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CLOSING THE GAPS



2022–2023 Impact Report



Palo Alto
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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year, it was deeply gratifying to witness you—our community—finding so many ways to contribute to our individual and collective well being. You placed your confidence with the Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF), giving not only financial support funds but also organizing critical supplies, expertise and connections. As a result, PACF was equipped to continue:

- responding nimbly to emergencies;
- supporting innovation;
- working to close gaps that undermine fairness, community, and communication and
- making strategic investments in our community’s future.

Your donation to PACF, pooled with those of hundreds of other donors, enabled us to grant \$1.725 million supporting 84 local nonprofit organizations that deliver our essential services and life-changing programs. Previous gifts supported 15 local nonprofits for a second year.

We are grateful to our nonprofit partners for their sustained commitment to improving the lives of everyone in our community of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. And we feel honored and humbled that you—our donors—entrust us with your financial investment. We deeply appreciate you.

With optimism and pragmatism,



Lisa Van Dusen

LISA VAN DUSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Sigrid Pinsky

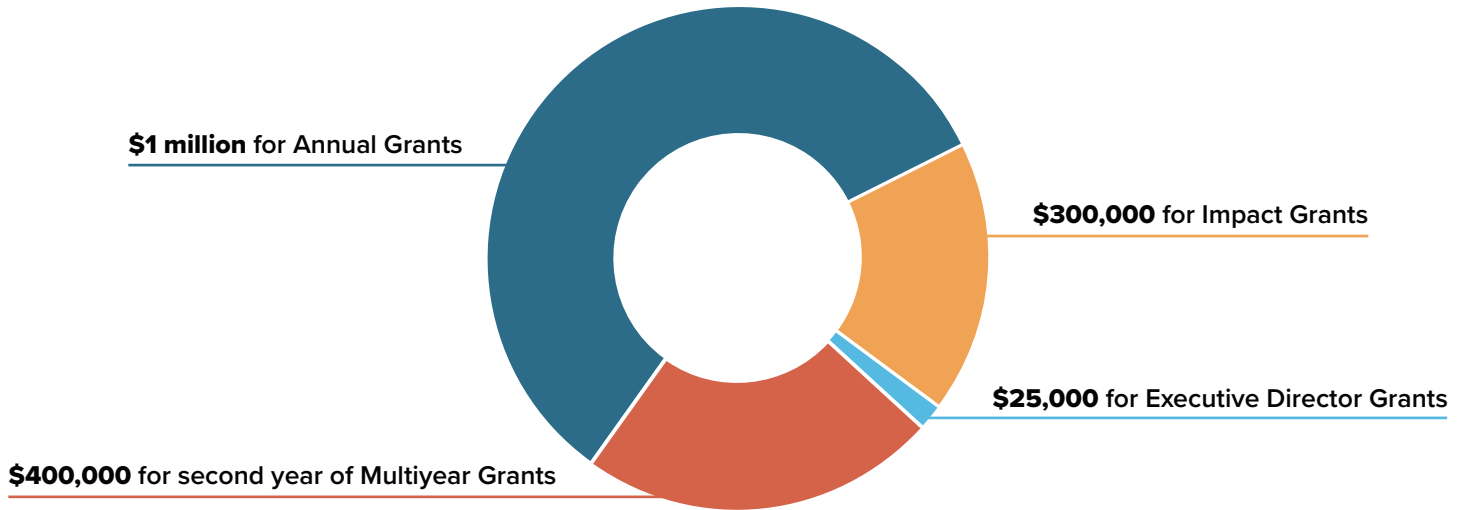
SIGRID PINSKY, BOARD PRESIDENT

“We all love this place but know it has its challenges. We’re fortunate that we can turn to the Palo Alto Community Fund as a trusted resource for donors and a voice for local nonprofits. PACF’s collaborative spirit, creativity and commitment make it the local go-to community-builder and champion.”

— Catherine Crystal Foster
Philanthropic Advisor and PACF Donor

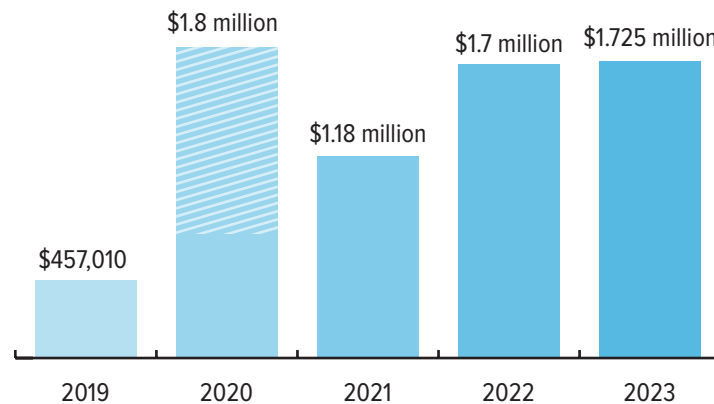
OUR YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

Distributed **90 FY23 grants** to 84 nonprofits serving Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.



