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BALD HILLS, REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS
The Bald Hills are a range of mountains in Humboldt County, south of the Klamath and Trinity Rivers, and Redwood Creek. The valleys at their feet and their lower slopes are covered by redwood forests but their summits are “bald”, lacking woodland and instead are covered by meadows. These hills are located in the middle of the wide region we serve. For thousands of years people have used the resources of the Bald Hills – the grasslands and the oak woodlands including; acorn gatherers, dancers, explorers, miners, merchants, ranchers, and loggers.


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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A community is much more than the buildings and the people who live and work in them. A community is connected and bound together by a sense of place. It is where we are all part of something larger, and where everyone belongs.

Humboldt Area Foundation is committed to strengthening the region we serve. We do this by serving as a vehicle for donors to support the causes that matter; by developing, supporting and encouraging leaders to step forward; and by working to make sure everyone is included and has access to opportunity. Through our grants, our programs and our local investments, we strive to make our communities stronger and healthier.

The work of Humboldt Area Foundation is the work of thousands of donors who give every year, of hundreds of volunteers and nonprofit organizations, and a dedicated staff that collaborate to make our little part of the world a better place. This year we feature the voices of donors and recipients to highlight that the story of the foundation is your story. It is with deep gratitude that we present this yearbook to highlight the work of so many. Thank you for being a generous and inclusive community.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A GENEROUS AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.

HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION BOARD

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) seeks to make long lasting positive change locally. We utilize tools including grants, loans, partnerships, and collaboration to invest in our shared future to help critical projects in our region become a reality. Below are some examples of the investments we have made recently that will benefit the community for years to come.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Arcata Fire Station Renovation

Thanks to the generosity of Orvamae Emmerson, the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department has received over $1.3 million in grants to complete the renovation of the downtown fire station. A loan from HAF is also helping to fund the renovation of the McKinleyville Fire Station.

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Fortuna Community Health Center Building

HAF was able to support the efforts of the Open Door Clinic and The McLean Foundation by making a $300,000 grant as part of a broad community effort to expand access to healthcare in the Eel River Valley. The entire project is estimated to cost over $12 million.

Photos by: Sarah Anne Photography
**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

**Carson Block Building Renovation**

In partnership with Arcata Economic Development and other funders, HAF participated in a loan that allowed the Northern California Indian Development Council to renovate this historic building in the heart of Old Town Eureka.

**EDUCATION**

**Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation Exhibit**

The Sequoia Park Zoo is the oldest zoo in California and is internationally accredited. HAF participated in a loan led by Arcata Economic Development to help complete Watershed Heroes, which included a new Learning Lab exhibit.

**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

**Arcata Bay Crossing Supportive Housing**

Thanks to an early planning grant by HAF and other funding partners, Housing Humboldt was able to fund this $5.7 million, 32-unit affordable apartment building for individuals who cannot afford housing on the conventional market. Many of the individuals residing in these buildings struggle with mental illness and were considered chronically homeless prior to this housing solution. This complex features a community room with access to a communal kitchen, lounge area and meeting space where workshops are frequently held. Computers can also be accessed for email, job searching, and technical skill building.
Thanks to Our Generous Community …

Students from the following schools received scholarships to further their education:

- Academy of the Redwoods
- Arcata High School
- Del Norte High School
- Eureka High School
- McKinleyville High School
- South Fork High School
- Hoopa High School
- Fortuna High School
- St. Bernard’s High School
- Trinity High School
- Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy
- Six Rivers High School
- Hayfork High School
- Humboldt State University
- College of the Redwoods
- Students currently attending universities and colleges

As the cost of higher education continues to climb, please help us continue to support our local students as they pursue their educational goals.

Contact us at (707) 442-2993 or give to the HAF Scholars’ Fund today at hafoundation.org/scholarsfund
CURRENT HAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

KAYCE GRACE MURRAY
Aspiring Agricultural Accountant
California Polytechnic State University

“During my first year of college the Wayne Caldwell Scholarship helped relieve a portion of the stress I was experiencing and also assisted with my financial peace of mind. This scholarship also put my foot in the door at Premier Financial Group, where Wayne Caldwell is a co-founder. This summer was my third summer interning with Premier.”

Hometown: Fortuna (Humboldt County)

Hobbies/Interests: Currently, I am serving on the executive board of my sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). I am also involved in the Agriculture Business Management Club, Cal Poly Accounting Club, and the Financial Management Association. When I need to unwind from my busy life, I find serenity in the outdoors.

The impact of higher education: School has always been more of a pleasure than a burden for me. I enjoy learning new things, and always strive to improve myself. I found working diligently on my studies has contributed to my knowledge, relationships, and character. Since I was a young I have had a vision of what I want to be and where I want to find myself. Seeking higher education has made me eligible for many more opportunities.

FORMER HAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MATTHEW JAMES NYBERG
Environmental Resources Engineer
Humboldt State University Alumni

“If I were in a room with Humboldt Area Foundation donors, I am not sure I could compose myself. It is difficult to put into words how much I appreciate their generosity. Simply stated, this may very well not have happened in my life if it weren’t for the opportunities they have provided and their recognition of my potential.”

Hometown: Fortuna (Humboldt County)

Hobbies/Interests: I love sports and enjoy the opportunity to help coach youth wrestling and football. I’m also very fond of skiing.

The impact of higher education: In my fall semester of college at CR in 1989, I broke my neck in a game and dropped out of college. I worked in construction and then on a dairy. Marrying my wife and four kids later, in 2009, on the heels of back surgery, I decided to go back to school. Meeting the requirements of a family, a full course load and a part-time electrical/plumbing repair business at times were overwhelming. I was blessed to have the support of my wife, kids and close friends.
Scholarships were given by Humboldt Area Foundation from the following funds between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

- Curtis R. Anderson & Helen M. Anderson Scholarship Fund
- Arcata Odd Fellows Lodge #85 – Scholarship Fund
- Homer P. Balabanis Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund
- The Mary Baldwin Memorial Fund
- Bancroft Scholarship Fund
- Matthew David Barnes Memorial Fund
- Beal Family Scholarship Fund
- Louis A. & Alice M. Blaser Educational Fund
- Peggy June Boedecker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Frederick O. & Linda H. Bott Fund
- K. Dean & Mary Ann Bottini Scholarship Fund
- Toni Brikey Memorial Scholarship Fund
- David E. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
- James T. Brown Forestry Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Francis Marion & Lela Moore Bruner Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Gary J. Brusca Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Arthur John Burman & Mildred S. Burman Memorial Fund
- CA Faculty Association Scholarship Fund – Humboldt Chapter
- Paul & Elaine Cacci Scholarship Fund
- The Wayne Caldwell, CFP, Financial Literacy Scholarship Fund
- California Retired Teachers Association #27 Fund
- Dean Cantwell Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Donald A. & Inez H. Carranza Scholarship Fund
- Sarah Carter Scholarship Fund
- Chegwidden Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Leslie Christopherson Memorial Fund
- The Coastal Grove Charter School Pioneer Class Scholarship Fund
- Madeline Rose Coker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Marie Coleman Scholarship Fund
- Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Helen G. Crozier Scholarship Fund
- Susan Dean Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Tony Del Grande Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Epsilon Pi Chapter, Scholarship Fund
- L.R. “Doc” Douglas Scholarship Fund
- Travis McKinley Dow Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Wendy Drake Scholarship Fund
- Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund
- EHS Class of ’56 Richard Ames Music Scholarship Fund
- William F. Ferroggiaro Jr. Fellowship for Teen Leadership Fund
- G. Russell Field Scholarship Trust Fund
- Marjorie Fitzpatrick Cookbook Scholarship Fund
- Fortuna High School – McLeod Smith Scholarship
- Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Alice Nelson Franks Scholarship Fund
- Susan Freeman Science Scholarship Fund
- Margarita M. & Claudio J. Freixas Spanish Scholarship Fund
- Friel Family Scholarship Fund
- Roxanne Futrell Memorial Fund
- The Gallon Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Julie Ann Garciaelay Piano Scholarship Fund
- Ralph S. Goddi Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Greenwood Family Fund
- Dee Ann Gruhn Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jack L. & Arlene Guccione Scholarship Fund
for Adventist Youth
Scott Guild Memorial Fund
Patricia J. & O. Bruce Hart Memorial Fund
Edna R. & Stewart M. Herriott Memorial Fund
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Hoo Hoo Club — # 63 Scholarship Fund
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Humboldt Land Surveyor’s Scholarship Fund
Hun Kwan Goh Scholarship Fund
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McKinleyville Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
McLean Foundation Scholarship Fund
Harry & Nadine McWhorter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jennifer Lynn Miles Memorial Scholarship Fund
Arnie Millsap/Friends of Zoe Barnum Endowment Scholarship Fund
The Lee Montgomery Memorial Medical Scholarship
Jack Montoya Memorial Scholarship Fund
Willard & Donna Mullan Scholarship Fund
Nichols Family Scholarship Fund
Evelyn Hansen Noderer Scholarship Fund
Theodore Roosevelt & Ingrid R. Olander Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Roelofs Humboldt Fisheries Fund
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Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka — John McCaddon Fund
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Bill & Juanita Thompson Scholarship Fund
Tracy Scholarship Foundation
Vis & Sally Uptatisringa Education Fund
Barbara van Putten Memorial Scholarship Fund
Grace Comstock Van Zee Memorial Scholarship Fund
Willow Creek China Flat Museum Scholarship Fund
Catherine Wilson-Lewis Memorial Fund
George Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Woody’s Scholarship Fund
Virginia “Ginny” Marie Wythe Memorial Fund
Young Women in Technology Fund

Total Scholarships
$754,729
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Equity Alliance of the North Coast

The Equity Alliance of the North Coast is focused on understanding and improving racial and social equity through education, dialogue and coaching opportunities for organizations and individuals. Created by the Humboldt Area Foundation, local organizations, institutions, businesses and community members, the Equity Alliance is embarking on a series of learning opportunities on how to effectively practice equity and inclusion.

The goal is for our institutions, towns, services and establishments to become more inclusive of those who are marginalized, particularly based on race or ethnicity, and to create better access to opportunities.

This initiative includes public talks, workshops, trainings and coaching opportunities. It began in May 2016 with a series of free public talks given by Professor John Powell of the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, which drew over 700 attendees in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

To learn more or help us support these efforts please visit equitynorthcoast.org.

Professor John Powell speaking at Humboldt State University.

Photo by: Mike Drankers, Humboldt State University
When you meet Beth Masumoto, you feel authenticity. She is a go-getter with a compassionate heart, driven by her values and commitment to community.

Beth is the Co-Executive Director of Housing Humboldt. She is also a loving wife, mother and fearless community leader. Last year she was honored with the 2015 Nonprofit Leader Achievement Award.

Beth grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, then changed climates for college and moved to University of Boulder, where she received her BS in Business Management with a Real Estate Minor. She began her career path in San Diego working in a commercial real estate research firm, but something was missing for Beth, and Humboldt called her north for her Masters degree in Environment and Community.

“I just knew I wanted to do something more. I wanted to feel good about going to work and I wanted to make a true difference in people’s lives. Specifically, I wanted to make an impact in the social community development sector rooted in community,” said Beth.

Humboldt captivated Beth and she began interning with Housing Humboldt (then called Humboldt Bay Housing Development Corporation). Thirteen years later, Beth is still working full throttle for the organization, and managing fifteen staff. Her most recent project was Arcata Bay Crossing, a 32-unit affordable apartment complex.

These units support a permanent housing model, with housing as the first priority for people who have been chronically homeless.

The complex features efficient studio apartments with a manager on duty. There is a community room with access to a communal kitchen, lounge area, and a meeting space where workshops are held by social services agencies including Humboldt County Mental Health, Planned Parenthood and Arcata House Partnership. Computers can also be accessed for email, job searching and technical skill building.

Within the first two weeks of this project opening, the apartments were completely full. With over 300 people in Humboldt deemed chronically homeless, this additional housing helps meet a vital need.
To learn more about planned giving options and to support causes you care about now and into the future, call (707) 442-2993.

Step 1

DECIDE WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR GIFT
Make your gift TODAY, or make a MONTHLY contribution charged to your credit card, or make a plan now to give AFTER YOUR LIFETIME

Step 2

IDENTIFY HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE YOUR GIFT
- CASH
- REAL PROPERTY
- STOCK
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Step 3

CHOOSE WHERE YOUR GIFT WILL BE DIRECTED
- To support Humboldt Area Foundation’s community programs, or
- To support unrestricted grantmaking that meets changing community needs, or
- To support community grantmaking that addresses specific causes through your fund or an existing fund listed in this publication

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HOW TO RECEIVE

For more information about other grant opportunities available or to apply, visit hafoundation.org or call (707) 442-2993.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

Community Grant Program
AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND
Supports a wide variety of projects from community-led initiatives focused on pressing issues that residents are passionate about and are coming together to address. Projects involve those most affected and make use of collaborative relationships and partnerships.

Technical Assistance Program (TAP)
AVAILABLE MONTHLY
Supports proposals from nonprofits that strengthen or improve the organization, leadership or operations in the following areas:
- Strategic Planning
- Board Development
- Marketing/Public Relations
- Fundraising Planning
- Personnel Issues
- Operational Assessments
- Executive Coaching

Field of Interest Grants
AVAILABLE ANNUALLY
September – November
Supports projects in the following categories:
- Arts & Culture
- Humane Animal Care
- Education
- Environment & Wildlife
- Senior Opportunities
- Southern Humboldt

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS

Scholarship Program
AVAILABLE ANNUALLY
January – March
Humboldt Area Foundation offers an online scholarship application which has over 115 scholarship opportunities. The scholarships offered were created by local residents to honor their loved ones and to support local students in pursuit of their diverse ambitions. These scholarships feature a wide range of criteria.

Native Cultures Fund
AVAILABLE ANNUALLY
November – April
Supports Native arts, cultural revitalization and cultural transmission between generations in Northern and Central California. (Individual grants and community-based grants available.)

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR GRASSROOT GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

Grassroots Grants Program
AVAILABLE MONTHLY
Supports projects that are designed by and for the community that is impacted by providing:
- Leadership Development
- Diverse Participation
- Existing Community Resources
- Partnerships that extend beyond residents

FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR AFFILIATES
Wild Rivers Community Foundation | wildriverscf.org
Union Labor Health Foundation | ulhf.org (Health Assistance Grants)
Trinity Trust | trinity-trust.org
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The funds below were established this year by generous donors in our community that were inspired to make a difference. Stories told in these pages reflect their life’s passions, love for their community and desire to make an impact while honoring their loved ones. Our home will be a better place thanks to their incredible commitment to our region.

**Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir Fund** $5,586

The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir (AIGC) sings inspiring and uplifting Black Gospel music. The 70-voice community choir serves the North Coast region by performing at community events, fundraising benefits, memorials, churches and for inmates at the Humboldt County jail. The mission of the AIGC is to inspire faith, hope, love, unity and joy through Black Gospel music. The choir exemplifies the principles of equality, unity and cooperation through multi-faith, multiracial choir membership. The AIGC formed in the spring of 1992 in response to the inspirational performance of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir in the wake of the Rodney King riots. The AIGC also includes a 15-member Youth Choir with members from the age of five to 12 years old. For funding, the AIGC relies on choir member dues, proceeds from AIGC produced, donations from the community, and from grant funds. (2016)

**Friends of the Arcata Marsh Fund** $10,403

Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1989 to raise funds for the construction of the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. FOAM continues as an all-volunteer organization dedicated to raising awareness of wetlands, wildlife, and wastewater treatment as seen at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Wastewater treatment was the impetus in the Marsh formation in the 1970s, but over time the hiking trails, the 300+ species of birds, funding of scholarships and research, and public tours every Saturday at 2pm have all become important parts of this community asset. FOAM has also aided the City of Arcata in invasive plant removal and other projects, such as building an outdoor amphitheater expected in 2016. This fund is dedicated to the long-term health of the natural jewel that is the Arcata Marsh, and to people who enjoy interacting with nature. (2016)

**Blue Lake Education Foundation Fund** $53,518

The Blue Lake Education Foundation’s mission is to help support critical education programs for the children attending Blue Lake Elementary, including sports, music, languages and arts. These programs, although not mandated by the state, are essential to a well-rounded education for the children. Due to the ongoing budget crisis facing the small community school, these programs are no longer paid for through the general fund, and they are in jeopardy of losing them altogether. To fight these cuts, Blue Lake Education Foundation (BLEF), was founded by concerned parents and family members. The BLEF goal, through on-going fundraising events and donations, is to reach $150K and maintain this minimum amount so that these essential programs can be sustained for years to come to help enrich these children’s lives. All donations and/or bequests to this fund will support BLEF in this endeavor. (2016)

Some donors request not to display their fund balance.
Care For All Fund $38,522

Founded in 2015 by the Healthy Kids Humboldt program, Care for All Fund, a Saint Joseph Health-Budget Philosophy Grant, currently provides access to cancer diagnosis testing after careful-in depth eligibility screening. Individuals should not be eligible for any other programs to be able to access this grant. This grant serves low income, uninsured/underinsured individuals. Through this project, they extend Jesus’ ministry to those who have fallen in the cracks of the system, and have found themselves isolated without a helping hand. This grant advocates for the needs of those disadvantaged who otherwise remain underserved and ignored in the community. This fund is one of the hospital's commitments to extending the healing ministry of Jesus in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Care for All was created in July 2015 by the Healthy Kids Humboldt program after an extensive search for cancer screening services was conducted and no resources were found. (2016)

Aawok Troy Fletcher Memorial Scholarship Fund $14,015

Troy Fletcher was a remarkable Yurok leader and champion for causes important to the Yurok People and culture. He filled many roles in his work with the Yurok Tribe, from starting his career as a fisheries biologist counting fish in the Klamath River, to directing the Fisheries Department as it developed the technical and policy expertise to protect Tribal fishing rights, to leading the Tribe as its Executive Director. His tireless work to restore the Klamath River and its fishery resources, in all of these roles, was an inspiration to all around him. His vision and leadership brought together diverse partners, built new management relationships, and established a bold and innovative vision for Yurok ancestral territory. The purpose of this scholarship is to further Troy’s vision for the Yurok people; promoting education of Yurok Tribal Members in the field of Natural Resources. (2016)

The Father Eric Freed Peace & Justice Award

Freed Peace & Justice Award was established to honor the memory and continue the legacy of Father Eric, whose life was dedicated to fostering peace and justice both in the community and in the classroom. Father Eric loved being both priest and scholar, and loved the balance of learning and service that it brought to his life. This Award is given annually to a graduating Religious Studies major at HSU, who has worked to develop a similar balance, by following questions of peace and justice in his or her scholarly life, and by entering into a professionalized life dedicated to the betterment of our world. The goal of the Award is to honor Father Eric’s immeasurable influence on the community and university, by helping young scholars as they work to establish post-graduate lives of thoughtful service. (2016)

Elizabeth Florence Gupton Memorial Fund $10,050

“The flame that burns twice as bright burns half as long” – Lao Tzu. On Nov. 25, 2015, the world lost one of its brightest flames when Elizabeth Florence Gupton passed from this world into the next. Lizzie, as she was known, made this world a better place on Jan. 15, 1998, by joining her loving family and beginning her journey on the North Coast. In the fleeting time Elizabeth was here, Lizzie filled every day with love, smiles, warmth and her laughter. From elementary school to junior high and finally at Eureka High School, those blessed enough to know her watched as she blossomed from the shy wallflower to the goofy and sarcastic person that made everyone better for knowing her. This fund will support the Betty Chinn Fund for the Homeless. (2016)

Friends of the Noel E. Harris Archive Fund

Noel E. Harris’ decade’s long involvement with labor unions and progressive community activities are evident in his collection of personal papers. It is important that this informative collection be preserved in Humboldt County. Ina Harris’ Archive has already been donated to and accepted by the Humboldt State University Library and it is also important that the Noel E. Harris Archive be accepted so that these two companion collections can together be processed and then available for use by researchers in Northwest California. The purpose of the Friends of the Noel E. Harris Archive Fund is to support processing and ongoing expenses for preserving the collections of Noel E. Harris and Ina L. Harris. (2016)

Housing Solutions Fund

The Housing Solutions Fund was created out of a dire need for housing of vulnerable families and individuals across Humboldt County. The fund will provide a self-sustaining source of funds for affordable and supportive housing development efforts. (2016)

Stan & Lucille Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund $11,325

This scholarship was established to honor the lives of Stanley and Lucille Johnson and uncles Nels, Earl, Bob and Paul Johnson and Milton Harris. “Ollie” Carlson. Both were lifelong residents of Humboldt County, attending and graduating from local schools, working chosen careers, raising their family and retiring. Loving our area and the lifestyle it offered, they also experienced the changing economic environment which is challenging for current and future generations. This fund hopes this scholarship will help students from Arcata or McKinleyville schools choose a career that will allow them to remain here or pursue their dreams elsewhere. (2016)

Kiwans of Willow Creek Fund $15,000

The Kiwanis Club of Willow Creek provides service to the communities of the Trinity River Valley. Kiwanis International puts particular focus on local youth with projects including support for community parks, youth sports teams and organizations. Each year the Willow Creek Kiwanis have raised monies to provide two college scholarships to deserving high school graduates raised in the greater Willow Creek area (along Highway 299 from Berry Summit
Klamath Riverkeeper Fund $10,000

The Klamath River watershed is one of the most culturally and ecologically diverse regions in America. This fund will support Klamath Riverkeeper’s strategic campaigns to restore the Klamath River with and for communities that depend on it for their health, food security, jobs, recreation, and cultural survival. Klamath Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization established in 2006 to address the key factors that impact Klamath River health including outdated dams, excessive water diversions, and pollution. The organization’s campaign goals are to un-dam the Klamath River by 2020, restore water flow levels in the Klamath River and its tributaries, and prevent water pollution. Klamath Riverkeeper will pursue these goals through policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, public education, and as a last resort, litigation. Klamath Riverkeeper’s unique strategy ensures that resource management decisions are guided by sound science and key public-interest laws. For more information, visit klamathriver.org. (2016)

Leeper Family Fund

Both Humboldt County and education have been especially beneficial to the Leeper family. To honor these, the family has established the Leeper Family Scholarship to help a local student further her/his higher education at Humboldt State University. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a McKinleyville High School Graduate who will either enroll at HSU or is currently enrolled at HSU. The scholarship recipient must major in one of the departments in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Preference will be given to the student most deserving of financial assistance. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this scholarship may do so via the Humboldt Area Foundation. Go Panthers, Go Jacks. (2016)

TAKING CARE OF KIDS IN NEED

Tristan

PHELPS AND LEAL FUNDS

TWO FUNDS HELP TO SUPPORT A LOVING THREE YEAR OLD BATTLING LEUKEMIA.

Tristan is three years old and was diagnosed with leukemia last year. Both the Leal Fund and the Phelps Fund helped to support Tristan and his family.

THE PHELPS FUND: helped to support Tristan’s medical costs and his routine medical travel for treatments at UCSF. This helped to offset medical expenses for Tristan’s family and helps pay for the 600 mile trip required for treatments every 28 days.

The Phelps Fund provides assistance to young children with cancer.

THE LEAL FUND: supported the purchase of an outdoor playset complete with a swing, slide and climbing bars for Tristan’s yard. As an active toddler, Tristan’s leukemia weakened his legs and because his immune system was compromised, he could not go to playgrounds or kid’s gyms. The playset at home helped Tristan regain strength, physically and mentally.

Part of the Leal Fund partners with and supports the Phyllis Nilsen Leal Memorial Fund, which supports families with children undergoing medical treatments.
Troy Fletcher was a true Yurok leader and a champion for causes important to the Yurok People and culture. In his life and career, he filled many roles in his work with the Yurok Tribe, from starting his career as a fisheries biologist, counting fish in the Klamath River, to directing the Fisheries Department as it developed the technical and policy expertise to protect Tribal fishing rights, to helping guide the Tribe through difficult national level natural resource issues, to leading the Tribe as its Executive Director. His tireless work to restore the Klamath River and its fishery resources, in all of these roles, was an inspiration to all around him.

Troy’s vision and leadership brought together diverse partners, built new management relationships, and established a bold and innovative vision for Yurok ancestral territory. He worked tirelessly to integrate the cultural, spiritual, subsistence, and economic aspects of natural resource management in a way that reflected Yurok values, restored the ecosystem, and protected the diverse natural resources for future generations.

The Aawok Troy Fletcher Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to foster Troy’s vision by promoting education of Yurok Tribal members in the field of Natural Resources. This may include education in the areas of land acquisition, biology, fisheries, water issues, natural resource restoration, watershed restoration, wildlife management and other aspects related to natural resources. Federal Indian law and policy making as they relate to natural resources management are also acceptable fields of study.

“TROY WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN I EVER HAD THE HONOR OF KNOWING. HISTORY WILL PLACE HIM AMONG THE MOST LEGENDARY OF MODERN NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS, BUT TO ME, HE WAS MY FRIEND, AN IRREPLACEABLE FRIEND, BROTHER AND MENTOR.”

Mike Belchik
**Mattole Valley Women’s Club Fund $4,000**

This fund's purpose is to help support college bound and continuing education individuals from the Mattole Valley School System. The Mattole Valley Women’s Club is proud of their local youths’ many accomplishments, as well as their desire to give back to the Mattole Valley as they grow in their personal and professional lives. The Club’s desire to create a legacy for their students that will be handed down to future generations. Through the continuing commitment and the fervent dedication of the Mattole Valley Women’s Club and friends and neighbors, they have already enhanced the lives of young people by transforming limitations into achievable goals. The Mattole Valley Women’s Club invites everyone to support the future of the local youth. This fund will provide an annual scholarship. (2016)

**Tom and Stephanie Perrett Community Fund $16,858**

Tom and Stephanie Perrett created this fund to reciprocate in kind to the community that has given so much to them. In the early 1980’s Tom founded his business Tomas Jewelry in Arcata after traveling the world and living in his van while searching for the ideal place to settle down and grow his company. Stephanie worked as a speech pathologist in local schools and hospitals for 20 years. She continues to volunteer for a number of local causes. By creating this fund they hope to provide services and programs for youth and families in Humboldt County. Along with their children Eli and Melissa, they seek to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. (2016)

**Redwoods Rural Health Fund $508,356**

The Sanctuary Arcata- Arts & Culture Fund the Sanctuary Arcata is a playground for creative action and artful living. Located in a historic building that was once the Arcata Woman’s Club, the Sanctuary is a space dedicated to making and experiencing art in community. They produce gallery exhibitions, education programs, live music, community events, and much more. Their printmaking lab, ceramics studio, food garden, communal kitchen, textile supplies, and stage serve as venues for creativity of all kinds. It’s a holistic approach to community involvement and community life. the Sanctuary thrives in the shared efforts of volunteers, artists, and our dedicated neighbors. (2016)

**Sequoia Park Playground Improvement Fund**

The purpose of the Sequoia Park Playground Improvement Fund is to provide financial support for the construction and deferred equipment maintenance of the Sequoia Park Playground. The Fund gives businesses, residents, neighborhood groups, and park advocates an opportunity to make a difference in their parks and to build community, foster stewardship, and leverage resources to improve Eureka’s vital public spaces. Donations may also be used to leverage additional funding by demonstrating strong community support and improving the competitiveness of applications for State or Federal funding. The first project identified for this Fund will be the rehabilitation of the Sequoia Park Playground. Once this goal has been achieved the Fund will then move on to support the maintenance of the Playground. (2016)

**Sorensen Family Fund $10,664**

The Sorensen Family Fund was established by Jan Sorensen to help with the maintenance of the Old Red Schoolhouse located on the Humboldt County Fairgrounds, as well as help graduating seniors at McKinleyville High School through the Grandma and Grandpa’s Club. Jan was born and raised in Arcata and taught at South Bay School in Eureka for 33 years. This fund was established in honor of Jan’s late husband Jim. Jim’s many interests included local history and he loved visiting the Red Schoolhouse during fair time to meet with the retired teachers for conversation and time to reminisce. Jan’s hope is the Red Schoolhouse will remain an important stopping place for fair visitors for many years to come, just as Jim would have wanted. The Red Schoolhouse is full of rich history and cherished moments in time. Jan’s hope is this Fund will also complement the great work of the Grandma and Grandpa’s Club, enabling them to present more scholarships in the future. (2016)
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust – Conservation in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust currently owns and manages twenty properties for public benefits, coastal trails, beach access and preserved open spaces. This fund is dedicated for land and trail stewardship expenses. Their holdings include the most beautiful and heavily used beaches in Trinidad Bay: Houda Point Beach, Baker Beach, Satsun Point, north Luffenholtz Beach, and the Moonstone Beach public access easement. Forthcoming projects include CA Coastal Trail expansion from Scenic Drive across Little River to Clam Beach, and a dedicated Strawberry Rock Trail easement. All of these public benefit properties will require trail repairs and land restoration, public safety improvements, monitoring enforcement, insurance and long-term maintenance. Many thanks to the Trinidad Trust Fund grant of $50,000 to initiate this fund. The fundraising campaign goal is $2,000,000 by the year 2020. Major donation support is critical to achieve this goal. (2016)

Jonathan Walsh Mellon Fund $15,331

Jonathan Walsh Mellon left this Earth for his next adventure doing what he loved, being adventurous and free. He was killed in a tragic accident white water rafting adventure in Redwood Creek. Jonathan lived for the outdoors and spent his time hunting, fishing, hiking, snowboarding, abalone diving, camping and anything else that Mother Nature had to offer. Jonathan was known for his free spirit and charismatic soul. He lived for his family, friends and fun times. Jonathan’s family created this memorial fund not only to honor Jonathan, but to continue his legacy of compassion, kindness and generosity while also honoring his love for the outdoors. The grants from this fund will support children and young adults, including swimming lessons for Freshwater Elementary School students and science fieldtrips for the students of St. Bernard’s Academy. In Jonathan’s spirit, just as he would want it, many people including family and friends have donated and continue to donate to this memorial fund to help youth in our community. Family, friends and community members are invited to donate to this fund in honor of Jonathan at hafoundation.org/jonathanwm. Jonathans favorite quote: “Life is a garden, you have to dig it.” (2016)

Wrede Fortuna Senior Center Fund $9,206

As Fortuna Senior Center is a warm, caring organization providing many different activities for Seniors to be involved in, the Wrede’s add their support to continue its growth. (2016)

CURRENT HAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

ZACHARY MILLER
Aspiring Veterinarian
UC Davis, Veterinary School

“The scholarships made through Humboldt Area Foundation make an invaluable impact on not just myself, but on all students who need extra help to reach their full potential. For that, I thank you. For that, we all thank you.”

