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,

Marian Kaanon
President/CEO

Dave Olson
Chairman of the Board
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.

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 - Marching Band
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
Patternson Recreation - Wellness, Sports and Fitness Fund
Patternson 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
Boyett 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 Babinington" Fund (Endowment)
Christopher P. W. 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
Arieve - 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
Boyett Family Foundation Fund
Bron Family Fund
Bruce and Grace Valentine Charitable Fund
Cardoza Bordona Family Fund
Carroll Family Foundation Fund
Clara 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
Guilvin Family Fund
Gunmarson-Duran Charitable Fund
Hagerty Family Fund
Henderson Family Fund
Holly Danah Mahnke Memorial Foundation
InterTwine Group Fund
Iron Otter Fund
Jeff and Barbara Quinn Family Fund
Jeff and Brittia Foster Family Fund
John & Diane Bellizzi Fund
John and Tami Mayol Family Fund
Johnny Etchebarne's Nugget Fund
Johnson-White Fund
JS Teal 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 Zagers Family Fund
Morature Family Foundation
Nicholson Family Fund
Olson Family Fund
Paul & Meika Harmon Family Fund
Piccioni Pesco Family Fund
Porges Family Foundation
Rasco Family Fund
Rene & Rose Llamas Family Foundation
Robert E. Perry Memorial Fund
Robert Woolley Fund
Ryan Michael Barber Memorial Fund
Stirk Family Fund
Strom Family Fund
Tim and Lisa Bettencourt Family Fund
Tony and Linda Miligi Family Fund
Tony Mistlin Youth Fund
TREEmendous Goodwill Foundation
Van Konyenburg Family Fund
Van Overbeek Family Fund
Youngenheim Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds
Brian LoConte Agricultural (Endowment)
Friends Outside Re-Entry Fund
James McClatchy Bee Disadvantaged Youth Fund (Endowment)
john and Cherri 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 Corinne K. Shields Scholarship Fund
Beyer High School Athletic Scholarship Fund
Bob Reggere Farms Fund
Chilton Society Scholarship Fund
David W. Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund
Don Hendricks Memorial FFPA 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
Evelyn Hanshaw Scholarship Fund
First Tee of Central Valley Scholarship Fund
Casper Family Farms Scholarship Fund
George A Rogers Neighborhood Park Scholarship Fund
James McClatchy Bee Employees Scholarship Fund
Jane Wayne Wooley 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 Fund
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 Fund
Stanislaus Futures School Scholarship Fund
Tuolomne Scholarship Fund
Zwahlen Family Scholarship Fund
Unrestricted Funds
Bette Belle & Jean Smith Memorial Fund
James McClatchy Discretionary Fund (Endowment)

2023 ANNUAL REPORT
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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 to learn more about the benefits of your contribution to one or more of these funds.
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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