RESILIENT STANISLAUS

Building a community of choice where people LIVE, WORK and THRIVE.
Dear Friends,

As we began to reflect on our accomplishments for our 2019 annual report, we recognized that we must acknowledge that the world we are living in today feels like a vastly different place than it was in 2019.

The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched our education, health, social, and economic systems to a point of crisis. At the same time, demonstrations across the country are forcing us to take a hard look at the systemic racial inequities that have prevented entire communities from thriving for generations.

At the time of this report publication, we do not know when the pandemic will be over. We do not know what the true economic fallout will be. We do not know what the “new normal” will look like.

Despite these turbulent times, there is one thing we at Stanislaus Community Foundation are sure of: we live in a RESILIENT community.

- Our community is made of incredibly generous people; at Stanislaus Community Foundation we work with donors to disburse millions of dollars in grants and scholarships annually. Even as we face an unprecedented generational Transfer of Wealth in which local philanthropists pass along their businesses and estates to their children, we know that much of the charitable wealth being transferred is staying in our region.

- Our community is capable of deep collaboration; in the last five years, our partners have worked together to tackle homelessness through Focus on Prevention and new programs to create a continuum of care for the unsheltered; we have worked with partners to address educational disparities along critical milestones in the lives of students, through the Cradle to Career Partnership, and much more.

- Our community can act with urgency in the face of crisis; over the past few months we have seen community partners innovate to rapidly respond to community needs related to COVID-19. We’ve seen our faith leaders, nonprofit sector and funding partners step up to not just respond, but innovate, which has been remarkable.

We will meet this moment and recover from this crisis. But we can also utilize the opportunity this crisis presents to transform our systems to create better outcomes for all residents—a Stanislaus where everyone can live, work, and thrive.

For our part, at Stanislaus Community Foundation, we are ever more committed to improve educational outcomes, increase economic mobility, support leadership development, and seed equitable dialogues that advance our community long-term.

We hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Marian Kaanon
President/CEO

Melanie Martella Chiesa
Chairperson
We Build Strong Partnerships

We bring diverse leaders and residents together to tackle issues larger than any one of them. We ask bold questions, listen deeply to the answers and look at data in new ways. We hold ourselves and our partners accountable to better outcomes. We work daily to create a vibrant community that all of us can be proud to call home.

Highlights

Stanislaus Cradle to Career Partnership

The Stanislaus Cradle to Career Partnership brings together key leaders to improve outcomes at critical gateways in a child and young adult’s life, including: kinder readiness, third-grade reading and math proficiency, high school completion with a post-secondary or career plan, and entrance into living wage job by age 26. Supported by the Stanislaus County Office of Education and Stanislaus Community Foundation, the Cradle to Career Partnership’s leadership includes local K-12 districts, Modesto Junior College, CSU Stanislaus, local government, the private sector, healthcare providers and nonprofits.

Stanislaus Community Foundation provided on-going support for the Cradle to Career Partnership in 2019, which included an investment of approximately $250,000 into leadership development, coaching, facilitation support, and asset-mapping to improve the effectiveness of cross-sector action teams.

Focus on Prevention

Focus on Prevention, is a county-wide initiative to improve the quality of life for Stanislaus families, with an initial goal of preventing and reducing homelessness. In addition to providing leadership support, Stanislaus Community Foundation committed $250,000 to the operations of the emergency Modesto Outdoor Low Barrier Shelter while also galvanizing another $250,000 in corporate support to expand the Salvation Army Berberian campus, which opened its doors in 2019. We also committed an additional $100,000 in support of United Way’s Build United Initiative, which will increase the organizational effectiveness and sustainability of homeless service providers in Stanislaus County.

Nonprofit Excellence

Based on findings from the ‘State of the Nonprofit Sector’ report commissioned by Stanislaus Community Foundation, in 2019 we engaged experts to develop and lead capacity-building workshops for over 60 nonprofit executive directors and board members. Session topics included: building bolder boards; social enterprise; and using data to track meaningful progress.

New Leadership Network

Stanislaus Community Foundation has always believed that human capital drives all other forms of transformation. With the support of the James Irvine Foundation, we equipped 58 emerging leaders with social innovation tools through the Irvine New Leadership Network. In 2019, a workbook titled “Scaling Systems Change” was published to a national audience, highlighting Irvine New Leadership Network in Stanislaus as a model for the rest of the country.

Downtown Streets Team

The Downtown Streets Team is a nonprofit that provides work-readiness training and case management to the homeless. In 2019, Stanislaus Community Foundation continued its support of the Downtown Streets Team by providing $150,000 in grant dollars to support the nonprofit’s operations. This grant is part of a three-year commitment from Stanislaus Community Foundation totaling $450,000. We also helped galvanize an additional $140,000 from local donors to transition the outdoor low barrier shelter to an expanded Salvation Army campus.
We connect the dots between need and resources, between creativity and execution, between donor passions and community causes. We help our donors and partners support impactful programs and services, and help advance solutions to our community’s most pressing needs.