Hometown: Loleta (Humboldt County)

Hobbies/Interests: Aside from the typical response of hiking, biking, reading and long walks on the beach, I also love playing musical instruments. Specifically, the Scottish Great Highland Bagpipes and the Fiddle. As always, my main interest is animals!

The impact of higher education: I have attended three colleges – College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University and currently, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating with my B.S. degree from HSU, some people asked me why I was willing to go through one of the most intense 4-year training programs and get saddled with a huge debt to obtain my DVM. My answer to that is that my two passions in life have always been animals and to make a difference in my community. Becoming a veterinarian fuses both. This fusion has only been made possible by getting a higher education.
Legacy Society

Humboldt Area Foundation thanks all those who have included a gift for charitable work in their will or living trust. The following are Humboldt Area Foundation’s Legacy Society members whose gifts will support work they value for future generations. If you would like to join the Legacy Society, call our Director of Donor Services and Planned Giving, Christine Witt at (707) 442-2993. You can join and be listed or remain anonymous.

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This Year the Olanders Sent Their 70th Student to College

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND INGRID R. OLANDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Theodore and Ingrid Olander could not afford to attend college, so they created a scholarship fund for students to have the education that they never had. Managed by Humboldt Area Foundation, the Theodore Roosevelt and Ingrid R. Olander Memorial Scholarship Fund has provided $466,435 in scholarships and will continue to do so in perpetuity.

To learn how you can touch the lives of others after your lifetime in your will or estate plan, please contact us at (707) 442-2993 or email donorservices@hafoundation.org.

2013 Theodore Roosevelt and Ingrid R. Olander

Olander Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Walkyhr Macy (Fortuna High School)
Rose Abrahamson Trust
Fund $290,219

Rose Abrahamson passed away on January 19, 2005, just five days before her 92nd birthday. She was born in Eureka, with her twin brother, Ralph, to California pioneers Charles and Edith (Evans) Boydston. Her father hiked from Chico to Salyer for a mill job, then to Korbel where he found work with the Northern Redwood Lumber Co. There he met and married her mother, the assistant post mistress in Blue Lake. Rose grew up in Eureka and graduated from Eureka High School in 1932. She married Einar Abrahamson on October 20, 1947, and lived in his family home which later became Sherwood Forest Nursery. She spent 25 years as a secretary and probation officer for Humboldt County. They moved to Willow Creek in 1972 and resided there until 2002. This fund provides scholarships for the Willow Creek Christian School and support for the Eureka Rescue Mission to help people in need. (2006)

Wendell Adams Memorial
Fund $10,663

Wendell Adams, former owner-manager of KINS Radio, was active in broadcasting associations and volunteered in a leadership capacity for local service and fraternal organizations. The income from this fund is used for Eureka Rotary Club Exchange Students. (1986)

Adoption Horizons Endowment
Fund $22,755

Adoption Horizons was founded in 1982 by two adoptive parents, Kathleen Zamboni and Sue Andrews who hoped to bring new energy and ideas to the field of adoption. Adoption Horizons has provided continuous adoption services since 1982. During this time, Adoption Horizons has placed nearly 500 children from both local and international sources. All the children placed come to loving and prepared (screened) homes. Changing lives, one child at a time, has been the ongoing mission. The Adoption Horizons Endowment Fund was created to support the continued work of the agency. Ninety six percent of the revenues supporting the agency come from fees for service. In establishing the fund, Adoption Horizons has created another way that the community can support the valuable work of the agency. (2003)

Eugenio & Maria Adorni Memorial
Fund $69,930

Harry Adorni made a $50,000 bequest to the Foundation as a memorial to his parents. Concerned with support of the terminally ill, Harry Adorni directed that income from this fund benefit Hospice of Humboldt. (1988)

Harry J. & Hazel S. Adorni Memorial
Fund $70,141

Harry Adorni bequeathed $50,000 in memory of himself and his deceased wife, Hazel. The income is designated for the benefit of homeless or injured cats, preferably through the Humane Society. (1988)

Vera Vietor’s vision to establish Humboldt Area Foundation in 1972 has provided a spark of inspiration to more than 1,000 North Coast community members who have created their own funds, enriching the quality of education, health, the arts, the environment, humane animal care and other causes in our region. The following pages tell of the vision and values of these community members and the creative solutions made possible through their generous contributions.
Don & Bettie Albright Endowment Fund $11,221

Don grew up in Fresno, CA. He enlisted in the Marines, serving as flight engineer on a PBY. Upon his discharge he worked for PG&E for 43 years. Don was a molder and a shaker of the community, serving as president of Eureka Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Humboldt Economic Development and West Coast Alliance, as well as on the boards of Humboldt Area Foundation, Humboldt Taxpayers League, City of Eureka Visitors & Convention Bureau, Eureka Historical Society, Boy Scouts, Ingomar Club, and as a member of Eureka Downtown Rotary, North Coast Vintage Aviation and Marine Corps League. Don & Bettie served together on the first Jazz Festival Committee of Eureka. Don loved woodworking as a hobby. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Don passed away on March 5, 2008, and he and Bettie had a wonderful life together and wanted to share this discretionary fund with others. (2008)

Les & Frances Alexander’s Blessings Fund $70,604

Les Alexander met his bride, Frances L. Archer, when he returned home to Klamath Falls, OR, from military service in the European Theater in September 1945. This union produced two children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren (and counting). The family formed a logging firm known as L. R. Alexander Logging, a business that brought them to Fort Seward, Humboldt County in 1955 and flourished in various parts of the county until 1978. The Alexanders were instrumental in forming the Associated California Loggers and Women in Timber, in support of the timber industry. In 1974 they formed the Mad River Hardwood Company, a wood chip mill that produced wood chips for use by the pulp mills and for export to Japan. They retired in 1986 and now reside in Freshwater. This fund was created to support the work and mission of Grace Baptist Church and the work of the Angel Fund. (2006)

Joe Alexandre Memorial Family Fund $13,116

The Alexandre family established this fund to support a variety of charitable purposes in honor and memory of Joe Alexandre. Born on the Azores Island of Terceira on May 14, 1937, Joe came to America with his mother, Eva Rocha, as a twelve-year-old boy knowing not a word of English. In 1960 he married Loretta Trutall. They established and operated the Alexandre Dairy in Ferndale while raising three children, Renae, Blake and Kristina. A progressive dairyman, Joe enjoyed improving his business. He served as a director on the Humboldt Creamery Board and as president of the local Portuguese Association. After he retired, he and three partners purchased a restaurant and card room in Ferndale, “Poppa Joe’s.” He loved to entertain and have a party and he never met a stranger. “You may be gone from this earth, but you will always be remembered by the friends and family who loved and respected you.” (2004)

Laurence & Elaine Allen Memorial Fund $21,656

Laurence N. Allen, a native of Nova Scotia, Canada, moved to Arcata at age six and died in 1992 at the age of 87. He was a member of the Arcata City Council and a long-time Arcata businessman. He was a member of the Arcata Lodge No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, the Oakland Scottish Rite of Eureka, the Ahahm Redwood Shrine of Eureka, the Arcata Kiwanis Club, the Ingomar Club and the Baywood Country Club. Elaine Allen, born in Arcata, died in 1997 at the age of 92. She attended Arcata schools graduating from Arcata High School. She was a member of Eastern Star and the First Presbyterian Church of Arcata. This is an unrestricted gift to the Foundation. (1999)

Amer Memorial Fund $11,487

From a very early age, Linnea Amer lived and breathed dance. As a teenager, she discovered the joys of teaching dance and of choreographing her own dances. Her students were her pride and joy. Her love of life was infectious. She never knew a stranger and was a friend to all. Linnea died in a car accident in 1983. Her father Richard’s world revolved around his family. He loved life and people and enjoyed working with the ballet company. All the dancers became his “kids,” but he was especially proud of Linnea and Phillip, his own two dancers. Richard died in 1985. This fund was established to help dancers take advantage of summer workshops and classes that will help further their hopes of a future dance career. (1983)

American Association of University Women, Humboldt Branch (AAUW) Fund $4,869

The Humboldt Branch of the American Association of University Women was founded in 1950 as a branch of the national organization. AAUW was founded in 1881 by educated women who wanted to support other women in completing higher education.
With over 100,000 members, nationally, AAUW is a powerful voice for girls and women all over the world. The mission of AAUW is to promote equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. This is achieved through supporting women and girls at all levels of education, groundbreaking research, and projects in our local community. The AAUW Humboldt Fund supports projects selected by board members of the Humboldt Branch. (2007)

**David Riley Anderson Memorial Fund** $5,747

David Anderson, a Times-Standard veteran reporter and community activist, passed away in January 2002 at the early age of 61. David’s newspaper career stretched over three decades. During that time he acquired a reputation as an eloquent commentator on Humboldt County news issues. He also had true passion for the theater and bird watching and he helped pioneer the Pacific Arts Center Theater. David played in several Shakespeare plays and had a natural stage presence with his New England-tinged, maple-thick baritone, Falstaff beard and mountainous figure. Friends of David considered him to be a true gentleman, incredibly knowledgeable and a gentle person who cared deeply. David’s family from the East Coast established this fund to purchase a bench at the Arcata Marsh in his memory and to award an annual scholarship to a student studying creative writing. (2002)

**Jim & Judy Anderson Charitable Remainder Unitrust**

The Andersons have been long-time volunteers in Humboldt County. Jim previously served on the HAF Board of Directors. Judy is a member of the board of Advocates of Planned Parenthood of Northern California. “We believe in giving back to the community,” says Judy. “If everyone contributed a little time and money, it would strengthen our community both now and in the future.” (1999)

**Anniversary Lodge #85, Arcata, California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows Scholarship Fund** $17,445

The Arcata Odd Fellows Scholarship Fund was created to memorialize and continue the Odd Fellows’ commitment to the Arcata community. Scholarship awards are made annually to Arcata and McKinleyville High School graduates continuing their education at a community college or university and majoring in history. (1996)

**Arcata Educational Endowment Fund** $16,678

This advised endowment fund was established to promote and enhance the quality of education in Arcata’s public schools by supporting educational projects not currently funded by school district general and categorical funds. Funded projects will represent extensions of teaching that challenge, inspire and excite students at Arcata High School, Sunnybrae Middle School, Arcata Elementary School and Pacific Union Elementary School. (1992)

**Arcata Forest Fund** $3,234

The Arcata Forest Fund provides a source for private donations to assist the City of Arcata in purchasing forest lands to be added to the Arcata Community Forest, the Sunny Brae Forest, and the Jacoby Creek Forest. Donations to this fund will go only towards the purchase and restoration of forest lands, and will help the City leverage State and Federal grants. Forest lands purchased through these funds preserve and expand open space around the City, and will be managed for recreation, watershed and habitat protection, carbon sequestration, and sustainable forestry use. (2002)

**Arcata Foundation Fund** $184,121

The Arcata Foundation Fund, established in 1987, is dedicated to the enhancement of community life in Arcata. The Arcata Foundation facilitates charitable giving and raises funds to support work in the areas of human services, education for all ages, art, culture, local history, healthful recreation, peace and enhancement of local natural surroundings. (1995)

**Arcata FFA Fund** $2,098

The Arcata Future Farmers of America (FFA) Fund was established by the Arcata Friends of AG Club, which supports the Arcata FFA Program. Income from this fund will generate annual scholarships for Arcata High School FFA graduating students. (1996)

**Arcata High ’50s Fund** $34,292

The Arcata High ’50s Fund was created by contributions from each Arcata High School graduating class from the ’50s. Funds will be used exclusively by the counseling and nursing departments for students in need. Any income remaining will be used to provide scholarships for students. (1994)

**Arcata House Endowment Fund** $25,133

The mission of Arcata House is to support people experiencing homelessness while they build a more stable life, to educate the community about housing issues and to advocate on behalf of homeless people. The vision of Arcata House is a community where everyone has a safe and affordable place to live. Arcata House currently provides transitional housing to families and permanent supportive housing to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled. The
Arcata House Board of Directors opened this organizational endowment fund with a generous gift from Alex Stillman. It will eventually provide additional income for the important work of this non-profit. (2008)

**Arcata Main Street Oyster Festival Aquaculture Support Fund** $2,529

Away.com ranked Arcata Main Street’s Oyster Festival the 7th best food festival in the world. Arcata was recently named the Oyster Capital of California. The annual festival includes live music, award-winning microbrews, plus over 30 food vendors take over the Plaza. This annual event draws crowds of over 18,000 people to Humboldt. The Oyster Festival brings in millions of dollars to the local economy and visitors from all over the world visit Arcata for this event. All the proceeds will help to sustain the year-round activities Arcata Main Street puts on in order to encourage local shopping in Arcata. The Oyster Festival brings in millions of dollars to the local economy and visitors from all over the world visit Arcata for this event. (2013)

**Arcata Tigers, Inc. Scholarship Fund** $39,006

The income from this fund is used to supplement annual awards given to an Arcata High School graduate to further his or her education and to make school improvements. (1988)

**Area 1 Agency on Aging Senior Services Fund** $20,460

Area 1 Agency on Aging provides leadership and services that support older persons and those with disabilities through education, programs, advocacy and volunteerism. Donations to this fund help support independence and quality of life for a growing population of local seniors, assuring quality senior services for generations to come. (1997)

**John Ash Sustainability Fund** $3,980

John Ash created this fund to encourage exploration of the natural beauty on the North Coast and make remote areas more accessible to a variety of groups. (2001)

**Homer P. Balabanis Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund**

Union Labor Health Foundation established this nursing scholarship in honor of Homer P. Balabanis, a Humboldt County champion for nursing workforce development and education, and key founding administrator at Humboldt State University. (2014)

**Bancroft Scholarship Fund** $1,776,570

This fund honors Dwight and Lavina Bancroft. Because of Dwight’s involvement in music and the couple’s shared commitment to business, scholarships are available to local students majoring in business administration or music at Humboldt State University. Lavina established this fund in 1985 in Dwight’s memory. With Lavina’s death in 1995, the fund now honors both Dwight and Lavina. (1985)

**Matthew David Barnes Memorial Fund** $53,048

Matthew D. Barnes was born in Arcata in 1977 and died suddenly from heart complications at age 29. He was a top scholar at Arcata High School, a champion showman for 4-H and FFA and a decorated athlete in soccer and wrestling. Matt was an avid golfer, and loved the SF Giants and 49ers. Matt graduated from Cal Poly, SLO with a degree in Agriculture Engineering and worked for the John Deere Company. He was devoted to his career. Matt had a passion for agriculture, sports, hard work, and his family and friends. This fund was established in Matt’s name to benefit students wishing to pursue a four-year education in agriculture or engineering. Consideration is given to students who have actively shown livestock or dairy at the Redwood Acres or Humboldt County Fairs, have high academic achievement as well as extra-curricular and community involvement. (2006)

