

Nurturing Community Health
2023 Annual Report

SAN BRUNO

Community Foundation

Fostering Health and Healing in Our Community

October 2023

Every September 9th, we honor and remember the Crestmoor neighborhood – most notably, the eight community members who lost their lives – amidst the devastating gas pipeline explosion that San Bruno endured on that day in 2010.

At the same time, we also celebrate the community healing that has taken place since that tragic day. In the immediate aftermath of the explosion and throughout the ensuing years, the people of San Bruno have demonstrated resilience and heart, with community members stepping up to help comfort and aid one another.

Community healing and community health are inextricably intertwined. In carrying out its mission, the San Bruno Community Foundation continues the San Bruno tradition of caring for those in need. One significant way it does so is by investing in programs and projects that nurture the physical and mental health of community members.

Through the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation has funded numerous health-related programs, including the pediatric oral health care program that Sonrisas Dental Health operates in San Bruno, which is featured on this Annual Report's cover. From 2021-2023, the Foundation provided three grants totaling \$27,500 to support dental screenings, education, and referrals for hundreds of low-income San Bruno children through Sonrisas' clinics and school-based programs. These grants were particularly timely and impactful, as about half of the children served had not seen a dentist since prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and many needed urgent dental care.

Other recent Community Grants have supported CPR training for middle schoolers and the installation of AEDs at various community locations; mental health services and education at Parkside Intermediate School and Capuchino High School; nutrition and healthy food distribution programs; and mental and behavioral health services to Spanish-speaking residents in substance abuse recovery.

SBCF's most significant project – grants totaling up to \$51.5 million for the new San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center – is the ultimate investment in our community's health. With two swimming pools, a full-size gym, an indoor running track, a fitness center with weights and cardio machines, and exercise class offerings, the Recreation and Aquatic Center will offer community members a myriad of opportunities to work out and de-stress. We eagerly await its opening in the next few months.

As one of its top priorities, the San Bruno Community Foundation seeks out opportunities to heal the wounds stemming from September 9, 2010, and to bolster the mental and physical health of all those who live, work, and enjoy life in San Bruno, which is, as we all know, "the City with a Heart."



Malissa Netane-Jones
President



Leslie Hatamiya
Executive Director

Construction Underway on the Recreation and Aquatic Center

San Bruno eagerly awaits the opening of the new Recreation and Aquatic Center in San Bruno City Park. Although a historically wet winter extended the construction schedule by several months, the City of San Bruno expects the 48,000 square-foot facility to be completed by the end of 2023.

As the San Bruno Community Foundation's flagship grant initiative, the Recreation and Aquatic Center will be a tremendous asset for the community. The facility will feature a full-size gymnasium, fitness center, indoor running track, indoor and outdoor swimming pools with adjacent party rooms, a catering kitchen, meeting rooms, staff offices, and a large community hall.

In 2023, the Foundation increased its commitment to the project with up to an additional \$1.5 million in funding to bolster the construction contingency budget. The Foundation's investment in San Bruno's first new community facility in more than 35 years totals \$51.5 million, with the City contributing \$10.5 million of its own funds to the project.

"When the gas pipeline explosion happened nearly 13 years ago, we said that something good has to come out of this tragedy," said SBCF Vice President and former San Bruno Mayor Jim Ruane. "We look forward to enjoying all that the Recreation and Aquatic Center, a project identified as a top priority by the San Bruno community, will offer. This facility will forever be one of the most significant legacies of the San Bruno Community Foundation."



Over the summer, the construction team made significant progress on the facility's construction. The project includes renovations and improvements to City Park Way, the creek, parking, utilities, and the intersection at Crystal Springs Road and Oak Street.





In November 2022, the San Bruno Community Foundation awarded a \$500,000 strategic grant to the City of San Bruno to support the Centennial Plaza Improvement Project in downtown San Bruno. As part of its efforts to enhance and beautify San Mateo Avenue, the City plans to transform Centennial Plaza - which is located at the intersection of Jenevein Avenue and San Mateo Avenue - into a welcoming gathering space for outdoor dining, entertainment, and community events. The conceptual design includes a flexible plaza area, a small stage, café-style seating, picnic tables, a play area, festoon lighting, and landscaping, among other features. The City expects to complete the project in the second half of 2024.