Highlights

**Book of Dreams**

The Book of Dreams is a partnership between Stanislaus Community Foundation and the Modesto Bee. The Modesto Bee highlights nonprofits over the holidays, and Stanislaus Community Foundation collects donations from Bee readers to support these nonprofits. In 2019, Stanislaus Community Foundation collected a record **$86,000** for five local nonprofits offering therapeutic services to children and youth in Stanislaus.

**Stanislaus Health Careers Fund**

In addition to a $500,000 commitment in four-year scholarships to health majors at Stanislaus State, we invested another $500,000 to align health career pathways, which includes scholarships for current MJC nursing students to begin bachelor degree coursework at Stanislaus State over the summer, upskill scholarships for existing Registered Nurses to complete Stanislaus State’s online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and funding for a new Health Careers Navigator position at Stanislaus State to reach out to local high school and community college students to educate them about available career opportunities in healthcare.

Recognizing the importance of community awareness around children’s health issues, the Stanislaus Health Careers Fund funded a full-time journalist at the Modesto Bee. The reporter, focused on children’s health issues, was assigned to the Modesto Bee by Report for America, a national nonprofit focused on rebuilding community journalism in regions that are becoming ‘news deserts.’

**Student Scholarships**

We provided a record number of scholarships, with over **250 students** accessing **$374,014** in funding. Improving college access and completion is vital to California’s economic well-being and research shows that scholarships help students persist in college. Nearly 90% of SCF’s scholarship recipients are low-come and first in their family to attend college. Our financial assistance enables and encourages these students to focus on their coursework, rather than attending school part-time and working part-time jobs to finance their education. Higher education is a ladder to economic opportunity and we look forward to seeing these scholars enter our local workforce in the coming years.

“This scholarship will allow for me to find a better balance between working full time with overtime, being a mom, and being a fulltime student. Advancing my education at a University close to my home was important to me, as I enjoy being an active part of my community. With your support some of the financial stress has been freed from my family and for that I am so grateful to you.”

– Aleena Bautista
We serve as a trusted steward of charitable funds and help donors fulfill their goals by ensuring that their gifts make the greatest impact in the community and the causes they care about most. By helping our donors and partners to connect with and support efforts that achieve impactful results, we strive to create lasting change in Stanislaus County.

**Donors**

We help individuals and families achieve their charitable goals by offering tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible and effective. Our knowledge of local issues and needs makes giving as impactful as possible.

**Professional Advisors**

We are a resource for attorneys, CPAs, and others seeking charitable solutions for their clients. We help deepen the service offering to your clients with our philanthropic expertise and personalized giving vehicles.

**Private Foundations**

We provide administrative, financial, and grantmaking support so you can focus on your charitable giving.

**Corporations**

We offer a customized corporate philanthropy program for businesses and their employees. The flexibility of our service delivery means your company can outsource its entire charitable giving program, or just a portion of it for expert management and maximum impact. A fully branded Corporate Advised Fund allows organizations to embrace strategic giving and community engagement as part of their business philosophy.

**Nonprofits**

We support local nonprofits so they can focus on what they do best — delivering vital services and programs across Stanislaus County that strengthen our residents and communities.

“My wife and I care deeply about Stanislaus County and our philanthropy is an expression of that care. Stanislaus Community Foundation has helped us make a greater impact with our philanthropy by providing in-depth information about local causes and programs that align with our giving values.”

—Dave & Jeanne Olson
We Fuel Meaningful Change

In 2019, we supported the community through our more than 160 funds established by generous individuals, families and corporations:

Impact By The Numbers

In 2019, Stanislaus Community Foundation managed over $42 million in assets and distributed more than $3,292,255 in grants and scholarships to the community from funds at the Stanislaus Community Foundation, contracts, and private foundation clients.

ACADEMIC & EDUCATION
$530,271
16.11%

ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY
$361,875
11%

BASIC NEEDS
$486,623
15%

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
$367,469
11%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
$535,804
16.3%

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
$594,374
18.05%

ACADEMIC & EDUCATION
$374,015
11.36%

OTHER GIVING
$41,825
1.18%
We work with a variety of donors with diverse giving goals. By helping our donors and partners to connect with and support efforts that achieve specific results, we strive to transform philanthropy into lasting change for Stanislaus County.

OUR FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS
American Leadership Forum - Great Valley Chapter
Center for Human Services
Central California Art Association
Central Valley Professional Exchange
Central West Ballet Fund
Community Hospice Foundation Fund
Education Foundation of Stanislaus County
Friends of the Modesto Salvation Army
Modesto Band of Stanislaus County
Modesto Fire Dept. Historical Restoration Fund
Modesto Firefighters Training Symposium Fund
Modesto Gateway Rotary Club Foundation Fund
Modesto Rotary Club Foundation
Patterson Historical Research Foundation
Patterson Recreation - Wellness, Sports and Fitness Fund
Sierra Vista Child & Family Fund
Sunrise Rotary Foundation Fund
United Cerebral Palsy Association Fund
City of Modesto Parks & Recreation