**Tom & Marilynn Bartlett Stand Down Fund** $17,158

As a member of “the greatest generation,” Tom was proud to serve with the Army during World War II. After the war, he felt a special compassion for fellow veterans. Tom’s family created this fund to honor him by supporting the annual North Coast Stand Down event which provides much needed help for local veterans of all wars, especially the homeless and their families. After his Army years, Tom graduated from Cal Berkeley, became an optometrist, married Marilynn and was blessed to have four children, five grandchildren and a host of friends. Tom loved the North Coast area with opportunities to hunt, fish, play tennis, ski and travel to other parts of the world. For years, he and his father, as veterans, helped to place small American flags on the graves of each local serviceman or woman to celebrate Memorial Day, Thomas Bernard Bartlett died on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007. (2007)

**O.H. Bass Memorial Fund** $19,036

O.H. was a popular restaurateur and longtime supporter of local athletic activities. Income will benefit the Sequoia Humane Society and Miranda’s Rescue. (1986)

**Bauriedel Family Fund** $62,821

John Bauriedel was a highly respected teacher at Eureka High School, as well as a successful businessman. John’s wife, Phyllis, passed away on August 20, 2006. Fund income enriches programs offered to children at the Humboldt County Library in Eureka. (1983)

**Beal Family Scholarship Fund** $17,381

The Beal Family Scholarship was established in 2007 by William and Angelica Beal in memory of four young people who lost their lives that same year. The Beal family intends to give $1,000 to a graduating Ferndale High School senior each year to help that student achieve their college education goals. (2008)

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Robert Raymond Bean Memorial Fund $11,117

Vern R. and Gail Edeline Bean established this memorial fund for their youngest son, Bob, who died of a malignant brain tumor on October 5, 2000 at age 34. He left his wife of 14 years, Pamela Tompkins Bean, and four children, Nathan, Erica, Matthew and Jessica. He also left his sisters, Caren Campbell, Rosanne Gephart, Diane Holsworth, and brother Edward Bean. While growing up in Eureka, Bob was active in school bands and orchestras. After moving to El Cajon, CA in 1981, he became a member of the Grossmont High School marching band and the Red Robe Choir, which was chosen to perform at the Vienna Music Festival in 1983. Bob had fond memories of these music programs and often spoke of the enrichment they brought to his life. To celebrate Bob’s love of music, this fund will provide scholarships to outstanding music students furthering their music education. (2007)

Julia Bednar and Irene Finney Rescued Animal Care Fund $3,134

Julia and Irene became close friends during the years they worked together on the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Humboldt County (now known as the Sequoia Humane Society). They shared a deep concern for the welfare of stray, abandoned or homeless animals. They also recognized the financial hardship incurred by an individual who, by rescuing a stray injured animal and taking it to a veterinary hospital, became responsible for the medical costs involved. This fund is intended to pay a portion of the costs of medical care and treatment of stray injured animals rescued and brought to a veterinary hospital in Humboldt County by a non-owner. (2010)

Beginnings Incorporated Fund $192,071

Beginnings is synonymous with community services. Beginnings is community-based and guided by its membership. This fund will support the ongoing use and maintenance of the buildings and property and the long range planning and organizational objectives. (2015)

Albert & Irene Benzinger Memorial Scholarship Fund $18,773

Albert was born in 1903, the third generation of his family in Humboldt County. Active in high school sports, he graduated from Eureka High School in 1921 and from UC Berkeley in 1926. His creative work in electrical engineering was cut short by the Depression and he returned to Eureka, eventually operating a radio and TV service business until retirement in 1968. In 1941, Albert married Irene Potter, a self-taught artist. In addition to painting, gardening and politics, she loved sketching plans for compact and efficient houses. This scholarship, established by the Benzinger family, will recognize students eligible for membership in the Humboldt Pioneers Society who are graduates of Eureka High School and majoring or prepared to major in a field related to electronics or architecture. (2000)

Archie Bernardi Memorial Fund $11,743

Arcata Fire Chief Archie Bernardi spent more than six decades devoted to the Arcata Fire Protection District, right up to his passing on December 22, 2007 at the age of 93. According to District Chief John McFarland, “Archie was the Grandfather of CPR in all of Northern California, changing prior practices... that were primitive and totally ineffective.” Because of Bernardi’s leadership, Arcata was also the first fire district in the county to have rescue saws and Jaws of Life. Archie’s sons, Mark and Gary, recall their father cooking for his family and the fire department volunteers. He grew in his garden many of the ingredients for his secret recipe for raviolis and he also kept his favorite blackberry patch a secret, the source for his famous blackberry pies. In addition to other gifts, Chief Bernardi created this fund by bequest for the protection and conservation of wildlife in Humboldt County. (2008)

Anthony Joseph Bessette Memorial Fund

The family of Anthony Bessette established this fund to support a variety of charitable purposes in his honor and memory. Born in Eureka, CA, his life of 18 years was shared with friends and family and his smile and warm personality left an imprint on the hearts of all who knew him. He lived life on his own terms and followed a unique path that valued friendship. He had talent for computer applications that amazed everyone. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, attended local schools and obtained his GED in 2007. The income from this fund shall be used to support youth programs that promote positive experiences for teens and encourage the celebration of life. (2008)

Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation Fund $7,161

Humboldt County resident Betty Chinn has been serving the homeless in and around Eureka since 1987. She became legendary for her compassionate care for feeding, clothing, and serving the homeless each day with her own resources. Betty has been recognized by many, including a 2008 Minerva Award from Maria Shriver and in 2010 the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Obama. Betty partnered with Catholic Charities and the local community to further serve the needy through The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation. The Foundation has established a center to reduce homelessness and poverty in Humboldt County through street outreach, case management that teaches life skills, and a learning Programs. Transitional housing is available for up to five clients who help at the center. Meals are also served in Eureka and area homeless encampments. (2013)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast Endowment Fund $31,709

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast (BBSUNS) was founded in 1969 as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of forming meaningful one-to-one relationships between caring, responsible adults and children facing
adversity. Since that time, BBBSNC has served thousands of youth between the ages of 6-18 as the premier mentoring organization in Humboldt County. The vision of BBBSNC is that all children can achieve success in life. The income from this fund is used as a sustainable resource to create and support quality "Big-Little" matches on the North Coast. (1997)

**Louis A. & Alice M. Blaser Educational Fund $766,749**

This fund was planned for years before Alice’s death in 2006 as a way for Alice and Lou to "give something back," and to help provide for ongoing quality in the professions of their choice. Alice graduated from Eastern Oregon University in 1954 with a degree in Education and a teaching certificate. She taught for the next 28 years, was a master teacher and was highly respected by peers and students alike. After serving in the military during the Korean War, Lou graduated from Oregon State University in 1957 with a degree in Forest Engineering. He spent the next 34 years in various logging and land management positions with Simpson Timber Company, as Simpson’s California Timberlands Manager, retiring in 1991. The fund provides annual grants to the School of Education at Eastern Oregon University and the School of Forestry at Oregon State University to provide scholarships and maintain their excellent educational programs. (2007)

**Peggy June Boedecker Memorial Scholarship Fund $20,012**

This fund was established to commemorate the life of Peggy June Boedecker who had a career-long involvement in California’s community colleges. Proceeds from this fund are to provide financial assistance to women who transfer from the College of the Redwoods to a four-year college or university. (2011)

**Frederick O. and Linda H. Bott Fund $24,748**

Fred Bott, native Eurekan and longtime businessman (Mercer Fraser) was born April 5, 1921, and passed away February 18, 2010. Fred loved his family, community and engineering. Along with his loving widow, Linda Bott, Fred created this endowment fund in honor of their families, with the true desire to enhance the health and well-being of the Humboldt County community. Fred built many buildings, institutions and roads and bridges standing today in Humboldt County. In honor of his love of engineering, this fund also provides scholarships available for local engineering students. (2010)

**K. Dean & Mary Ann Bottini Scholarship Fund $3,979**

Dean Bottini had a full life. As a boy, he had a brief movie career, dancing in the Shirley Temple movie, “Heidi”. Later, he was student body president at Sturges Junior High and San Bernardino Valley College. Before graduating, Dean enlisted in the Army during WWII and was assigned to the 89th Infantry stationed in Europe. Dean’s company faced frequent combat, and was able to liberate the Ohrdruff concentration camp. Upon discharge, Dean graduated from Valley College, attended University of Redlands, and had a 35-year career with the Division of Highways, retiring as the District Personnel Administrator in 1984. Though his career was important to Dean, family and home were his top priorities. He was survived by his wife of nearly 61 years, Mary Ann, and two daughters, Peggy and Janet. This scholarship fund benefits Eureka students with high academic achievement studying teaching or civil engineering. (2008)

**The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Building Improvement Fund**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Building Improvement Fund was established to ensure that the quality of the environments in which our youth learn and recreate are equal to the staff and volunteers who are providing them. Gifts made to this fund will be used for any necessary amelioration and renovation efforts. (2013)

**Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Endowment Fund $14,554**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods offers safe, structured and fun activities to children ages 6 to 18 years of age who live in Humboldt County. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for boys and girls as participating members of a richly diverse society, strive to achieve equal opportunity and foster respect for human dignity for all youth. In addition, the fund initiates and promotes service which will enhance the quality of life for all youth, and strengthens its role as an advocate for youth. This fund serves as a sustainable resource to assist youth in delinquency prevention activities. The organization will continue to offer after-school activities, community service projects, sports leagues and leadership clubs. The T-Ball Sports League also encourages youth participation throughout the community in baseball skills training. (1990)

**Dr. Halvor J. Braafladt Memorial Fund $9,846**

Halvor John Braafladt was born in Tsinan, China on June 4, 1926 to medical missionary parents. He served in the US Navy in the Philippines during WWII. In 1957, Hal came to Eureka to practice family medicine and surgery. He enjoyed interacting with patients of all ages and especially the many babies he delivered. He retired in 2002 after 45 years of practice. His community service and professional accomplishments were many, including former President of the Humboldt-Del Norte Medical Society, Chief of Staff of General Hospital and Vice Chief of Staff of St. Joseph Hospital. He was a founder of the local Rhododendron Society and Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America. He was actively involved in the UHNF Angel Fund, which is a beneficiary of this donor advised fund, along with the Humboldt Senior Resource Alzheimer’s Center and Hospice of Humboldt. Halvor passed away on April 3, 2014. (2014)
James P. Brantly Memorial Fund $4,583

James Phillip Brantly, born January 16, 1932 in Lake Providence, Louisiana, served with the Navy during the Korean War. He studied engineering, then worked for the U.S. Border Patrol. On August 25, 1953, he married Donna Stevens, and they raised two daughters, Cheryl and Susan. James received citations from President Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy for his assistance during the Oxford riots when the University of Mississippi enrolled the first black student, James Meredith, and from President Johnson for bravery during the Watts riots. He also received the Commissioner’s Meritorious Achievement Award for rescuing a woman on Palomar Mountain. Jim was a member of the Murrieta United Methodist Church for 50 years and a Life Member of the VFW. He enjoyed duck hunting, fishing, family, and telling stories. He was killed in an automobile accident on December 29, 2007 in Trinity County. This fund is for rural search and rescue organizations. (2008)

Breast Cancer Healing Retreat Center Fund $35,332

Dr. Ellen Mahoney moved to Humboldt County in 2000. With the formation of a local advisory group and a planning grant from a Bay Area donor, Dr. Mahoney is developing a healing center for breast cancer survivors and their families here on the North Coast. Plans include a beautiful, natural landscape in which survivors can regain their physical, psychological and spiritual health. Traditional and complementary therapies will be practiced and after-treatment nutrition and wellness classes will be taught. Professionals who care for women with breast cancer will be able to come for renewal and a sacred space will be set aside for a memorial garden. This advised endowment fund was created with the planning grant Dr. Mahoney received and will be used to help her and the advisory committee begin their work. (2001)

Breast and GYN Health Project Fund, Humboldt County $67,699

The mission of Humboldt Community Breast Health Project is to be a community resource of support and education for those facing a breast health concern, breast or gynecologic cancer. It is a client-centered, grassroots organization with services provided by cancer survivors and their support persons. The Warmline volunteers are available every weekday to answer questions and lend a compassionate ear. In the Patient Navigator Program, experienced RNs and volunteers serve as navigators, supporting and guiding women through cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment. Services include referral for financial aid and in-home assistance, buddies for one-on-one support and assistance, and consultation planning which helps clients make the most of the patient/physician relationship. Other services include support groups, educational newsletters and seminars, an extensive resource library, and information specialists who provide individualized research on breast and gynecologic health-related issues. Bilingual volunteers, providing services to Spanish speakers are also available. (2005)

Bridgeville Endowment Fund $21,299

This fund was established to promote the health and quality of life for the children, families and senior citizens of this rural, 500-square mile Bridgeville School District, and residents served by the Bridgeville Community Center. Local residents built the Bridgeville Community Center with funding from the State Healthy Start Initiative. It became a non-profit in 2001, coordinating year-round medical, dental, emergency food, clothing, senior citizen, transportation, youth activities and family resource services using grants, donations, newsletter sponsorships, and proceeds from the annual Bridgefest Celebration. The Board of Directors disburses funds in accordance with their mission statement. If anyone would care to start a separate scholarship fund for graduating children, it would be greatly appreciated as an incentive for a child to get a college education. Individuals, families, and other funds may add to the fund at any time by donation. (2002)

Vernon & Grace Brightman Memorial Fund $12,117

Vernon and Grace Brightman graduated together from Ferndale High School in the late 1920s. They married in 1935 and lived on their Blocksburg ranch. An accomplished musician, Grace played first trumpet at HSU. For many years, Vern played the drums in a quartet which entertained St. Luke’s Manor residents regularly. Vern died in 2001. Income from this endowment fund is used to support the music program at Bridgeville School District. (1996)

Brockhoff Family Fund $496,084

Harry L. Olden was a respected Cincinnati philanthropist. During his lifetime and afterwards, his daughter Pat and her husband, Bill Whiting, followed suit. Three generations later, their daughter, Cara and her husband Jerry Brockhoff continue the family tradition of supporting their communities with funds originating from Cara’s grandfather. As owners of northcoastgreyhounds.net, beneficiaries of the Brockhoff Family Fund are largely animal rescue organizations both locally and nationally. That will surely change, however, as the fourth generation, sons Tucker and Bailey Brockhoff, become directors in future years and their sons in the even more distant future. All thanks to “Poppy” Olden, an inspiration to us all. (2001)

Conrad and Olga Brosek Trust $114,161

Conrad and Olga were married in 1956 in Pasadena, CA. They moved to Humboldt County in 1987 and built their home in McKinleyville. They loved their life in Humboldt and enjoyed more than 20 years in the area. They are survived by thirteen nieces and nephews who visited them regularly and loved them dearly. The Broseks created this endowed designated fund by bequest to assist children who need surgery or other assistance to overcome a physical deformity. (2008)
David E. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund $10,534

