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2019–2020 IMPACT REPORT



Palo Alto
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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.

Redwood City

East Palo Alto

Menlo Park

Palo Alto



Meet Our Grantees

- 49ers Academy ●●
- Ada's Café ●
- Adolescent Counseling Services ●
- All Students Matter ●
- Alta Housing ●
- Art In Action ●
- Avenidas ●●
- Beechwood School ●
- Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation ●
- Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula ●●
- Bring Me A Book ●
- Canopy ●
- CASSY ●
- Children's Health Council ●
- Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto ●
- Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto ●●
- CORA ●●
- Downtown Streets Team ●
- DreamCatchers ●
- East Palo Alto Academy Foundation ●
- East Palo Alto Kids Foundation ●●
- East Palo Alto YMCA ●
- Ecumenical Hunger Program ●
- Environmental Volunteers ●
- Family Giving Tree ●
- Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) ●
- Habitat for Humanity, Greater San Francisco ●
- Health Connected ●
- Home & Hope ●
- JobTrain ●
- Kafenía Peace Collective ●
- KARA ●●
- Kids & Art Foundation ●
- La Comida ●
- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County ●
- LifeMoves ●●
- LitLab ●
- Live in Peace ●
- Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation ●
- Music in the Schools Foundation ●
- Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto ●
- Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County ●
- One East Palo Alto ●
- Palo Alto Art Center Foundation ●
- Palo Alto Community Child Care ●
- Palo Alto Jr. Museum & Zoo ●
- PARCA ●
- Peninsula HealthCare Connections ●●
- Pets In Need ●
- Project WeHOPE ●●●
- Ravenswood Education Foundation ●●
- Ravenswood Family Health Center ●●
- Rosalie Rendu Center ●
- Second Harvest Food Bank ●
- Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange ●
- St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room ●●
- St. Elizabeth Seton School ●●
- Tax-Aid ●
- TheatreWorks ●
- Upward Scholars ●
- Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired ●
- Youth Community Service ●

● ANNUAL GRANTMAKING

The cornerstone of PACF's giving for over 40 years, our annual grants support local nonprofit 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 IMAPCT 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.

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



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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