\$1.725 Million Granted

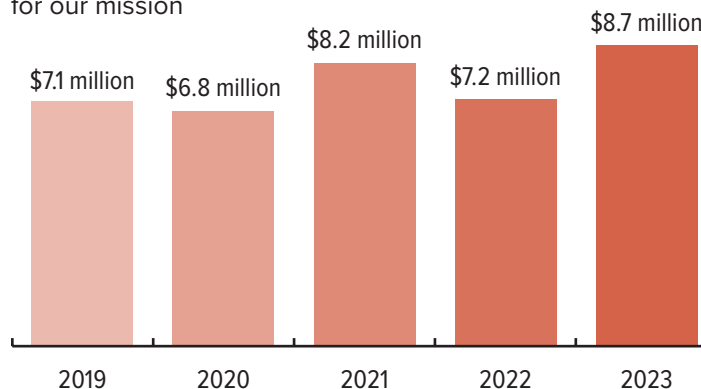
PACF awarded \$1.725 million in Fiscal Year 2023



*2020 includes \$1.1 million in COVID-19 relief grants

PACF Endowment

PACF's Endowment provides critical, long-term support for our mission



OUR 2023 GRANTEES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

\$250,000 to 8 organizations

Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) •
Downtown Streets Team •
El Comité de Vecinos del Lado Oeste ••
Heart and Home Collaborative •
Human Investment Project (HIP Housing) •
LifeMoves •••
Rebuilding Together Peninsula •
WeHope •

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

\$85,000 to 6 organizations

Ecumenical Hunger Program •
Fresh Approach •
La Comida de California •
Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen •
Peninsula Food Runners Organization •
St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room •

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

\$85,000 to 6 organizations

AchieveKids •
Ada's Cafe •
Jasper Ridge Farm •
Partners & Advocates for Remarkable Children & Adults (PARCA) •
Via Rehabilitation Services •
Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired •

SENIORS

\$100,000 to 6 organizations

Avenidas •
East Palo Alto Senior Center •
Fit To The Core •
Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County •
Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. (PVI) •
TeleVisit •

ADDRESSING RACIAL EQUITY

\$25,000 to 2 organizations

Center for Excellence in Nonprofits •
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center •

ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE (PHYSICAL/DENTAL)

\$20,000 to 3 organizations

Ravenswood Family Health Network •
Peninsula Healthcare Connection •
San Mateo County Health Foundation •

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

\$140,000 to 8 organizations

Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS) •
Children's Health Council (CHC) •
Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) •
Friends for Youth •
Kara •
Palo Alto University •
Peninsula Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower •
The Grateful Garment Project •

CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

\$125,000 to 3 organizations

Belle Haven Community Development Fund •
Climate Resilient Communities ••
Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto •

SUPPORTING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

\$30,000 to 4 organizations

Anamatangi Polynesian Voices •
Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto •
East Palo Alto Community Archive •
Quinteto Latino •

EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IN THE ARTS

\$100,000 to 7 organizations

Art in Action •
EPACENTER •
Kids and Art Foundation •
Pacific Art League of Palo Alto •
Palo Alto Art Center •
Palo Alto Players •
TheatreWorks Silicon Valley •

ACCESSIBLE LEGAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$95,000 to 4 organizations

- Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto •
- Elevate Community Center •
- Tax-Aid •
- Women's Achievement Network and Development Alliance (WANDA) •

CHILDREN & YOUTH (BEYOND THE CLASSROOM)

\$290,000 to 18 organizations

- Able Works •
- Ambition Angels •
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula •
- Bring Me a Book •
- Camp Kesem at Stanford •
- CASA of San Mateo County •
- Cooline Team of East Palo Alto •
- DreamCatchers •
- East Palo Alto Academy Foundation •
- East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT) •
- Innovate Public Schools •
- P.I.E.F.E.S.T. •
- Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) •
- Peninsula Bridge •
- Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impact •
- San Francisco 49ers Academy •
- Vida Verde Nature Education •
- Youth Community Service •

EDUCATION (SCHOOL-BASED)

\$290,000 to 15 organizations

- All Five •
- East Palo Alto Kids Foundation •
- Eastside College Preparatory School •
- Environmental Volunteers •
- Health Connected •
- JobTrain •
- Learning Home Volunteers •
- Ravenswood Classroom Partners •
- Ravenswood Education Foundation •
- Rosalie Rendu Center •
- Science is Elementary •
- Silicon Valley Urban Debate League •
- StreetCode Academy •
- The Circuit EPA •
- The Institute for Families and Nannies •