David Brown grew up in Cincinnati, enlisted in the Marines just out of high school and traveled the world. Upon his discharge, he moved to Florida, eventually settling in California. After receiving his Associate of Arts degree from College of the Redwoods, he spent his life’s work in electronic technology and management. “Life is full of choices,” David was fond of saying, “and everything that happens is a result of the choices you make.” With this in mind, David’s daughter, Kristin, created a scholarship fund in his memory for a Fortuna Union High School graduate enrolling in any college or university. The application includes an essay about choices, asking students to reflect on the choices they have made and are making and how the consequences of those decisions will have the power to guide the direction of their lives. (2006)

Grace & Jim Brown Memorial Fund $20,823

Reverend James “Jim” M. Brown emigrated from Northern Ireland at age 21. He graduated from Seattle Pacific University and San Francisco Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1946. Jim served congregations in Oregon, Washington, South Dakota and Humboldt County. He also attended law school and worked for 17 years as a volunteer for the Humboldt County Public Defender and the Superior Court of California. He contributed his time as well to KEET-TV, the SPCA, General Hospital, Mitchell-Redner Society and as an ombudsman at the Humboldt County Jail. He was active in ecumenical work with St. Bernard Catholic Church and Temple Beth’el and helped organize the Presbyterian Churches of McKinleyville and Fortuna. Jim died on June 13, 1998, at the age of 84. Grace died on December 1, 2007 at the age of 86. They are survived by their two daughters, Mildred and Alice Mae. This fund provides scholarships for local students. (1998)

James T. Brown Forestry Scholarship Fund $57,541

Green Diamond Resource Company established this fund to honor its president, Jim Brown, who retired in 2006. Jim started his career with Arcata Redwood Company, acquired by Simpson in 1988. He began working on a logging crew in 1975 and held several increasingly responsible positions during his 31 years with the company, becoming president in 2004. Jim garnered broad respect throughout California’s forest products industry, serving as president of the Redwood Region Logging Conference, the California Forest Products Commission and California Redwood Association. A graduate of Venice High School, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Humboldt State College and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from San Jose State University. Jim was a lecturer in the Humboldt State College Forestry Department and is a past recipient of the Humboldt State University Distinguished Alumni Award. This fund provides scholarships to forestry students at Humboldt State University. (2006)

John Anderson Brown & Dorothy Eileen Wells Brown Memorial Fund $18,935

John and Dorothy were married on July 12, 1927, and were married 61 years. They lived in Eureka for 45 years. Dorothy was active in the First Methodist Church and numerous charitable organizations in the community. John worked for the California Division of Highways for 40 years. He was honored in the California Highways Magazine for his beautification along the state’s highways and freeways and was dubbed “Johnny Lupin-seed.” This fund was established by their children and grandchildren. Income is used for the beautification of parks and schools, the purchase of playground equipment, physical fitness equipment and support of physical fitness programs. (1988)

Dr. Francis Marion & Lela Moore Bruner Memorial Scholarship Fund $164,805

Born in Monmouth, Illinois in 1865, Francis Marion Bruner was a graduate of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Medical School and Bellevue Hospital in N.Y. She moved to Ferndale from Loleta in 1911 to help found the first Ferndale Hospital, located on Washington Street. That hospital was moved to the Hart House in 1913 where Francis and Lela also raised their family. Lela Moore Worthington Bruner, born in Maple Creek in 1879 and raised in Blue Lake, graduated in nursing from the Union Labor Hospital in Eureka. Dr. and Mrs. Bruner frequently treated patients who could not pay and accepted whatever the patient might offer in trade for medical care. Lela Bruner often stayed with families when the entire family was too ill to fend for themselves. She was known as “Lady Bruner” for her kind disposition and generosity. Francis and Lela worked tirelessly for their community emphasizing medicine, education and music. (2013)

Gary J. Brusca Memorial Scholarship Fund $3,335

This scholarship is in honor of Dr. Gary J. Brusca, a long time professor of zoology and marine biology at Humboldt State University. Dr. Brusca was also an avid fisherman, and for decades fished the Trinity River through the Hoopa Valley. In the early 1970s, Dr. Brusca and a few other fisherman began camping and fishing in the Hoopa Valley, and the tradition of that fishing trip continues to the present day. This scholarship is funded by Dr. Brusca’s former fishing partners and friends to benefit a worthy graduate of Hoopa Valley High School who wishes to pursue a higher education in the field of the biological sciences, fisheries or wildlife management. (2013)
Clarence Bugenig Memorial Fund $21,755
Wayne Vickers established this fund in 1986 to honor his longtime friend and business partner, Clarence Bugenig. Fund income provides awards to high scoring 4-H and FFA members in the beef cattle and sheep departments at the Redwood Acres Fair. (1986)

Ralph E. Bumpus Scholarship Fund $17,878
This scholarship was created to honor Ralph E. Bumpus, a long-time educator in Eureka. Ralph developed the automotive programs at both Eureka High School and College of the Redwoods. He was instrumental in designing the automotive technology buildings at both schools. He taught at each school for 13 years, spending 4 years in between coordinating the Trade and Vocational Education classes. This fund furnishes scholarships for Eureka High School graduates intending to study automotive technology. (1986)

Rayner C. & Winifred W. Burke Memorial Fund $48,386
Ray and Winnie Burke were active members of the Eureka community from their arrival in 1961 until their deaths, Ray in 1988 and Winnie in 1991. Ray participated in Kiwanis and Navy League, and Winnie was a member of American Association of University Women, the Humane Society of Humboldt County, and the Humboldt County Historical Society. Grants from this unrestricted fund meet current and future needs of the community. (1992)

Arthur John Burman & Mildred S. Burman Memorial Fund $36,352
Art and Millie Burman met while students at Eureka High School and enjoyed almost half a century of marriage together. They raised two daughters and also shared in the ownership and operation of John Burman & Sons General Contractors, specializing in heavy road construction for state, county and private enterprises until their retirement in 1978. Millie passed away in August 1985 and Art in January 2007. This fund was established by their daughters, Deanna Pawlus and Brenda Jones, to honor their parents. The income from this fund will provide an annual scholarship to a high school graduate from Humboldt or Del Norte County who is pursuing a degree in civil engineering. (2007)

John Ellis & Linda S. Burman Memorial Fund $59,384
John Ellis and Linda Burman were married 19 years when John was tragically killed in a car accident. Linda served on the St. Joseph Hospital Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the YWCA and the Senior Citizens Foundation, and was active in other community activities. Linda left a portion of her estate to establish this endowment fund, with income available for discretionary purposes. (1991)

Helen Keesee Bushnell Fund $14,551
Remembering and honoring those who have passed was important to Helen and Don Bushnell. They established this fund to provide a space for anyone to memorialize a loved one in the Community Memorial Garden of the Community Presbyterian Church of Garberville. This garden is open to all. A memorial wall displays the names, and date of birth and death of those remembered. Helen Keesee Bushnell passed away January 29, 2014 leaving behind her husband of 60 years, six children, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. This fund will support the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the garden. (2011)

Butler Valley Fund $16,746
Butler Valley, Inc. is a non-profit corporation established in our community by Francis and Carole Carrington to ensure a normalized living environment for adults with developmental disabilities. Butler Valley’s mission is dedicated to affirming the sacredness of the human person and to create, establish and provide a place on the California North Coast to allow adults with developmental disabilities to reside in a safe and caring community setting, to enhance their quality of life and to participate in community programs, including Butler Valley’s Day Care and Active Treatment Program. (1999)

Paul & Elaine Cacci Scholarship Fund $8,571
Born in 1930, Paul Cacci was a well-known Humboldt County native and Rio Dell resident. He actively participated in sports throughout his school years at Rio Dell Elementary and Fortuna High. Paul and his wife Elaine owned and operated Cacci’s Market in Rio Dell for 21 years. Paul spent the next 19 years as a beverage salesman, winning top honors for salesmanship in the western United States and Canada. Later in life, Paul helped his daughter and son-in-law with their catering business at Sam’s Card, a horserace tip sheet, at the Humboldt County Fair for 28 years. Paul also was a member of the Elks Lodge, Redwood Grange #504, Redwood League Old Timers’ Baseball Team and an honorary member of the Rio Dell Fire Department. This fund, established by his wife Elaine Curless Cacci in 1999, provides scholarships to Fortuna High graduates interested in sports. (1999)

Mada Huggins Caldwell Endowment Fund $6,745
The Mada Huggins Caldwell Endowment Fund was established to assist youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who have been affected by violent crime. The fund was established by JoAnn Caldwell Sapper in memory of her mother, Mada Huggins Caldwell, who was kidnapped while working at a small country grocery store and later killed by her kidnapper. Mada was a
providing objective education, strengthening everyone involved in transfusion medicine by in the West Coast area. The CBBS supports transfusion and transplantation centers.

Our institutional members represent hospital membership, currently numbering over 500. Specialists make up the CBBS individual personnel and product management medical technologists, registered and administrators, clinical laboratory scientists, and community blood centers as well as.

The Wayne Caldwell, CFP®, Financial Literacy Scholarship Fund $9,295

The Wayne Caldwell, CFP®, Financial Literacy Scholarship Fund was established by Wayne Caldwell, who is one of the founders, former President, and current Chairman of the Board of Premier Financial Group. This fund was created to support higher education for our local youth, and to emphasize the importance of achieving financial independence and peace of mind. Applicants are required to submit a short essay on the importance of saving and investing for the future and planning for retirement. For more than 25 years, Premier Financial Group has been helping local families and businesses manage their investments and prepare for retirement. For students entering college, retirement probably seems too far in the future to address now. However, Premier understands the benefits of pairing financial literacy with a long time horizon and is committed to promoting these benefits with our youth and our community with this fund. (2009)

California Blood Bank Society Educational Fund $66,129

The mission statement of the California Blood Bank Society (CBBS), established in 1951 is, “We help save lives of people who need blood.” Physicians, scientists, administrators, clinical laboratory scientists, medical technologists, registered and licensed vocational nurses, donor-resource personnel and product management specialists make up the CBBS individual membership, currently numbering over 500. Our institutional members represent hospital and community blood centers as well as transfusion and transplantation centers. Individual and institutional members come from across the US, the majority being located in the West Coast area. The CBBS supports everyone involved in transfusion medicine by providing objective education, strengthening professional relationships, responding to regional issues and encouraging collaborative efforts. This advised expendable fund assists in the education of the members of the California Blood Bank Society. (2004)

California Faculty Association Scholarship Fund – Humboldt Chapter $12,376

The Humboldt Chapter of the California Faculty Association established this expendable organizational fund to provide for the organization’s charitable giving and to buffer unusual circumstances that may befall union members. The fund will support a variety of union activities as determined by the organization’s current executive board. Examples include, but are not limited to, scholarships for relatives of union members, disaster relief for union members and strike fund support. (2004)

California Retired Teachers Association #27 Scholarship Fund $32,806

The California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA) created this fund to provide annual scholarships to HSU students during their student teaching year, and to CR students enrolled in the AmeriCorps or Early Childhood Education programs. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence, have financial need and are pursuing a career in teaching. Students must also be graduates of a Humboldt or Del Norte County high school. The purposes of the North Coast Division #27 of the CRTA are to support public education, promote the professional interest of public school teachers, encourage the participation of retired teachers in community services endeavors, and provide a continuing statewide and local scholarship program. (1997)

James V. Callison Memorial Fund $11,995

James Callison was born in Eureka. After attending local schools and Oregon State University, he graduated from Humboldt State University in 1958. He worked with his father in the family business, Callison Truck Lines, until it was sold to Nielson Freight Lines. Jim worked for Nielson Freight Lines until the time of his death in 1986. A very active businessman, he was past president of the Rotary Club of Eureka, a member of the Ingomar Club Board of Directors, and past president of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce. In 1967, he served on the Grand Jury. Proceeds from this fund are used to benefit the Redwood Empire Scouting Program. (1986)

Bruce Cameron Memorial Fund $22,155

Bruce Cameron believed that “people should do good things for each other” and throughout his life, he lived that intention. An adventurer and sailor from the beginning, Bruce explored many parts of the world before settling in Arcata. During his life he kayaked the Amazon, spent months in the Malaysian jungles as well as extensive time in Peru, hunting for a lost city. But more than an ordinary traveler, Bruce was foremost a humanitarian, helping to build a school and hospital on the remote islands of Tonga. The people there remembered Bruce years later and welcomed his boat as he pulled onto the beach with great celebration. Bruce passed away in 2009. Because Bruce loved his life, his home and family and his natural surroundings, he demonstrated that love by making a last and lasting gift from his estate to support the work of the community through Humboldt Area Foundation. (2010)

Carranza Family Fund $31,334

In recognition of the many contributions given to the community by their parents, the children of Donald and Inez Carranza have established this advised expendable fund in honor of their parents’ memory. They also wish to continue the family’s tradition of charitable giving. The fund is used to meet a variety of community needs in Humboldt County and to a much lesser degree, in other communities throughout California. (2000)

Donald A. & Inez H. Carranza Scholarship Fund $145,954

Don and Inez were part of a partnership that founded Commercial Radio & Electronics Co. in 1948, pioneering two-way radio communications and marine electronics in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Inez also taught school in the Eureka City School system for over 20 years.
Don explained, “This area has been so good to us, we decided to give back a little of our wealth in the form of scholarships to local students.” A minimum of five scholarships provide annual financial support to graduates of Humboldt or Del Norte high schools interested in the sciences and/or teaching. An additional scholarship at Cal Poly in honor of Don’s father and himself, supports an undergraduate student majoring in either electrical engineering or electronics. A final scholarship assists a teaching student at Inez’s alma mater, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. Don died on December 17, 1998. Inez died on August 21, 2000. (1997)

Sarah Carter Scholarship Fund $316,351

The Sarah Carter Scholarship Fund is for Eureka High School seniors who wish to continue their education in the arts and humanities. The first scholarship was granted in 2000 at Eureka High School’s 50th year reunion of the Class of 1950. Mrs. Carter was a highly respected and successful teacher who, as a young woman, received a gift that allowed her to obtain a Master’s degree at UC Berkeley. An active member of the community, she was a consulting member of the Eureka Library Board, a publications editor for the League of Women Voters, a charter member of the Humboldt Branch of the American Association of University Women and active in Delta Kappa Gamma, a national association of women teachers. Mrs. Carter was a board member of the California Teachers Association for 12 years and became President of the CTA in 1960. In 1963 she moved to Redwood City, California and taught for six years at Sequoia High School, retiring in 1968. Sarah Carter turned 100 on December 15, 2004, passing away on August 28, 2005. (1997)

CASA Endowment Fund $172,251

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program was established in Humboldt County in 1991 to be a powerful voice for the community’s abused, neglected and abandoned children. CASA’s trained volunteers provide one-on-one advocacy to prevent these children from “falling through the cracks.” Advocates work with the child, child’s family, juvenile court and supporting agencies to ensure that each child is placed in a permanent, safe and loving home where they can live without fear. The endowment is used to provide on-going support to CASA volunteer advocates and the children they serve. (1999)