"We believe the Centennial Plaza Improvement Project will provide significant community benefits to the residents of San Bruno, creating a downtown community hub showcasing San Mateo Avenue as a vibrant commercial district and community gathering space," said SBCF President Malissa Netane-Jones. "We are proud to support the City's plans to develop Centennial Plaza. This grant demonstrates the Foundation's ongoing support for downtown San Bruno as an important economic and cultural neighborhood for our community."

The Centennial Plaza grant is the Foundation's latest investment in projects benefiting downtown San Bruno. Other investments have included COVID-19 relief grants totaling \$407,000 supporting struggling San Bruno small businesses; the Pedestrian Safety Strategic Initiative, which funded flashing beacons at high pedestrian traffic intersections including one set on San Mateo Avenue; grants supporting recent Community Day festivities, which in 2022 was held in downtown San Bruno and showcased local businesses and other community organizations; and several Community Grants that have invested in downtown projects.



SBPSD Field Trip Grant

Last fall, the Foundation awarded \$35,000 to the San Bruno Park School District to support off-campus field trips and on-campus assemblies at all district schools. Under the grant, \$5,000 was earmarked to support activities at each elementary school (including a Belle Air field trip to San Francisco International Airport) and \$10,000 to support activities at Parkside Intermediate School.

This grant reflects the Foundation's belief in the value of field trips for San Bruno's students – the chance to leave the school campus and be exposed to new experiences at museums, parks, concerts, and other community venues – especially after more than two years of the pandemic, during which youth faced mental health challenges with social distancing and isolation. The grant also offers some much-needed financial relief to the schools' parent-teacher organizations, which are often relied upon to fund these types of opportunities.

Sister City Relationship

In 1982, San Bruno's first association with Narita, Japan – a suburb of Tokyo – was launched as a relationship between the two cities' Rotary Clubs. Eight years later, San Bruno and Narita formally became sister cities. One unique feature of the relationship is both cities' status as airport hubs, with San Bruno adjacent to San Francisco International Airport and Narita as the home of Narita International Airport outside Tokyo.

Since 1990, many delegations from San Bruno and Narita have visited the other sister city. In particular, each city annually sends a delegation of about ten middle school students and teachers to its counterpart, as a cultural exchange that allows the students to stay with host families and learn about the culture and people of the other community. Many alumni of the student exchange program have described the trip as a life-changing experience and, for many of them, their first visit outside the United States. City dignitaries have also participated in the exchange trips. The Narita delegation has typically visited San Bruno for one week in March, and the San Bruno delegation has visited Narita in July.

Many gifts of a cultural and historical nature have been exchanged during these visits with Narita, several of which are on display at the San Bruno City Hall. Sister City Plaza, near the San Bruno Public Library, features a tree donated by Narita City. Narita City has also donated several trees to help beautify San Bruno City Park and also to celebrate the relationship between the two cities.

San Bruno-Narita Sister City Program Renewed

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Bruno-Narita exchange program delegation trips were canceled in 2020 and not attempted in 2021 and 2022 due to continuing travel restrictions and health concerns.

In July 2023, in an effort to relaunch the relationship after a three-year hiatus, San Bruno sent a four-person delegation to Narita, consisting of Mayor Rico E. Medina, Library Services Manager Barbara Bruxvoort, Parkside Intermediate School teacher Ben Nowakowski, and SBCF Secretary Raul Gomez.

A main goal of the visit was to lay the groundwork for restarting the student exchange program in 2024. Over six packed days organized by Narita City and the Narita Friendship Society, the group participated in the annual Gion Festival, interacted with local residents, and visited Narita's City Hall, a junior high school, Narita International University of Health and Welfare, Narita hospital, several temples, and other local places of interest.



Music Education Strategic Initiative

The San Bruno Community Foundation continues its commitment to making music education a hallmark of San Bruno's public schools. With SBCF grant funding, the San Bruno Park School District jump started a new sixth grade music program at Parkside Intermediate School. Sixth graders are able to enroll in a year-long music class, such as instrumental music, chorus/vocal music, and music exploration, with the goal of sparking a passion for further music instruction in students.

Grant funds are also boosting the Capuchino High School music program, providing funding for transportation and other costs related to performances and competitions, replenishment of the instrument supply, and instrumental and vocal sectional coaching.

