

## Donor Spotlight: August 2015 Umpqua Bank



In 2014, Umpqua Bank established its Charitable Foundation with the purpose of giving back to the communities they serve. Recognizing the fundamental link between education and economic prosperity, Umpqua Bank's Charitable Foundation invests in local non-profit organizations and initiatives that create access to education and economic opportunity. The Foundation's Community Giving Program focuses on supporting youth development and education programs that create opportunities for early childhood and K-12 youth to fulfill their educational experience, promote their well-being and inspire them to reach their full potential. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) recently received a \$5,000 grant from Umpqua Bank's Charitable Foundation for SFBFS' Youth Education program.



After School Academy offers homework assistance and tutoring, enrichment activities, community service opportunities and college and career guidance at no cost.

Recently, teens from After School Academy attended UC Berkeley's open house event, Cal Day. The students spent the day exploring what life as a Berkeley student would be like as they spoke with current students, professors and enrollment counselors, toured on-campus housing and sat in on lectures. The teens discovered possible majors and topics of interest, while also learning real-world college skills like time management and the necessary steps to fill out financial aid forms. Many of these teens will be the first in their family to attend college. While their parents and caregivers are often supportive of their college dreams, they lack the resources and experience necessary to guide them on the road to higher education. After School Academy exposes these youth to not only the possibility of attending college, but also teaches them the skills to succeed.



Programs like this would not be possible without support from the Sacramento community. SFBFS is grateful and fortunate to receive the support of community-minded organizations like Umpqua Bank. Umpqua's generosity is an example of how together, we can support families on their journey to self-sufficiency.