CASA Endowment Fund in Memory of Jessie Hansen $44,757

Corinne “Corky” Nordstrom established this fund to honor her mother, Jessie, “a courageous woman” born in 1891, who experienced the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906. Jessie graduated from San Francisco State Normal School and accepted a teaching position at a one-room school in Siskiyou County. While there, she lost an eye in a horse and buggy accident. Jessie never complained about her loss and never considered herself handicapped. She went on to teach the first special education classes in Berkeley before marrying Walter Nelson Hansen in 1921. They moved to Willow Creek during the 1940s and operated the Hansen Lumber Company until it was destroyed in the 1964 flood. Throughout her life, Jessie was involved with her family, her garden and her volunteer activities, the PTA, the Red Cross, and later, the Eureka Women’s Club. The purpose of the fund is to support the work of CASA in Humboldt County. (1999)

Kay Gott Chaffey Jacoby Book Fund $10,154

The Kay Gott Chaffey Jacoby Book Fund was established to remember and honor Victor Jacoby. The Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund supports Humboldt County visual artists and craftspersons and encourages the exploration of new ideas, materials, techniques, and promotes excellence. Kay Gott Chaffey created this fund to carry Victor Jacoby’s legacy forward through the printing of a book which highlights the artists who are selected each December to receive this prestigious award. The book was lovingly compiled by Kay Gott Chaffey, Bob Doran, Alan Sanborn and Gary Bloomfield, and will be updated annually through this fund. (2014)

Changing Tides Family Services Fund $33,865

Each day, Changing Tides Family Services makes it possible for thousands of children, youth, families and individuals to enhance their physical, emotional, or developmental well-being. Formerly the Humboldt Child Care Council, Changing Tides Family Services was established in 1975 by local residents with a focus on providing child care services to enable parents to work. Since then, numerous programs have been added to address unmet needs of families and the community. Some of these include nutrition services, mental health services, information and referral, and supportive programs for individuals who have developmental disabilities. Changing Tides Family Services is forward thinking and responsive, and will continue to help improve the health and wellness of our community in the years to come. (2013)

Chegwidden Family Memorial Scholarship Fund $2,009

The life of Robert “Cheg” Chegwidden was closely bound to Humboldt County and Eureka High School in particular. He attended Eureka High where his father, Theo, was coordinator of vocational instruction. After graduating from San Juan High School in Sacramento he attended Sacramento J.C. and then transferred to Humboldt State where he graduated with a major in history and his secondary teaching credential. After serving in the U.S. Army, his first teaching position was at Del Norte High School and he then spent thirty years teaching history and social science at Eureka High School. His two passions in life were closely interwoven: history and teaching. This scholarship will recognize and honor a Eureka High senior with similar passions. (2009)

Betty Chinn Fund for the Homeless

Betty grew up homeless in China but for the past 25 years has been a tireless advocate and caretaker to Humboldt County’s homeless and underserved populations. Twice a day, nearly 365 days a year, Betty delivers meals and coffee to
hundreds of people. Betty also provides toiletries, clothing, phone cards, bus tickets, blankets, and a host of other items. In addition, Betty supports the St. Vincent de Paul-Betty Chinn public showers and is currently focusing on developing Betty’s Place: a community center where the homeless can find comfort and connect to community. In 2008, California First Lady Maria Shriver presented Betty with the prestigious Minerva Award. In 2010, President Obama gave Betty the second highest civilian honor in the US, The Presidential Citizens Medal. Betty will be the first to say that it is the generous community that enables her outreach. All funds go directly to serving those in need. bettysblueangel.com. (2008)

Frances & Raleigh Christopher Memorial Fund $62,705
Family and religion were lifetime passions for Eileen Christopher. She established this fund in memory of her loving parents, Rollie and Frances Christopher. Eileen attended St. Bernard’s Academy and Eureka Junior and Senior High. She excelled in clerical and business classes. Eileen enjoyed traveling with friends and spending time with her niece and nephew, Sharon and Dennis Christopher. Eileen was a loyal and devoted lifetime member of the Young Ladies Institute of St. Bernard’s Parish. She spent her entire life in her family home in Eureka, and passed away five months after celebrating her 98th birthday. This fund will benefit St. Bernard’s Catholic Elementary School students through two scholarships. One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating student who achieves the highest grades in the subject of religion. The other will be awarded to the student who is at the top of the class academically. (2012)

Leslie Christopherson Memorial Fund $609,960
Leslie “Les” L. Christopherson was born and raised in the Blue Lake area. He lived at the family’s ranch on West End Road all his life. He spoke of riding the wagon into the Blue Lake train station as a child to pick up an order for his mother from Sears arriving by rail. Les spent his working career as the “Store Keeper” for Simpson Timber Company at the Korbel plant. During his tenure, he made many lifetime friends and formed the Bug Creek Recreational Club. He was a long time member of the Polled Hereford Association. Les was in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany. Les was a 50-year member of the Six Rivers Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rites Society, the IOOF, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Les passed away April 3, 2005. This fund will provide scholarships. (2007)

Dr. J. William & Martha Clague Fund $10,155
Bill and Martha moved to Eureka in 1958. Bill practiced general thoracic and vascular surgery for over thirty years. Their five children grew up here. Dr. Clague passed away on August 29, 2006. This fund is discretionary. (1997)

The Coastal Grove Charter School Pioneer Class Scholarship Fund
Fulfilling a life-long vision of founder Bettina Eipper, Waldorf methods-inspired Coastal Grove Charter School opened its doors to its first class of Kindergarten students in a single room on the campus of Sunset School in September 2002. The majority of this extraordinary Pioneer Class, as it came to be known, remained at Coastal Grove, under the guidance of their teacher Carlotta Clark, until their eighth grade graduation in June 2011, when the school had grown to a full K-8 located on the former Bloomfield campus. This fund was established by Lisa McCombs, whose daughter Morgan Brown is a member of the Pioneer Class, to coincide with the Class’ high school graduation in 2015. The scholarship will be awarded annually to high school seniors who graduated from Coastal Grove and who demonstrate leadership in the school’s principles of ”Head, Heart, Hands.” (2015)

Dorothy Coeur Memorial Fund $22,181
Dorothy K. Coeur impacted many people in her lifetime with her bright smile, warm heart and willingness to lend a helping hand to young and old alike. Income from this fund is available for humanitarian, cultural, educational and charitable purposes. (1988)

Madeline Rose Coker Memorial Fund $9,430 (2006)

Madeline Rose Coker Memorial Scholarship Fund $61,367
Madeline Rose Coker, born May 8, 1987, enjoyed life with her parents, Rebecca Coker and Arlen “Shag” Coker, and her many friends until her time was cut short in a tragic car accident, June 22, 2006. Maddie touched the lives of many people, living in the present moment and delighting in making others laugh. She was generous and kind-hearted, a defender of those in the position of the underdog, a true friend to her friends, a lover of people, animals, music and team sports. Maddie loved to create scrapbooks, collages and journals, saving reminders of special times in photos and words. She wrote once “I always knew one day I’d look back and laugh at the things that made me cry. I never knew I’d also cry one day at the things that had made me laugh.” Her friends and family remember Maddie with the creation of two funds: one to support a variety of charitable purposes in Southern Humboldt, the second to provide a scholarship to graduates of South Fork High School. (2006)

Marie Coleman Scholarship Fund $3,407
Marie Coleman designated Humboldt Area Foundation as the beneficiary of her IRA. After she passed away, Humboldt Area Foundation received her gift and created this fund in accordance with her wishes to provide a $1,000 scholarship each year to a student who resides in Curry County, Oregon. (2004)

College of the Redwoods Foundation Investment Fund
The mission of the College of the Redwoods Foundation is to support the educational programs of the Redwoods Community College District by soliciting and receiving gifts, dispensing funds to assist students, and promoting the general welfare of the College. The Foundation supports the College by managing endowments and scholarship funds for the benefit of the College and its students. (2015)
Community Assistance Fund
This advised expendable fund provides or supports activities that contribute to a healthy community. (1999)

Cooperative Community Fund $521,378
The Cooperative Community Fund (CCF) is a permanent endowment established and directed by members of the North Coast Cooperative, which awards grants to support projects and the work of community organizations in Humboldt County. Through collaborative grant making the Fund seeks to strengthen the community by emphasizing projects and activities that promote democratic cooperative principles, community development and food security. (1990)

Corbett Student Leadership Award $16,127
This annual award established by Kathryn L. Corbett is to recognize outstanding contributions of student leaders to the quality of community life in Humboldt and Del Norte. Enrolled students at accredited Humboldt County and Del Norte County High Schools, the College of the Redwoods, and Humboldt State University are eligible. Recognition of leadership contributions which enrich the community and its people is the aim of the award. Community may consist of school, neighborhood, city, town or county. Kathryn Corbett passed away in January 2016, at the age of 99. (2007)

Sandra Nancy Corcoran Memorial Fund $320,280
Sandra Corcoran, a community leader, beloved friend of many, and an inveterate Democrat, helped shape the political landscape of the region throughout the 1980s and 1990s. She held a degree in Geography from HSU and maintained a lifelong passion for travel and world history. She worked with Assemblyman Dan Hauser, held elected office in McKinleyville and dedicated herself to many projects that improved the lives of those less fortunate. She had a quiet countenance and extraordinary ability to engage in interesting conversation with everyone she met. She was a voracious reader, an ardent collector of antique glass, political ephemera and many other treasures. It was her desire that her estate, including her valuable collections, benefit the community she loved. This fund was established by Sandra to benefit Humboldt Library Foundation, Northcoast Environmental Center, Clarke Museum, Redwood Community Action Agency Trails Program and local organizations that support animal rescue and shelter. (2011)

Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship Fund $35,329
C. Graham Cottrell was raised with his two younger sisters on the Cottrell Ranch in Bridgeville, Humboldt County. While growing up there, he learned a respect for the beauty of the land and the abundance of natural resources available. The Cottrell Family established this fund at the request of C. Graham Cottrell as a memorial honoring their parents, Everett M. Cottrell and Barbara G. Cottrell, and their Aunt Helen Cottrell Larson for their love and generosity. Funds were contributed by the estates of C. Graham Cottrell, deceased October 23, 2014, Carolyn Cottrell Willits, deceased January 12, 2012, Cynthia Cottrell Rees and a number of caring friends of Graham. It was Graham’s wish that any student receiving a scholarship from this fund keep in mind the importance of protecting our natural resources while working in harmony with landowners who strive to do the same. (2014)

Cultural Heritage Fund $105,434
This donor advised fund supports arts and culture through community organizations such as libraries, museums and art centers. (2013)

Crichton Family Fund $25,334
E. William and Marjorie B. Crichton, established this fund to honor the family name and deceased family members. This family advised fund is used to benefit the community. (1989)

Helen G. Crozier Scholarship Fund $134,132
Originally from Montana, Helen Crozier came to Fortuna as a young adult to teach math at Fortuna High School for more than 30 years. Helen loved playing Scrabble, completing jigsaw puzzles, and watching college basketball. Her love of music led to providing piano lessons for many students, playing as an organist at several churches, and her active involvement in the Humboldt County Community Concert Series. Most of all, Helen loved to travel, keeping track of her trips on a wall map with pins marking the many places she visited. Helen stayed in touch with many of her students and enjoyed their visits and letters after her retirement. This endowment fund will provide a scholarship for graduates of Fortuna High as they continue their education. (2002)

Joseph P. Cruz Memorial Fund $18,901
Anne Souza Cruz, upon her passing on January 15, 2004, established this fund in memory of her late husband, Joseph P. Cruz. Joseph and Anne were totally devoted to the Little League Baseball program. Income from this fund will be used for the support and betterment of the Arcata Little League. (2005)

Tim Crossan Memorial Scholarship Fund $14,403
Tim Crossan, a native of Eureka and graduate of Eureka High School, attended College of the Redwoods. Tim loved sports, his favorite being baseball, which he played all through school and with the Humboldt Crabs. Tim passed away in April 1983. This memorial scholarship was set up by family and friends for a Eureka High School senior who will attend either a two or a four-year college, who was involved in school activities, and who earned at least one varsity letter. (1992)
Nelo Dal Porto Memorial Fund $14,102

Nelo was born in Arcata. He was a businessman who owned and operated North Town 5 & 10 Cent Store, Hutchins Grocery and 4th Street Market & Deli. He loved the San Francisco Giants and the 49ers. He also enjoyed going to the Ferndale Fair and the horse races. He loved his place at Willow Creek with his family and many friends. He belonged to St. Mary’s Church, Sons of Italy and the Italian Catholic Federation. He belonged to the North Arcata Kiwanis Club for 25 years. On January 6, 1940, he married the love of his life, Lena, at St. Peter and Paul church in North Beach, San Francisco. He was married close to 67 years. Nelo had 2 children, Michael and Diana, 8 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. He served in the Navy in WWII from 1944 to 1946 in the Pacific Theater. (2007)

Helen Davis Memorial Fund $270,615

Helen was born on November 15, 1900, on a farm in Illinois. Her family later moved to the “wild west,” a town called Round Up in Montana where she married Dave Davis in 1926. Eventually the couple found their way to Arcata where Dave operated a barbershop and served on the City Council. Helen became a Campfire Girls leader, inviting as many as 60 girls a week into her home. She also invited the boys who lived at the Presbyterian rooming house to her home for dinner once a month. At age 76, Helen began volunteering at the Presbyterian Thrift Shop, continuing until age 92. Declining health finally restricted Helen to her home where she died on June 2, 2003, leaving behind many grateful friends and admirers. Humboldt Area Foundation established this fund to thank and honor Helen for her gift to the Foundation. Grants will be made to a variety of charitable causes. (2004)

Dancing Yak Fund $12,126

The Dancing Yak Fund was established to provide financial support to social service agencies and programs that assist individuals with making meaningful choices in their lives. Every individual regardless of their circumstances should have the right to make important decisions about themselves and about how they live. Sometimes they just need a little help, whether through education, assistance with medical care, housing or food, or any other program that can give them the tools they need to make those important choices. In addition, some funding will be available to assist with providing medical care for companion animals. (2011)

Ernie Cunningham Memorial Scholarship Fund $7,848

Ernie Cunningham became one of the first teachers and the first athletic coach at St. Bernard’s High School. Ernie was a Humboldt County native and graduated from Eureka High School and HSU, where he played basketball and earned a Master’s degree. His career included St. Bernard’s and Arcata High Schools, where he was an English teacher, varsity basketball and football coach, school counselor and Dean of Students. Ernie later became an administrator for the Eureka City Schools. He was elected to the Halls of Fame at St. Bernard’s and Arcata High Schools, as well as HSU. During his coaching career, his teams won 20 C.I.F. championships, of which 10 were undefeated. Ernie touched the lives of many students and athletes by setting an example as a kind, fair and understanding teacher and coach. His family established this scholarship to be awarded to an incoming freshman at St. Bernard’s High School. (2009)

Marguerite L. & General William T. Daly Fund $17,345

Marguerite L. “Tini” and General William T. Daly established three funds to provide perpetual support of institutions to which they have been committed throughout their years together in Humboldt County. These funds are the Tini Daly Humane Society Fund, the Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum Fund, and the General William T. Daly HSU Scholarship Fund. Tini Daly passed away on March 3, 2004. General Daly passed away on September 10, 2008. (1994)