In collaboration with the San Bruno Education Foundation and the Capuchino High School Alumni Association, the Music Education Strategic Initiative was launched in 2017. This latest set of investments in the music programs at Parkside and Capuchino total \$290,000 over the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.



Launched in 2016, the Community Grants Fund invests in the valuable work that community organizations do to enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, attend school, and utilize community, recreational, and commercial resources in San Bruno. Eligible community groups may apply for grant funding of up to \$25,000 for programs that benefit the San Bruno community.

With a \$100,000 contribution from **YouTube** and **Google.org**, the Foundation distributed \$300,000 in Community Grants for the 2022-2023 grant cycle.



2022-2023 Community Grant Awards

In December 2022, SBCF approved 23 Community Grants to local organizations for programs that benefit the San Bruno community. SBCF is proud to partner with YouTube and Google.org to invest in organizations dedicated to addressing critical community needs in San Bruno. The following grant awards are being expended and carried out in 2023:

- \$22,000 to **ART IN ACTION** to deliver visual arts education curriculum at San Bruno Park School District elementary schools to provide all students, regardless of economic circumstances, with an outlet for creative self-expression
- \$15,000 to **CASA OF SAN MATEO COUNTY** to support San Bruno children in foster care and/or the juvenile justice system by pairing them with trained community volunteers who provide one-on-one support, mentoring, and advocacy in the courtroom and beyond
- \$3,000 to **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN NONPROFITS** to support nonprofit organizations located in or serving San Bruno through professional development and learning opportunities focused on IDEAL principles, nonprofit performance and effectiveness, capacity building, leadership development, and sustainability
- \$25,000 to **CORA (COMMUNITY OVERCOMING RELATIONSHIP ABUSE)** to provide San Bruno victims and survivors of domestic violence with 24-hour access to crisis intervention services, including crisis counseling, safety planning, and access to emergency shelter
- \$15,000 to **EDGEWOOD CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** to provide low-income, at-risk, transition-age youth in San Bruno with mental health services, peer support, basic sustenance and hygiene supplies, transportation, computer and internet access, and life skills to improve life outcomes, foster independence, and build resilience
- \$15,000 to **LATINO COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES OF SAN MATEO COUNTY** to provide culturally based mental and behavioral health services to primarily Spanish-speaking San Bruno residents in substance abuse recovery
- \$15,000 to **LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY** to provide legal assistance to San Bruno residents facing eviction or living in substandard conditions with the goal of keeping them in their homes, preventing homelessness through enforcement of legal rights, and remedying inadequate living conditions through advocacy
- \$20,000 to **LIFEMOVES** to support unsheltered San Bruno residents, address their behavioral health and medical needs, and provide individualized case management through the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
- \$5,000 to **LOWEN SOCCER CLUB** for maintenance of San Bruno's widely used soccer fields at the former Crestmoor High School site and expansion of youth soccer programs
- \$15,000 to **MUSIC FOR MINORS** to provide standards-based, in-school music education to TK-2nd grade students at San Bruno Park School District elementary schools
- \$15,000 to **PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES FOR REMARKABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS (PARCA)** to support program operating costs and enhance summer camp programming for REACH, an inclusive, licensed before- and after-school day care program for children with and without developmental disabilities based at John Muir Elementary School
- \$7,100 to **PIEFEST LIMITED** to provide engaging and inclusive STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiences to San Bruno Pacific Islander elementary school-age children
- \$9,500 to **SAN BRUNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** to modernize emergency communications equipment in the City of San Bruno's Emergency Operations Center and at other locations in San Bruno for use in the event of local disasters or emergencies



With Community Grant funding, San Bruno Amateur Radio Club Member Tom Jones upgrades wiring in the City's Emergency Operations Center.

Grants Fund



COMMUNITY GRANTS IN ACTION: Over the past seven years, SBCF has awarded 160 Community Grants totaling \$2,000,000, with the community continuing to reap the benefits of these investments. Past Community Grants have funded the creation of a community garden at Portola Elementary School by Each Green Corner (top left), the launch of an education program on reducing the impact of drugs on families led by the San Bruno Police Department at San Bruno Park School District schools (top middle), and the implementation of a community food pantry program by the San Bruno Lions Foundation, operating through San Bruno Park School District schools, to distribute groceries to San Bruno families experiencing hunger (top right).