CORPORATE DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Boyett Petroleum “Make Dreams Real” Fund
Garton Tractor Family Fund
Oak Valley Community Bank Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Brian LoConte Agricultural (Endowment)
Camp Jack Hazard - “Bart Bennett” Fund (Endowment)
Camp Jack Hazard - “Robert Babington” Fund (Endowment)
Donovan & Alberta Bodes Fund
Friends of the Empire Community Pool
Imagination Library Turlock - ABC Project
Lloyd S. & Virginia M. Parks Memorial Fund (Endowment)
Modesto Bee Economic Mobility Lab
National Ag Science Center Fund (Endowment)
Nick Chipponeri Family Fund
O’B Green O’Brien’s Market
Rotary Centennial Junction Fund
St. Stanislaus School Scholarship Fund
William H. Turner & Doris L. Turner Trust
Youngheim Family Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Abigail Colby Floyd Memorial Fund
Amador Family Fund
Ann M. Veneman Fund
Augusta Fund
Back 40 Benefaction
Benchmark Family Foundation
Bill & Nancy Jackson Family Fund
Bowen & Michelle Cardoza Family Foundation
Boyett Family Foundation Fund
Cardoza Bordona Family Fund
Cardoza Conner Be Kind Fund
Carroll Family Foundation Fund
Ciara Chessa’s Circle of Hope
Clark Family Fund
Community Transitional Resources CTR
Data Path Fund
Dickerson Family Foundation
Evans Family Fund
Florence Caruso Family Fund
Friedman Family Fund
Gianelli Family Fund
Greater Modesto Area Churches
Grover Family Fund
Guilvin Family Fund
Iron Otter Fund
Jeff and Barbara Quinn Family Fund
John & Diane Bellizzi Fund
Johnny Etchebarne’s Nugget Fund
Kayla Bernardi Bee Positive Foundation
Layman Family Fund
Martino/Cusenza Family Fund
Maya Rose Children’s Fund
Michael and Marjorie Zagaris Family Fund
Michael Chalupsky Fund
Nicholson Family Fund
Olson Family Fund
Paul & Meika Harmon Family Fund
Porges Family Foundation
Raspo Family Fund
Robert E. Perry Memorial Fund
Ryan Dziadosz and Layla Kash Family Fund
Ryan Michael Barber Memorial Fund
Sieffkin Family Fund
Strom Family Fund
The Eric and Carol Benson Charitable Fund
The InterTwine Group Fund
The Robert Woolley Fund
Tony and Linda Miligi Family Fund
TreEmendous Goodwill Foundation
Van Overbeek Family Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Bee Disadvantaged Youth Fund (Endowment)
Christopher P. Walker Foundation Fund
Deputy Dennis Wallace Kids Soccer Fund
Focus on Prevention
Memorial Hospital Foundation ROCK Fund
NOZ Fund
Stanislaus Health Careers Fund
The John and Cheri Phillips Fund
Victoria Higginbotham Fund

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP FUNDS
Friends of the Modesto Dog Park
George A Rogers Neighborhood Park Fund
Glorious Modesto Fund - Fiscal
Ryan Dickerson Fountain Fundraising - Fiscal

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
AAUW Oakdale-Riverbank Escalon (ORE) Scholarship Fund
Beyer High School Athletic Scholarship Fund
Chilton Society Scholarship Fund
Club of Hearts Scholarship Fund
Don Hendricks Memorial FFA Scholarship
Evelyn Hanshaw Scholarship Fund
George A Rogers Neighborhood Park Scholarship Fund
Latino Business Assoc.
Mary Grogan Scholarship Fund
Sammy Jenkins Math Scholarship Fund
Tuolumne Scholarship Fund
Amador Family Scholarship Fund
Arthur T. and Corrine K Shields Scholarship Fund
Bee Scholarship - McClatchy Family (Endowment)
Bob Boggeri Farms Fund
David W. Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. Grant E & Colleen Bare Scholarship Fund
Dr. Larry Cooke Memorial Scholarship
Earl Pride Scholarship (Endowment)
Edward T. Taylor Jr. Perpetual Memorial
Elizabeth Jane Smyth Memorial Scholarship
Gemperle Family Farms Scholarship Fund
Jane Wynne Woolley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jim & Betty Lilly Scholarship Fund
Judy Wiegman Scholarship Fund
Loving Jags Scholarship Fund
Maralyn J. Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Martella Family Scholarship Fund
Melinda Nielsen Family Scholarship Fund
Ryan Dickerson Scholarship Fund
Stanislaus Futures Scholarship Fund
The First Tee of Central Valley Scholarship Fund
The Rose Family Scholarship Fund
Trinitas Farming Community Scholarship Fund
Zwahlen Family Scholarship Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
Bette Belle & Jean Smith Memorial Fund
McClatchy Discretionary Fund

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OUR VISION
Stanislaus County is a community of choice where people live, work and thrive.

OUR MISSION
We nurture partnerships and grow charitable resources to advance the common good in Stanislaus County.

OUR VALUES
We build community through collaboration. We help donors craft impactful charitable legacies. We view our 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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