Dalianes Kids N’ Cancer Fund $45,873

Thanos “Art” and Marguerite Dalianes established this fund in 1983 in memory of Thanos’ parents. His father, Gust Dalianes, was a native of Greece and a 38-year resident of Humboldt County. His mother, Eugenia, was born in Asia Minor and passed away in May, 1997. This fund supports Camp for Kids N’ Cancer in Arizona and is under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Church. (1983)

Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum Fund $14,102

This fund supports the Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum at the Tini Daly Humane Society, the Tini Daly Humane Society Fund, and the Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum Fund. Marguerite L. “Tini” and General William T. Daly established these funds to provide perpetual support of institutions to which they have been committed throughout their years together in Humboldt County. These funds are the Tini Daly Humane Society Fund, the Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum Fund, and the General William T. Daly HSU Scholarship Fund. Tini Daly passed away on March 3, 2004. General Daly passed away on September 10, 2008. (1994)

Humboldt County native Helen Davis was born on September 10, 2008. (1994)

James C. & June L. Gonion Davis Memorial Fund $20,169

Eureka High School and served in the World War II US Army Air Corps. He was a hairstylist/barber from 1947-1985. He enjoyed many friends and customers over the years. Jim’s wife June Gonion Davis attended elementary school in Fortuna, high school in Eureka, and earned her teaching credential from HSU. During WWII she worked at the Alameda Naval Air Base. Later she was a high school English teacher and exercise instructor of 35 years for Eureka Adult School. This fund was established by June and expanded after her passing by Jim and June’s sons, Dan and Marc Davis. This fund is to be used for the Companion Animal Foundation and Bless the Beasts as well as other deserving animal shelters. (2011)
Mary Davison was born on October 1, 1893 in Denmark. When she was 12 years old her family migrated to the Eureka area. She married John W. Davison of Orick on January 3, 1916. They had one child, Marian. Except for a few years in Orick, the family lived in Eureka where Mary devoted her life to her family and her home. She loved her garden and was a talented artist. Mary also had a great love for children and the neighborhood children were all her friends. When Mary died on February 21, 1985 at the age of 92, her daughter Marian established this fund in her memory to benefit youth. (1985)

Susan was a loving wife, mother, teacher, and friend. She taught kindergarten and first grade at Hydesville School for over 30 years. Susan’s friendly smile and demeanor were her trademark. She always modeled the highest standards whether in or out of the classroom. Her contributions to her family, friends, school, and community will continue to be an inspiration to all who had the honor and pleasure to know her. (2007)

Dick Denbo served 20 years as manager of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce, providing enthusiasm and leadership which encouraged a prosperous economy. Dick can be credited for miles of new highway, the dredging of our harbor, the building of the Samoa Bridge and the renovation of the Sequoia Park Zoo. Dick served during WWII as a Major in the Chaplains Corps 38th Combat Infantry. This is where he met and later married Julia Martin Conroy. Julia was serving in the Army Nurse Corps, reaching the rank of Second Lieutenant. At war’s end, Julia launched her brilliant 30-year teaching career with Eureka City Schools. She had a love of teaching. Her ability to connect with students was recognized when elected “Teacher of the Year”. She was an inspirational teacher who will not soon be forgotten. Dick passed in 1980 and Julia passed in 2011. Fund income benefits Hospice of Humboldt. (1980)

The Disc Golf Development Fund was created by Par Infinity Disc Golf Club to promote and cultivate the sport of disc golf in Humboldt County. Disc golf is a sport that can be enjoyed by a wide variety of people. As the popularity of the sport grows worldwide we will continue its growth locally as well. In doing so, we will add to the bounty of free and accessible recreational opportunities in the county. This will be accomplished through the three goals of the fund: 1. Promote and create youth disc golf programs and events. 2. Encourage and fund local course development. 3. Purchase property for a disc golf course/complex. (2013)

The family of retired veterinarian Dr. Leslie R. Douglas, DVM started this fund in his honor as he completed his term as President of the Ingomar Club. The fund will give scholarships to local students who plan to study veterinary medicine, agriculture, or a related field. Doc Douglas passed away on June 19, 2008. (2005)
It's not often a teacher is able to mentor a student for life. However, in Sarah Carter's case, she has several former students telling her story and singing her praises long after she has gone. This mentorship expands annually as new students are selected as scholarship recipients to the Sarah Carter Scholarship Fund.

Sarah Carter was a highly respected and inspiring English teacher at Eureka High School from 1930 to 1963. Her passion for teaching went far beyond the classroom. She prioritized her students' needs above her own and dedicated her entire life to getting to know people for who they were. She constantly pushed her students to reach their highest potential, no matter how many obstacles stood in the way. Although she did not have children, she treated each of her students with the love and compassion they deserved, as if they were her own.

As a young woman, she received a gift that allowed her to obtain a master's degree at U.C. Berkeley. According to Sarah, this opportunity changed the course of her life, so upon her retirement in 1999, she decided to pay it forward to help future Eureka High School students pursuing their own educational goals in arts and humanities.

Sarah passed away at 101 years of age. To this day, her fund has granted over 84 scholarships to 66 students for a total of $97,450. The Fund committee is comprised of her former students.

"My life, as I see it, is a graceful curving line that has come full circle. That line encompasses a life of meaningful adventure, a field of rich friendship, and a career of proud and gratifying achievement. I spent the years from 1930 to 1963, the most purposeful and meaningful in my life, in a classroom at Eureka High School." — Sarah Carter (written at age 93)

She knew how to bring out the best in her students. We wouldn't have disappointed her for anything.

Doris Mullen
former student
Travis McKinley Dow Memorial Scholarship Fund $10,750

Travis graduated HSU in 1994 with a major in Theatre Arts. There he fronted his first band The River, named for the six rivers. He married his college sweetheart Lori Butler at Fieldbrook Winery in a storybook wedding. He wrote his first songs while at HSU, inspired by the beauty of the area. He fronted five more bands, achieving a contract with Jericho Records for his San Francisco band, Cal Hollow. He recorded three albums with the Katie Todd Band in Chicago and multiple solo and band CDs. He co-created the award winning Portland Concrete Cowboys, penning two albums of original songs. In all he wrote or co-wrote close to three hundred songs. He said, “something unique happens when songwriters collaborate - their souls touch, changing things from the ordinary to the sublime.” After a battle with aggressive cancer, Travis passed away on his 41st birthday. His wish was to share the creative quest with others. reverbnation.com/travisdow, Spotify, Youtube, Facebook. (2013)

Dows Prairie Educational Foundation $10,277

The Dows Prairie Educational Foundation was established in 1998 by parents and teachers at Dows Prairie School in McKinleyville. The purpose of the Foundation is to enhance in-depth study of fine arts, sciences, mathematics, social sciences, language arts and technology at the school. (1998)

Drop in the Button Fund $9,797

The Wolff Family established the Drop in the Button Fund as a small family fund that’s just beginning to meet and define how best to use limited resources to make the world a better place, in some small ways. They meet as a family yearly and decide as a group how to best use resources. The Drop in the Button Fund is dedicated to engaging the family across four generations to find and support small nonprofits providing hands-on services to those who can directly benefit from the gift. The current name came from a slip of tongue intending to say they did not want the funds to be a “drop in the bucket” of a larger organization. The laughter that followed is representative of the joy they would like funds to bring to others. (2007)

Ardyce Dysert Memorial Fund $13,191

Ardyce “Ardy” Nadeen Dyert was born December 4, 1929 in Eureka, spending her childhood there, graduating from Eureka High School in 1946 and then marrying George Dyert. Together they had five daughters. In 1965, Ardy left Eureka for Chico and Kneeland before settling in Fortuna and spending 20 years working at Fortuna High School. She developed many meaningful relationships over the years with staff and students, based on mutual love and respect. Ardy was known for her strength of character and ability to rise above adversity. She was proud of her Norwegian heritage, an avid reader and bridge player and a lifetime fan of both the Giants and the Rams. This fund was created to honor Ardy at the time of her death on September 2, 2006. It provides scholarships to students graduating from Fortuna High School and an annual grant for students who need season soccer passes and soccer equipment. (2006)

Kevin Ebbert Memorial Fund $18,164

Kevin R. Ebbert was born in 1980 and grew up in Arcata. As a boy he loved backpacking, rafting and drawing. As a young adult he played Ultimate Frisbee, was an accomplished musician, loved learning and was an avid reader. Kevin grew into a caring man who practiced his values, lived by his ideals and was committed to helping others. Kevin graduated from Arcata High School, received a bachelor’s degree in music from UC Santa Cruz and became an active duty Navy SEAL and Corpsman. He hoped to build on his training as a Corpsman to pursue a career as a physician. Kevin married Ursula (Jansson) Ebbert in 2011. The couple shared a love of the outdoors and enjoyed family gatherings. Kevin was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012. Funds will be given in honor of Kevin to organizations that support education, protecting the outdoors, medical care, wounded warriors and the families of the fallen. (2012)

Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund

Ecotrust’s mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity and environmental well-being. Ecotrust established its Indigenous Affairs Program to promote, recognize, and support a growing network of Native leaders; increase outdoor education opportunities for Native youth in culture, natural resource stewardship, and land management; and restore Native lands and their resources for future generations. As part of this initiative, the contemporary education of the next generation of Native Leaders is critical. Their ability to preserve and protect their Native and natural legacy will be strengthened and empowered by contemporary education. In 2006, Ecotrust received specific grant funds from an anonymous donor for the purpose of supporting access to undergraduate and
Dorothy Egan Memorial Fund $869,242

Dorothy Mae Egan was born and raised in Scotia. Dorothy met and married Victor Egan. Together they built a home and settled in Eureka. Her greatest joy came from taking care of their home. If you were to walk by, you would find Dorothy working tirelessly in her yard. It was Dorothy’s wish that her estate be given to Humboldt Area Foundation to be used to benefit the people and needs of Humboldt County. (2010)

Orvamae Emmerson Endowment Fund $4,619,560

Long time local resident Orvamae Emmerson, was born August 14, 1916. She left her home in Illinois as a young woman and traveled to San Francisco, finding employment with PG&E. There she met R.H. “Curly” Emmerson and eventually married this “handsome man with silver wavy hair.” Orvamae moved with Curley to Arcata where he was involved in the lumber industry. She was a member of Humboldt Sponsors, the Ingomar Club, Baywood Golf & Country Club and the Cattlemen’s Association. Orvamae passed away December 20, 2006, leaving a generous gift of property to further her charitable intentions. The Orvamae Emmerson Room at Humboldt Area Foundation is available for non-profit use throughout our region. She noted in her trust that she was especially interested in supporting the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department, the Arcata Police Department and the treatment and prevention of arthritis and heart disease. (2007)

Fern Wymore Enke Fund $22,565

Fern Enke retired in 1982 after working for 50 years with Matthews Machinery Company. During her employment and retirement, she was an incredible volunteer. She served as Chairman and life member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in Eureka; President and life member of the Soroptimist Club of Eureka; President of the Republican Women’s Club of Eureka; Chairman of the Humboldt County Republican Central Committee; President of the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Eureka and Redwood Empire District. Fern also served on the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society, Eureka Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt Humane Society, United Way, Junior Achievement, Redwood Region Conservation Council, Crippled Children’s Society of Humboldt and the Eureka Emblem Club. Fern established this fund in 1983 to assist non-profit organizations of Humboldt County with the purchase of supplies and small items of equipment. She passed away in January 1997. (1983)

Eureka Church of the Nazarene Marriage Enrichment and Counseling Subsidy Fund $13,667

The pornography industry is larger than the revenues of the top technology companies combined: Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo!, Apple, Netflix and EarthLink. Pornography and sexual addiction are corrupting our society – destroying marriages, families, careers, and even churches. With this in mind, the Eureka Church of the Nazarene Marriage Enrichment and Counseling Subsidy Fund has been established to support its marriages and families in two ways: first, by providing marriage conferences; and second, by offsetting the costs for travel, accommodations and enrollment at a Christian-based counseling facility specializing in sexual addiction issues. (2010)

Eureka City Schools Foundation $5,234

Eureka City Schools has established an educational fund to support its mission of “creating partnerships with the community.” Donations to the fund provide an opportunity to invest in student programs and activities that go above and beyond the ability of the schools to support. Parents, current and retired staff, alumni and community members may make positive investments by helping to expand educational opportunities for the students of Eureka City Schools. Eureka City Schools operates four elementary schools: Alice Birney, Grant, Lafayette and Washington; Winship and Zane Middle School; three high schools: Eureka High School, Humboldt Bay and Zoe Barnum; the Eureka Adult School and Winzler Children’s Center. (2006)

EHS Class of ’56 Richard Ames Music Scholarship Fund $39,193

A group of classmates of the Eureka High School (EHS) Class of 1956 has established this advised endowment fund to honor Richard Ames for his many years of dedication to the welfare of their class. Income from this fund provides an annual scholarship to an outstanding music student at EHS. (2001)

EHS Classes of 1941 Scholarship Fund $19,132

Eureka High School classes of 1941 established a scholarship fund that will assist a deserving student in furthering his or her college education. (1999)

Eureka, California – Nelson, New Zealand Sister Cities Program Fund

The Sister City Program between Eureka and Nelson, New Zealand forges an on-going, collaborative relationship between peoples of the Humboldt Bay and Tasman Bay areas. Both bay regions were settled in the 1840s – 1860s. Recently the economic strength of forestry, fishing and agriculture, in each region, has been shifting toward cultural tourism, specialty manufacturing, and e-commerce. The primary purpose of the Eureka, CA-Nelson, NZ Sister City Program is to share concepts and resources for the enhancement of life quality and the strengthening of global ties. Three areas of emphasis include educational exchanges for all age groups, the pursuit of economic development in both regions and the exchange and sharing of a full array of the arts, including literary, textile, visual, performing, electronic/digital and musical arts. Local schools, colleges, community clubs, business groups, Chambers of Commerce, arts organizations and others pair with their “sister” counterpart organization for the enrichment of all involved. (2002)
Eureka Theater Buy-a-Seat Fund

In 1939, the Eureka Theater opened its doors to a community enchanted by this ultra-modern movie palace. The Buy-a-Seat Fund supports the restoration of the Theater to its Streamline Moderne architectural glory. The Theater re-opened in 2000 as the Eureka Concert and Film Center, a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers and dedicated to providing a space for film, live music, and events celebrating local arts and culture. The Theater has partnered with local businesses, non-profit organizations, elementary schools, and community organizations to host a variety of special events. With its spacious auditorium and lively dance floor, the Eureka Theater is an annual venue for the Redwood Coast Music Festival. To top it off, the Theater features a monthly program of classic films. This fund supports the revitalization of the historic Eureka Theater. (2014)

Evergreen Lodge Fund $88,221

This fund was established in 1989 to assist with the construction and operation of Evergreen Lodge in Eureka. This facility provides a home-away-from-home for cancer patients and their families or special friends, as they undergo extensive medical treatment at local health care facilities. (1989)