- \$15,000 to **SAN BRUNO EDUCATION FOUNDATION** to support the development of a mural on the campus of Parkside Intermediate School, involving students, faculty, and artists, in an effort to build community and school spirit
- \$5,000 to **SAN BRUNO GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE** to maintain and improve the athletic fields at Parkside Intermediate School to ensure a safe place to play softball for San Bruno youth
- \$15,000 to **SAN BRUNO LIONS FOUNDATION** to distribute holiday food baskets to San Bruno families in need through San Bruno public schools
- \$5,000 to **SAN BRUNO LIONS FOUNDATION** to provide a special winter holiday experience for special education students and teachers at El Portal School in San Bruno
- \$15,000 to **SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY** to serve San Bruno families and individuals at risk for hunger through the distribution of healthy food
- \$10,000 to **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PARTICULAR COUNCIL OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**, to provide rent, utilities, and food assistance to San Bruno families and individuals at risk of homelessness through the Peninsula Family Resource Center
- \$10,000 to **SONRISAS DENTAL HEALTH, INC.**, to increase access to dental care for low-income, minority children in the San Bruno Park School district through the Access to Care Program and school-based screenings
- \$10,000 to **STARVISTA** to provide school-based mental health education presentations covering such topics as depression, anxiety, coping skills, stress, help-seeking, and suicide prevention, to reduce stigma and increase access to care for San Bruno high school students
- \$10,000 to **UPWARD SCHOLARS** to provide financial assistance, academic support, career development opportunities, and mental health support to San Bruno adult immigrants enrolled in community college
- \$23,400 to **VIA HEART PROJECT** to treat cardiac arrest and prevent unnecessary deaths by installing AEDs in San Bruno community spaces and providing CPR and AED training to seventh graders at Parkside Intermediate School



SBCF Secretary Raul Gomez presents a \$5,000 grant check to the Board of Directors of the San Bruno Girls Softball League to support field maintenance and improvements.



Supported by a Community Grant, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley distributes healthy food to families in need at six sites in San Bruno.

Crestmoor Neighborhood

The Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to exceptional San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The Crestmoor Scholarship honors the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the explosion and resulting fire, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives. It ensures that the tragedy of September 9, 2010, is not forgotten and that the resiliency, teamwork, leadership, and commitment to community displayed throughout San Bruno in the aftermath of the explosion are honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship.

Since 2016, SBCF has awarded 81 Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$1,195,000. With a generous donation from **Allan and Mary Lou Johnson**, in 2023 SBCF awarded Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$160,000 to 10 outstanding San Bruno students. SBCF honored the 2023 Crestmoor Scholars at its June Board meeting at the San Bruno Senior Center.



The 2023 Crestmoor Scholars include (from left to right) Adrian Womack, Lena Feldman, Awab Abdelgadir, Rubi Santacruz-Huerta, Julio Lau, Oscar Caballero, Grace Rofii, Alysia Tanimura, Siofra Linden, and Eureka Soriano.

At the June 7, 2023, scholarship presentation, 2019 Crestmoor Scholar **ZIDANE MILI** (right) provided the 2023 Scholars with inspiration and advice. This past spring, Zidane graduated with honors from Menlo College with a major in International Management and a minor in Political Science. While carrying a full courseload, Zidane remained an engaged member of the San Bruno community throughout college. He is a volunteer advisor with the San Bruno Police Department, helping oversee the San Bruno Police Explorers, and serves as the chair of San Bruno's Emergency Preparedness Committee, helping promote emergency preparedness planning and education in order to prepare San Bruno residents for the potential consequences of man-made and natural disasters. Zidane also works in real estate locally and plans to attend law school.



The 2023 Crestmoor Scholars

AWAB ABDELGADIR: Committed to increasing access to STEM opportunities for low-income students, Awab successfully led a campaign to bring computer science courses to Capuchino High School. Awab was a peer tutor in math and English, mentored San Bruno youth in coding and engineering through BoostKids!, volunteered at Mills-Peninsula Medical Center, was co-president of the Robotics Club, was president of the Black Student Union, led the Sewing Club, and served on the School Site Council. Awab plans to study computer science and cognitive science at UC Berkeley.

