Your Trusted Partner in Local Giving

2019–2020 IMPACT REPORT

Palo Alto Community Fund
Supporting Local Organizations to Strengthen our Community

Forty years young, the Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF) focuses on the unique needs of our community, and channels charitable giving of local donors to effective organizations that improve the quality of life for everyone in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

Our Impact

Our donors and grantmaking bring our mission to life. We are grateful for the trust you place in us to make the best investments in our community. This year, our community stepped up in an unprecedented way.

During our fiscal year 2019-2020, PACF granted more than $1.8 million to 60+ local nonprofit organizations through the following grantmaking programs:

- **Annual Grantmaking**, the cornerstone of PACF’s giving
- **Dave Mitchell Community Impact Grant**, a focused award for maximum long-term impact in specific areas of need
- **Cammie Vail Leadership Award Fund**, discretionary funds to support our local nonprofit leaders
- **COVID-19 Relief Fund**, a rapid response fund that distributed $1.1 million to those who needed it most

Our Grantees

Through our grantmaking process, PACF finds and funds highly effective, trusted and community-driven local organizations. We focus on maximizing impact both to the organizations and those they serve.

This year’s portfolio of grantees fulfills our mission through PACF’s key areas of focus; uplifting the vulnerable, helping families, improving education opportunities and enhancing community life for everyone.

Our Future

**STANDING TOGETHER AS WE MOVE FORWARD**

We will continue to invest in local nonprofit organizations and initiatives that enrich life for everyone in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. We know we can’t stop there. Disparities of opportunity and systemic racism continue to hold back people of color in our community. We stand with our grantees and the broader community in working to address these inequities now and in the years ahead.
Over $1.8M distributed to 60+ local nonprofits in the first six months of 2020.
Meet Our Grantees

Annual grantmaking
The cornerstone of PACF’s giving for over 40 years, our annual grants support local nonprofit organizations that help families, uplift the vulnerable, improve education opportunities, and enhance community life for our neighbors in Palo Alto, East Palo and Menlo Park.

David Mitchell Impact Award
In memory of longtime community supporter and philanthropist, David Mitchell, these substantial grants were awarded to local nonprofit organizations who demonstrate a history of significant impact in the community they serve.

Cammie Vail Leadership Fund
In honor of our longtime executive director, Cammie Vail, this grant supports the development of nonprofit leaders in our community.

COVID-19 Relief Fund
This new channel was launched in March 2020 to raise and deploy immediate financial resources to help our most vulnerable neighbors when the pandemic struck.
**Annual Grantmaking**

**MEET SOME OF OUR GRANTEES**

**NUESTRA CASA**
Uplifting Latino families through education, leadership development and advocacy is the focus of the ESL introduction and community engagement workshops for 100 individuals.

**KIDS & ART FOUNDATION**
A year-round program conducted in the pediatric oncology waiting rooms at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, the art as healing workshops treat the whole child and address social isolation and loneliness faced by this vulnerable population of children and families.

**OMBUDSMAN SERVICES OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**
A program to recruit and train ombudsman in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park aimed at advocating for residents of long term care facilities catering to older adults and those living with some form of dementia.

**PETS IN NEED**
Reducing stress, increasing feelings of well-being and encouraging empathy & compassion drives the animal interaction program for children and teens attending community based afterschool programs.

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**Dave Mitchell Impact Award**

“The Palo Alto Community Fund was instrumental in allowing us to expand our housing program years ago. We are so appreciative of the investment you’ve made in us throughout the years.”

— PHIL HWANG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES IN EAST PALO ALTO

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**COVID-19 Relief Fund**

- **500+ FAMILIES** supported financially to cover basic life needs
- **2,278 COUNSELING HOURS** provided to K-12 students over the summer school break
- **175+ RENTS PAID** to ensure housing stability
- **8,000 MEALS** served through the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula

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