shaws Flat Scholarship – Sonora High: academics and vocational
Sierra Music Scholarship – Tuolumne County student: classical music lessons
Sierra Quilt Guild Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: academics
Sonora Lions Varvandakis Scholarship – Sonora High male: academics
Stephen H. Manson Scholarship – Sonora High: art and nursing
Tanya Anderson Memorial Scholarship – Survivors of serious illness, priority to cancer survivors
Teresa Mary Thors Scholarship – Secondary education for disabled students
Terry Campbell Loshalegro Award – Summerville High: academics
Tuolumne County Community Tennis Scholarship – High school students involved in tennis or the arts
Tuolumne County Farm Bureau Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: agriculture industry
Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse Scholarship – Tuolumne County students: agriculture or related field
Tu. Co. Women's Network Scholarship – Women's education
Tuolumne Sunrise Scholarship – Summerville High: academics
Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – Summerville High or Mother Lode Christian
Vicki White PEO Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High Alternative Ed.: vocational/trade, college or university education
Wally Berry Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Wes and Ruth Wyllie Memorial Art Scholarship – Summerville or Sonora High: art
Wilma Lindberg Memorial Scholarship – Summerville or Sonora High: elementary teaching

Community Impact Award

Mentoring program fosters friendships

Every year, one child at a time, the ATCAA Mentoring Works program changes the lives of dozens of disadvantaged young people in Tuolumne County by pairing each with a trained volunteer for one-to-one guidance and friendship. This wonderful program won the annual Elaine Symons Baker Community Impact Award of \$10,000 presented by the SAF Board of Directors.



A mentoring pair



TEN REASONS PEOPLE CHOOSE TO GIVE THROUGH THE SONORA AREA FOUNDATION:

One

We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

Two

Our professional program staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.

Three

We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

Four

Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.

Five

We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

Six

We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

Seven

We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.

Eight

We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

Nine

We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

Ten

We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

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Unrestricted Funds. Your gift can address ever-changing community needs - including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being - arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, and health and human services.

Field of Interest Funds. You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life: Arts, Aging, Conservation, At-risk youth, Environment.

Scholarships. You can invest your gift in our community's future and show students you care, all with the guidance and personal services of the Foundation.

Designated Funds. You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization.

Call the Sonora Area Foundation today to discuss establishing a new fund or a bequest through your will or trust. We'd be honored to assist you in creating your personal or family legacy.



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