OSCAR CABALLERO: Oscar was a Capuchino High School scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program and is a member of the San Bruno community who makes a difference. An active volunteer at St. Bruno Catholic Church, Oscar was secretary of the Animal Awareness Club and a member of Latino Unidos and the Environmental Club. He volunteered at a local assisted living facility, while also working at two restaurants. A cancer survivor, Oscar has served as a motivational speaker for children battling childhood cancer. With plans to major in electrical engineering, Oscar now attends UC Santa Cruz.

LENA FELDMAN: With aspirations of becoming a physician, Lena began her studies at UC Davis this fall. As a volunteer at Musical Castle Preschool, Lena provided a wide range of childcare services including teaching English to Russian-speaking children. She also provided tutoring to Ukrainian refugees to help them learn English and adjust to life in the United States. In addition to volunteering at Mills-Peninsula Hospital, Lena served on the Capuchino High School Site Council, led swimming lessons at the YMCA, and distributed meal kits to food-insecure families through Kind Hearts for You.

JULIO LAU: Julio is a trailblazer who left his family and community in Peru to pursue his education in the United States. Understanding firsthand the challenges facing English language learners, Julio was an English tutor at The Learning Center at Skyline College, primarily supporting international students. Julio served as an associate senator of Skyline's student government, vice president of finance of the Honors Club, and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. Julio is an entrepreneur who started a cell phone accessory import business, and he plans to study business as a transfer student at UCLA.

SIOFRA LINDEN: Committed to addressing the challenges of climate change, Siofra relaunched and served as president of Capuchino High School's Environmental Club, organizing Earth Day rallies and spearheading and securing grant funding for an initiative to place PurpleAir air quality monitors around San Bruno. She was a four-year member of the track and cross country teams, was the concertmaster for the Capuchino Chamber Orchestra, played violin in the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, and served as a San Mateo County Youth Climate Ambassador. Siofra is now in her first year at UCLA.

GRACE ROFII: A 2021 graduate of Capuchino High School, Grace completed her degree in communication studies at the College of San Mateo this past spring. In high school, Grace was president of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club and led inclusive sex and gender health education seminars. A star athlete since her days with the San Bruno Girls Softball League, Grace was an all-league player on the Capuchino softball team and has served as a coach at youth softball camps. A starter on the CSM team that won the program's first state championship, Grace has transferred to Eastern New Mexico University to continue her education and softball career.

RUBI SANTACRUZ-HUERTA: With a desire to help diverse populations in need, Rubi is determined to become a pediatrician, and this fall she began her undergraduate studies at UC Davis in pursuit of this dream. At Capuchino High School, where she was a scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program, Rubi served as co-president of the Animal Awareness Club, a varsity cheerleader, and an active member of the Black Student Union, Leos Club, and Latino Unidos. Rubi was also an intern at Mills-Peninsula Hospital, taught youth gymnastics, and started her own handcrafted soap business.

EUREKA SORIANO: A student leader at Skyline College, Eureka served on the Student, Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the SPARC Committee. As Commissioner of Activities, Eureka celebrated the community's cultural diversity, organizing a Filipinx Night Market, live Tongan dance performances, weekly Latinx festivities, and LGBTQ+ speaker panels. She also advocated for policy changes in San Mateo County to protect students from second-hand smoke as a Youth Leadership Institute intern. Eureka transferred to San Francisco State University this fall.

ALYSIA TANIMURA: As a woman in computer science, Alysia is a trailblazer who seeks to open doors for underrepresented communities in STEM fields. At Skyline College, Alysia served as a peer mentor providing critical support to first-generation college students, club liaison for the student government, and president of the Honors Club. In addition, she was founder and president of the Computer Science Club, a member of WISER (Women in Science and Engineering Represent), and a STEM Pathways Research Scholar intern. Alysia plans to major in data science at UC Berkeley.