ACCESSIBLE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

\$15,000 to 3 organizations

- Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation •
- East Palo Alto Razorhawks Rugby Football Club •
- Rich May Foundation •

EQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

\$75,000 to 6 organizations

- Foundation for a College Education •
- Gunn Foundation •
- Live in Peace •
- Peninsula College Fund •
- Rise Together Education •
- Upward Scholars •

• ANNUAL GRANT • DAVE MITCHELL IMPACT GRANT • MULTIYEAR GRANT • CAMMIE VAIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GRANT

“Being on the ground of our local homeless and housing challenges, we know how important dedicated community partners are to the solution. PACF is exactly this kind of partner. The general operating support we received not only builds our capacity to do more and better work, it also builds our confidence and hope for a tomorrow where everyone has access to a place to call home. Thank you, PACF!”

— Kate Comfort Harr
Executive Director, HIP Housing

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

DAVE MITCHELL IMPACT GRANTS | *\$100,000 each to 3 organizations*

Dave Mitchell Impact Grants provide larger, unsolicited awards to invest in nonprofit organizations that deliver transformative solutions to critical issues in our community in a way that achieves longer-term systemic change.



CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

In support of their exceptional work in advocacy and collaboration at the local, regional, and state levels, and in building resiliency programs that address housing, community and education inequities.



JOBTRAIN

In support of their innovative and collaborative approaches to fuel lasting economic mobility.



LIFEMOVES

In support of their Homekey Palo Alto facility, an 88-unit interim housing program with full wrap-around services that will provide a dignified, transitional step to stable housing for unhoused residents.

MULTIYEAR GRANTS | *\$400,000 to 26 organizations*

PACF introduced multi-year grants in 2022 with the goal of providing nonprofit organizations with secure funding for a two-year period. In 2022, we awarded 15 two-year grants. In 2023, we were pleased to award 26 two-year grants.

RESPONDING TO THE MOMENT



PACF Cammie Vail Executive Director Grants allow us the flexibility to make unsolicited awards that respond nimbly to community emergencies, and support innovation and leadership. These grants, selected by PACF's Executive Director, recognize and reward local nonprofit organizations that are of significant importance to the community.

EMERGENCY GRANT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN EAST PALO ALTO

In January 2023, PACF provided immediate help to our neighbors whose housing and livelihoods were impacted by the horrendous flooding this winter.

El Comité de Vecinos del Lado Oeste—in support of their dedicated work in providing safety net services and supporting tenant rights amidst a planned relocation.

INNOVATIVE AND IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS

LifeMoves—in support of their Vehicle Maintenance Fund Pilot Program at the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto to provide financial and logistical support for vehicle repairs.



CLOSING THE GAPS

ANNUAL GRANTS | \$1 million to 84 organizations

We are grateful to the dedicated nonprofits that work every day to uplift the most vulnerable in our neighborhoods and improve the lives of everyone in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. From vital, long-standing services to innovative programs, these organizations and their teams bring life and love to our community. Seventeen of our 2023 grantees are new to PACF.



OUR WORK BEYOND THE DOLLARS

Collaboration and community-building are key to the success of our nonprofits and those they serve. A significant share of PACF's work focuses on connecting with our local nonprofit leadership teams, including hosting events for people to come together, get to know each other, and share ideas in service of a stronger, more efficient and resilient nonprofit ecosystem.



"It was the Palo Alto Community Fund who first showed up in the muddy streets in the wake of the New Year's flood. PACF serves as a microphone to amplify the voices on the ground. This is a relationship - there is no objective other than caring and empowering the community."

— Antonio Lopez
Vice Mayor, East Palo Alto

"We have great concerns about what's happening nationally and around the world, but if we don't contribute in our own communities, who will? The Palo Alto Community Fund supports our neighbors. We have increased our donations in recent years because of the tremendous needs and because we trust PACF to make our donation count."

— Susie Richardson and Hal Luft
PACF Donors

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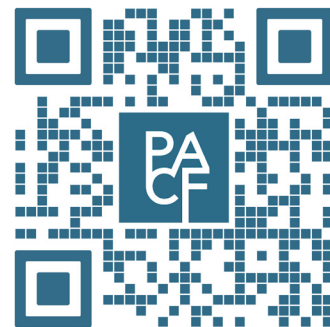
OUR MISSION

The Palo Alto Community Fund 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.



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GIFTS TO PACF ENDOWMENT

PACF's endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding, which we steward to benefit present and future generations. As of June 30, 2023, our endowment totaled \$8.7 million.

This year PACF received an historic planned gift of more than \$718,000 to our endowment, from the estate of Leonard and Shirley Ely. We are both honored and grateful for their gift and the Elys' dedication to PACF and our community.

For more information on Planned Giving and to join the El Palo Alto Legacy Circle, contact Lisa Van Dusen at lvandusen@paloaltocommfund.org or 650-690-0370.