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community foundation of lafayette

provides funding to vital local nonprofits



2022 Excellence Grants recipients

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The Community Foundation of Lafayette helps connect generous and dedicated donors with local causes by supporting nonprofits, programs and projects that promote and enhance the civic, cultural, educational and general well-being of Lafayette and surrounding communities.

The Community Foundation of Lafayette has been in the community for almost 25 years. They know the local nonprofits doing important and impactful work in the area, those that are well organized and put their grants to good use in making Lafayette a better place to live.

The Community Foundation has created strong working partnerships with the City of Lafayette, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and others throughout the community. Working closely with these key leaders ensures that grants are impacting those in need as well as supporting the strong arts and culture that we enjoy in this community.

Giving and supporting others is part of the fabric and culture of Lafayette! The Community Foundation of Lafayette assists people in realizing this goal.

Since 1999, the Community Foundation has given hundreds of grants totaling more than \$1 million to a variety of local organizations through Excellence Grants. The priority areas for giving include human services, seniors, youth development and education, and arts and culture.

In 2022, the Community Foundation of Lafayette was able to award grants to 35 vital local organizations that help to strengthen

our shared community and create positive changes for those in need.

Congratulations to all of the 2022 Excellence Grants recipients! And thank you to each of these outstanding organizations for their dedication and service to those in need.

Human Services

- Assistance League of Diablo Valley
- Bay Area Crisis Nursery
- Cancer Support Community San Francisco Bay Area
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa County
- Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
- Early Alert Canines
- Grateful Gatherings
- Las Trampas
- Lions Center for the Visually Impaired
- Loaves and Fishes
- Trinity Center

- White Pony Express
- Winter Nights Family Shelter
- Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center
- Youth Homes

Seniors

- Lamorinda Spirit Van
- Lamorinda Village
- Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC)
- Meals on Wheels Diablo
- Region

Youth Development and Education

- Camp Kesem
- Diablo Day Camp

- Friends of 224
- Hope Solutions (formerly Contra Costa Interfaith Housing)
- Lafayette Library & Learning Center
- Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE)
- Mindful Littles
- Sydney Paige® Foundation

Arts and Culture

- California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes)
- Gold Coast Chamber Players
- Lafayette Historical Society
- Lamorinda Arts Council
- Mountain Shadow Film Society
- Pacific Chamber Orchestra
- Park Theater Trust
- Town Hall Theatre Company

Assistance League Diablo Valley improves lives in the community through hands-on programs in three focus areas: Operation School Bell®, Scholarships, and Community Needs.

Bay Area Crisis Nursery helps to keep families safe and together, preventing children from entering the foster care system and supporting families in alleviating the effects of poverty.

California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes) creates exemplary productions of works, both old and new, interpreted in vital and urgent ways.

Camp Kesem is led by college students to create a community of empathy and emotional support for children through and beyond a parent's cancer.

Cancer Support Community provides free programs with the goal of helping people facing cancer become healthier, live longer, and live better.

Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) works with the most vulnerable children in our community those who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned.

Diablo Day Camp offers summer camp for an average of 1,400 campers from age 2-18 years, with some 450 dedicated volunteers.

Early Alert Canines trains Diabetic Alert Dogs and specializes in supporting families with children who have Type1 diabetes.

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano strives to serve all people experiencing hunger or food insecurity and commits to never turning anyone away.

Friends of Troop 224 is the Chartering Organization for both Troop 224 (boys & girls).

Gold Coast Chamber Players provides vibrant concert experiences with ongoing series and also provides engaging classroom experiences in public schools.

Grateful Gatherings improves lives by providing new and gently used furniture and household goods to low-income families transitioning out of homelessness, crisis, and poverty.

Hope Solutions helps to heal the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services (formerly Contra Costa Interfaith Housing)

The **Lafayette Historical Society** believes in the power of history to ignite the imagination, stimulate thought and provide enjoyment.

The **Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation** sustains the Lafayette Library as a vibrant community resource that offers enriching experiences for all ages.

Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE) supports and enriches the education of every child in the Lafayette public schools.

Lamorinda Arts Council ignites and sustains artistic expression and appreciation for all ages throughout Lamorinda.

Lamorinda Spirit Van provides affordable, accessible transportation for Lamorinda older adults, who often have age-based disabilities and no longer drive.

Lamorinda Village provides Lamorinda residents (55+) with the means to age in place in their own homes and communities with safety, dignity, and independence. ...

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Lamorinda Adult Respite Center is a social adult day program that serves people with memory loss due to mild to moderate Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias.

Las Trampas provides services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, allowing them to discover their capabilities and lead fuller lives.

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired works to preserve vision, foster independence, and enhance the quality of life for adults who are blind or at risk for vision impairments.

Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa provides hunger relief to individuals, families, seniors, veterans, homeless, disadvantaged youth, and people with disabilities.

Mindful Littles bridges mindfulness and self-compassion with direct volunteerism opportunities for TK-8th grade children through their Mindful Service Learning program.

Meals on Wheels, Diablo Region improves the lives of vulnerable seniors living in Contra Costa County by delivering nutritious meals and supportive services.

Mountain Shadow Film Society brings the best in international and independent filmmaking to Lafayette, Walnut Creek, and surrounding communities.

Pacific Chamber Orchestra is a regional professional ensemble dedicated to sustaining and extending the rich heritage of classical music for a chamber orchestra.

Park Theater Trust's mission is to restore and operate Lafayette's Park Theater building and revitalize it into an accessible and inclusive, community-centered cinema and arts and cultural hub.

Sydney Paige Foundation is a women-led and woman-run nonprofit that provides high-quality backpacks, books, and school supplies to children in need.

Town Hall Theatre Company is a place for everyone and seeks to create and be a part of a thriving community that connects performing artists, students, and audiences.

Trinity Center is a non-residential program that serves homeless and working poor adult men and women in Walnut Creek and Central Contra Costa County.

Visit lafayettecf.org to learn more about the Community Foundation of Lafayette and how you can support these and other worthwhile nonprofits.



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