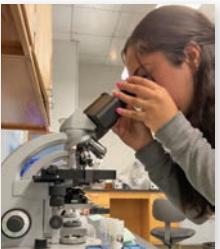
ADRIAN WOMACK: Adrian is committed to ensuring that San Bruno is an inclusive, welcoming community. At Capuchino High School, he was co-founder and president of SAGEx Club, which promotes opportunities in STEM to underserved communities, was an active member of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club, served on the Student Equity Council, was secretary of the Cap Kababayan Club, and worked with other students to paint a mural in downtown San Bruno. An aspiring physicist, Adrian was on the leadership team of TeenTechSF, was a member of the Math and Robotics clubs, and this fall began his studies at UC Riverside.

Scholarship Alumni Highlights



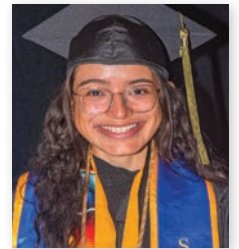
JUMANA ABDELGADIR, 2020 Crestmoor Scholar and a senior at UC Berkeley, is majoring in Environmental Earth Science and double-minoring in Anthropology and Global Poverty and Practice. An active member of the Biology Scholars Program at Cal, she has helped carry out numerous research projects, including one on cyanobacteria growth at Lake Anza as well as a global survey of hydropower and dam developments and conflicts. As the recipient of an undergraduate summer research fellowship, Jumana conducted her own research project, entitled "Climate Change and Climate Justice in Brazil." She also works with the CARES Initiative (Community Assessment for Renewable Energy and Sustainability) on campus to develop and carry out STEM summer camp activities for the children of the Pinoleville Pomo Nation in Ukiah, California.

Another budding researcher is 2020 Crestmoor Scholar **JUN CHAN**, who is in her fourth year at UCLA studying Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology. She joined UCLA's Seet Laboratory, which researches human T cells and the development of engineered stem cell-based approaches to cancer immunotherapy. Jun interned for Americans for Cures, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for stem cell research funding. She also volunteers with the American Red Cross as a blood donor ambassador, promoting the importance of blood donations with the goal of recruiting long-term blood donors. At UCLA, Jun is a member of the American Red Cross Club, focusing on disaster preparedness and emergency response skills.



NADIA KOSHABA, 2020 Crestmoor Scholar, is committed in both the classroom and the community. Majoring in Public Health at UC Berkeley, Nadia works in a campus microbiology laboratory studying pathogenic bacteria and parasites. She is also an active member of Cal's Kidney Screening and Disease Awareness Program Club, which collaborates with communities around the Bay Area to offer free kidney health screenings. The group collects and analyzes urine samples, takes blood pressure and glucose readings, and reviews medical histories with patients. Nadia volunteers at a nursing home in Berkeley, often leading exercise classes and visiting with residents. Although she spends her weekdays in the East Bay, Nadia comes home to San Bruno on the weekends, where she works as a Certified Pharmacy Technician at CVS.

ALEJANDRA AGUIRRE, 2021 Crestmoor Scholar, graduated this past spring from San Jose State University and is now pursuing a Master of Social Work and Certificate in Gerontology at San Jose State University. She published a study on the impact of Latino culture on the health perceptions and help-seeking behaviors of older Latinos with diabetes and depression. She interns at Palo Alto VA Healthcare System, where she works with BIPOC and aging veterans in the Inpatient Medical Unit. She is also currently an Irma Ferrer Health Justice Fellow (IFHJF) at Latinas Contra Cancer, where she works on various projects to create equitable healthcare access for Latina/o cancer patients. Alejandra plans to become a licensed clinical social worker and pursue a Doctor of Public Health degree.



Serving on the SBCF Board of Directors



In the spring, the Foundation said farewell and thank you to **DR. MELISSA MORENO**, who stepped down from the Board of Directors after being named the Interim Chancellor of the San Mateo County Community College District. Melissa served on the Board's Audit, Program Development, and Centennial Plaza Improvement Project committees. With a background in law, business, and higher education, she contributed valuable executive experience and asked insightful questions during the Board's deliberations.



In late July, the Board welcomed new Board Member **BELINDA WONG** (upper left), who the San Bruno City Council appointed to fill the open seat. A 25-year resident of San Bruno with 15 years of product executive experience at Salesforce, Belinda is passionate about giving back to the community where she lives with her husband and two daughters. She also serves on the board of At the Crossroads, a San Francisco homeless youth services organization, and is a regular volunteer at the Skyline College Second Harvest food distribution site.



The City Council also re-appointed Board President **MALISSA NETANE-JONES** (upper right), Vice President **JIM RUANE** (lower right), and Secretary **RAUL GOMEZ** (lower left) to second four-year terms on the Board, which will begin on January 1, 2024.



Finances and Investments

In the second quarter of 2016, the Foundation took possession of the \$70 million in restitution funds that the City of San Bruno received in the aftermath of the 2010 gas pipeline explosion. Based on feedback received during its 2015 Community Listening Campaign, the Foundation Board designated \$15 million of the restitution funds as a quasi-endowment and set aside the balance of the restitution funds to support major strategic initiatives and operations over the next several years. The Foundation also holds funds needed to cover near-term program and operational expenses in operating accounts. Sand Hill Global Advisors, LLC manages the Foundation's investment accounts. Since its inception, the Foundation's investment portfolio has provided \$17.5 million in additional net value.

The Foundation's Investment Committee is an advisory body charged with providing guidance to the Board on all aspects of the investment management process. In particular, this committee has played a critical role in advising the Board and staff in managing the Foundation's cash flow needs to disburse quarterly grant payments related to the Recreation and Aquatic Center Project. The Investment Committee currently includes Treasurer **PAK LIN**, Board Member **BELINDA WONG**, and community members **ANTHONY CLIFFORD**, **MARK HAYES**, and **TIM ROSS**. The Investment Committee holds quarterly meetings on the third Wednesday of February, May, August, and November at 4:30 p.m., at San Bruno City Hall Room 101.

The Foundation's Audit Committee, comprised of Board Members **RAUL GOMEZ** and **IRVING TORRES**, assists the Board in selecting an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct an annual audit of the Foundation's financial statements and oversees the audit process. Novogradac & Company LLP serves as the Foundation's Board-selected auditor. The annual audit is typically presented to the Foundation Board at its regular November meeting. Copies of the Foundation's audited financial statements and nonprofit informational tax returns (IRS Form 990) are posted at sbcf.org.

SBCF's 2023-2024 operating budget includes direct program expenses of \$970,000 and support costs of about \$457,000. Cash flow needs for the 2023-2024 fiscal year total \$10.7 million – of which \$8.6 million are for grant payments related to the Recreation and Aquatic Center project – and are funded by new transfers from the Quasi-Endowment and Strategic Pool, funds previously transferred from those accounts to the Liquidity Pool, and interest income from the operating accounts.

As of June 30, 2023, the end of the Foundation's most recent fiscal year, the Foundation's assets were allocated in the three categories as displayed below. By then, the Foundation had disbursed a total of \$42.9 million in grant payments to the City for the Recreation and Aquatic Center, including \$22.4 million in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

	Quasi-Endowment	Strategic Funds	Operating Funds
	<i>Funds set aside to function as an endowment; use investment returns to help fund programs and operations, while preserving purchasing power of original \$15 million quasi-endowment</i>	<i>Funds to be spent down over the next several years to fund major strategic initiatives (including community facility capital projects), other programs, and operations</i>	<i>Funds held in SBCF's bank accounts and a liquidity investment account to cover the Foundation's near-term program and operational expenses</i>
Time Horizon:	Long-term	Mid-term	Short-term
Risk Tolerance:	Moderately conservative	Conservative	Conservative
Objectives:	Capital appreciation Capital preservation	Capital preservation Capital appreciation	Capital preservation
6/30/23 Balance:	\$21,212,980	\$6,302,872	\$9,217,379

Board Meeting Schedule

First Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m.

San Bruno Senior Center
1555 Crystal Springs Road

Public participation is also available via Zoom.

Agendas are posted at
sbcf.org/meetings.

Upcoming Program Calendar

Crestmoor Scholarship

2024 Application Available at sbcf.org: December 2023

Application Deadline: March 5, 2024

Community Grants Fund

2023-2024 Grants: To be approved at the December 6, 2023, SBCF Board meeting

2024-2025 Application Available at sbcf.org: July 2024

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in Other Strategic
Initiatives

including COVID-19 Relief Grants, Music Education Strategic Initiative, First Responder Effectiveness Strategic Initiative, Pedestrian Safety Strategic Initiative, SBPSD School Transformation Grant, Community Day, Tanforan Memorial, SBPSD Field Trip Grant, Centennial Plaza Improvement Project