Wendy Ewald Memorial Fund $6,947

Wendy Ewald moved to Trinidad in 1980 while attending Humboldt State University. After teaching at Lafayette School in Eureka, she focused on her family and interest in education and fitness through community service. Wendy served as a CASA, President of the Big Lagoon School Board, President of the Trinidad School Site Council, board member for Inside Sports and was co-director of Humboldt TriKids Triathlon at the time of her death in 2008. Because both her children graduated from Trinidad School, Wendy spent considerable energy in support of the school. Her passion for running led her to initiate the popular Jogging and Walking Stars (JAWS) program, a stint as cross country coach, and culminated in the acquisition of funds to build the track at Trinidad School. In tribute to her life-long support of youth fitness and dedication to Trinidad School, this fund will support athletics at Trinidad School. (2009)

Ferndale Museum Memorial Fund $18,367

The purpose of the Ferndale Museum, as an historical and educational museum, is to foster an appreciation and understanding of the culture and heritage of Ferndale, the lower Eel River Valley and the area as far south as the Mattole River Valley. These objectives are to be achieved through the collection, preservation and display of artifacts that pertain to or were used by the residents of the area. The museum will conduct research and publish material of an historical nature for the education and interest of residents and visitors. Memorial and honorary gifts to this discretionary fund are used for special needs such as acquisitions, equipment or projects. (1998)

William F. Ferroggiaro, Jr. Fellowship for Teen Leadership $25,840

A portion of Humboldt Area Foundation’s Scholars’ Fund was renamed and redirected to honor William F. Ferroggiaro, Jr., a highly respected and much loved Superior Court judge who died in 1997. Judge Ferroggiaro worked tirelessly from his position to improve conditions for the less fortunate on the North Coast, most often children and teenagers, demonstrating how the influence and power of the court could contribute to community-wide improvement. His direction and support helped the Teen Center in Eureka become a reality. A man of tremendous integrity who was into his third term as Superior Court judge when he died, was known as a great humanitarian. Judge Ferroggiaro’s influence was profound and high reaching. The fund’s purpose is to support the further development of character and leadership qualities in teens. Grants are awarded to area teens who have provided exceptional service to the community. (1997)

Fieldbrook Educational Foundation Fund $186,780

The Fieldbrook Educational Foundation Fund (FEF Fund) is dedicated to enhancing the educational environment of the Fieldbrook School community. The FEF facilitates charitable giving and raises funds to support classroom teachers and their curricula, to supplement existing school programs, to develop and implement plans for playground improvements for school and community use, and to support programs that provide educational enrichment for the residents of Fieldbrook. The FEF Fund continues to grow through generous contributions from parents, teachers, students, friends and residents of Fieldbrook and through fundraising events and pledge drives. (1996)

Irene E. Finney Memorial Fund $65,567

Irene E. Finney was born in Boston on August 16, 1911, moving to Portland at age 2 and spent most of her younger years in the Northwest. At age 19, she found herself in Eureka, employed as an usherette for the George Mann Theater. During WWII, Irene moved to Long Beach. There she met and married Paul J. Finney. After the war, the couple moved to Eureka, where Irene was employed for 21 years by the Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans. She passed away at age 89 in March 2001. Because of her love and concern for animals, Irene established this endowment fund with a bequest. Fund income provides on-going support for the Sequoia Humane Society of Humboldt County, an organization in which Irene was active for more than 25 years. (2001)

First 5 Humboldt Fund $6,048

FIRST 5 HUMBDLTD’S vision is that all Humboldt County children thrive in healthy, supportive, nurturing families and neighborhoods, enter school ready to learn and become active participants of their communities. To achieve this vision,
First Presbyterian Church of Eureka International Student Fund $19,063

The First Presbyterian Church of Eureka International Student Fund scholarship is awarded to one student per year, to be used for tuition, books and expenses. The applicant must have a US student visa and a sponsor, attend College of the Redwoods or Humboldt State University, and demonstrate financial need. As a part of the First Presbyterian Church’s mission to help people in need, it is committed to assisting international students in their pursuit of an education in order to improve their lives and their communities. (2007)

First Presbyterian Church of Eureka International Student Scholarship Fund 140,774

The First Presbyterian Church of Eureka International Student Scholarship Fund supports one student per year, to be used for tuition, books and expenses. The applicant must have a US student visa and a sponsor, attend College of the Redwoods or Humboldt State University, and demonstrate financial need. As a part of the First Presbyterian Church’s mission to help people in need, it is committed to assisting international students in their pursuit of an education in order to improve their lives and the lives of their people. (1997)

Marjorie Fitzpatrick Cookbook Scholarship Fund $140,774

HSU Youth Education Services (Y.E.S.) has volunteered working in community-based programs that serve local youth, seniors, low-income families and disabled persons. This fund was established in 1985 by the Y.E.S. Fiscal Wellness Committee with the publication of A Taste of Humboldt, a cookbook offering local ethnic diversity and historic heritage. Proceeds have created this endowment to provide financial aid to volunteer Y.E.S. student program directors. (1985)

Fly Humboldt Fund $66,037

Fly Humboldt is committed to increasing flight options in and out of Humboldt County by providing more reliable air service to and from more destinations. Supporting the Fly Humboldt Fund helps support our local economy by increasing tourism to our region which supports local businesses, helps us get to places when we need to, and keeps us connected to the rest of the world. Contributions to this fund are encouraged. For more information visit flyhumboldt.org. (2014)

Flynn Family Fund $4,434

Established by Tim Flynn, a member of the St. Bernard’s High School Class of 1968 and a founder of ValuJet Airlines, this advised fund benefits St. Bernard’s High. The Board of Directors of St. Bernard’s High will act as advisors, recommending distributions from this expendable fund. Ten percent of the fund has been designated specifically for the school’s golf and wrestling programs. (1998)

Follow Your Heart Fund $5,294

To follow one’s heart is often difficult, terrifying, yet most often, infinitely rewarding. In 1999, Jenna MacFarlane relocated to Humboldt County in search of a hiatus from the fast-paced urban world to pursue personal goals. One of those goals was completion of her baccalaureate degree, which happened by mid-2002. Continuing her education had been a dream since her mid-twenties. Jenna wrote, “To interrupt my career, my ‘place’ in life, was almost more than I had the courage to withstand. Challenges aside, the gift of my degree has enhanced many areas of my life and given me the yearning to pass along the gift to other women with a similar dream.” Jenna’s endowment fund is tailored toward returning female students attending Humboldt State University who wish to finish a bachelor’s degree and take the grand leap of faith into life’s pool of opportunity. (2005)

Food for People Fund $11,475

Food for People (FFP) is dedicated to eliminating hunger and improving the health and well-being of our community through access to healthy and nutritious foods, community education, and advocacy. Food for People programs reach 9,000-10,000 low income individuals each month through a countywide network of food pantries, child nutrition and senior programs, cooking classes and other safety net services. This fund was created to help Food for People attain its vision of a community where no one is hungry and everyone in Humboldt County has access to good quality, nutritious food. Each one of us has a role to play in creating a strong, healthy community. This fund was created by a Food for People board member in honor of all the wonderful FFP volunteers – volunteers who are creating the change they want to see in the world. (2007)

Jacalyn (Jackie) Foote Memorial Fund $13,643

Jacalyn (Jackie) Foote was born and raised in Marin County, California. She attended the University of Redlands and graduated Cum Laude from Boston University in 1970. Highlights of college included a semester abroad in Salzburg, Austria, participating in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and achieving finalist’s rank in a national Hearst Photojournalism Competition. Jackie married Willard Foote and they moved to Humboldt County in 1980. Besides being a creative and enthusiastic mother to her children, Adam and Rachel, Jackie contributed leadership skills to community organizations including the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Arcata Elementary School Board of Trustees and Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. For 14 years, Jackie was involved in Arcata High School’s Career and College Center. She treasured the opportunity to assist young people in planning their futures. Jackie passed away March 22, 2008. This fund will support Arcata High School’s Career and College Center. (2008)

Footprint Fund $8,122

The mission of the Footprint Foundation is to foster deep and meaningful connections to place. We strive to enrich learning, honor the natural environment and build a creative culture. The Foundation’s approach to philanthropy focuses on place-based grants in Chattanooga, Tennessee and northern California that support people with innovative approaches for strengthening community. We value efforts that involve attracting and retaining talent, underserved populations, risk-taking, entrepreneurial thinking, collaboration, public spaces, artists, public education, conservation and place making. Footprint does not make grants toward capital campaigns, capital projects or annual campaigns. Grant requests are received by invitation only. (2014)
Brayden Allen Ford Foundation $113,430

Brayden Allen Ford was blessed to be born in a family full of love. He was a beautiful, innocent baby boy with wispy blond hair, deep brown eyes and a smile that lit up any room. This irresistible smile was sometimes mischievous, earning him the nickname “Little Monster” as he moved on to make mess after mess! Brayden enjoyed a short but very happy life from October 23, 2007 to September 19, 2008 with an extended family that began with his parents, Travis & Renee Ford, his brother Jeran, his paternal grandparents La Verne & Tim Ford and his maternal grandparents, Linda & Fred Sundquist, who created this endowment fund in his memory. Members of the family will serve as advisors to the fund, deciding together which charitable purposes they want to support each year, in remembrance of this special little boy. (2008)

Katherine Lucille Forsyth Ford Memorial Fund $49,727

Katherine, a native and life-long resident of Humboldt County, was a major participant in the family-controlled logging and livestock companies. Established in 1990 by the Ford family, income from the fund benefits the Arcata-Mckinleyville High School Orchestra. (1990)

Nancy Forrest Theater Arts Endowment Fund $12,850

This fund was created with an initial gift from the MiaBo Foundation Fund to support theater arts activities at Equinox School in Arcata. The fund is named in honor of Nancy Forrest, the drama coach and inspirational leader of the school’s theater arts program. (1999)

Fortuna Kiwanis Youth Fund $21,684

The Fortuna Kiwanis Club supports activities for youth in the Fortuna area. The club established this advised expendable fund to provide annual scholarships and other special funds for worthwhile youth activities and programs. (2000)

Fortuna Senior Services Building Fund $44,712

Fortuna Senior Services is committed to providing a forum and a facility that will enrich, empower and involve the lives of the senior community living in and around the Fortuna area. The vision of Fortuna Senior Services is to be the central resource which coordinates and delivers needed services and opportunities for all seniors in one central location. This fund will be used to build, buy, maintain and operate a Senior Center in Fortuna. (2006)

Fortuna Senior Services Martha Betschart Memorial Fund $256,149

Martha Betschart was an active volunteer and caring member of the Fortuna Senior Services. She participated in everything available to senior citizens. Martha was especially concerned with the nutrition of senior citizens living in the Fortuna area. She witnessed and experienced this by volunteering as a meal deliverer for meals on wheels and helping at the Senior Dining Hall. Martha was always willing to help with the Brown Bag Food for People Program with whatever needed to be done — sometimes even delivering the bags of food to seniors. This fund was established to allow Fortuna Senior Services to utilize the funds to promote and expand the quality and creativity of a senior meal program in a senior center. (2007)

Fortuna United Methodist Church Endowment Fund $63,919

The Fortuna United Methodist Church Endowment Fund was established as a vehicle for members and friends of this church to contribute toward its long-term financial health. Each year the appropriate church committee determines how the interest income from the endowment is used to further the mission of the Church. The purpose of the fund is to give the Church a continuing source of financial support for activities and projects, which are not within the general church budget. Individuals and families may add to the fund at any time by pledge, cash or inclusion of the fund in their estate plans. The principal will never be spent; only the interest is distributed back to the Church by the Foundation. (1998)

Alfred “Al” Foster Memorial Fund $11,989

Alfred Andrew Foster was born in Eureka on June 28, 1914 to Andrew and Hilda Foster. Growing up in Eureka and Trinidad with his beloved grandparents, Jack and Kitty Jackson, he acquired a lifelong passion for music and dancing. He attended Arcata High School, leaving after his grandfather’s death to work at ranches in the area, exposing him to the traditions and foods of Portuguese, Italian, and other cultures. Al worked for Hammond Lumber Company and retired from Simpson Timber Company in 1979. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Friendship Circle. “Alfredo” as many friends called him, loved dancing fast to Dixieland Jazz and Swing. He and his partner, Lena, enjoyed Dixieland Jazz festivals, but appreciated the Eureka Dixieland Jazz Festival most. He enjoyed good food, animals and the love of many friends. This fund supports Sequoia Humane Society and the Eureka High School music program. (2006)

Fox Family Fund $11,998

Larry and Brooke Fox developed this fund out of appreciation for Christian education and Christian arts. They are thankful for the academic and life skills training their five sons received at Arcata Christian School. As their sons have continued to practice Biblical principals in their adult lives, they have been a blessing in other countries, here in the US, and in their respective communities through their music, good counsel and example. Larry and Brooke have also seen the value of excellent artistic expression that reflects God and gives glory back to Him. They want to assist programs of excellence, such as the Messiah School of the Arts that have so positively affected the members of our community, both young and old. (2003)
John & Barbara Francek Memorial Fund $45,615

John and Barbara Francek moved from Manhattan Beach to the banks of the Eel River in Southern Humboldt in 1972. John enjoyed a long career testing aircraft for the Department of Transportation while Barbara traveled as a stewardess for Western Airlines. Life-long volunteers, the Franceks contributed to their community in a variety of roles, including John’s 10 years as bookkeeper for the Healy Senior Center. Barbara served for 12 years as a member of the Board for Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice and then as a member of the Cedar Street Senior Apartments, Inc. Board of Directors. Barbara died on April 29, 2001. John died on May 28, 2003. The Franceks created this discretionary field of interest fund with the remainder from their charitable remainder trust. Income will be used for charitable purposes in Southern Humboldt. (2003)

Alice Nelson Franks Scholarship Fund $16,374

Mrs. Franks established this fund in memory of her parents, A. C. Nelson and Marie Teichgraber Nelson, and her late brothers and sisters, Walter Nelson, Emma Cathey, Frank Nelson, Mabel See and Anne Sorenson. Scholarships are available to Humboldt County high school seniors and previous graduates who have been away from school for at least five years. Recipients must have a parent or grandparent who attended a Humboldt County high school. (1986)

Ernest & May Freeman Trust Fund $3,949,961

May Lizzie Freeman was born on May 17, 1909, at Bald Mountain, Korbel, California, the fourth child of Robert and Rachel Carlisle McGaughhey who had immigrated from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. May met Ernest David Freeman while attending Eureka Business College. They were married in May 1932 and founded the Freeman Insurance Agency together. May helped start the local chapter of the Humane Society and was a longtime champion of animal protection. The Freemans created a marital trust to benefit their nephew, Marvin McGaughey, and his family, in appreciation for the care they gave to May during her last years. They also created a fund to be used in perpetuity for the spay and neuter of Humboldt County cats and dogs. Ernest died on October 15, 1997, and May died on December 30, 2005. (2006)

Susan Freeman Science Scholarship Fund $11,107

Susan Freeman, a well-known local educator, was a graduate of the University of California at Davis. Sue believed in education and had a passion for the sciences. Sue received her Master’s degree and administrator’s credential from Humboldt State University. She was a popular science teacher at Sunnybrae Middle School for 16 years and was the Assistant Principal at Zane Middle School for the last two years of her life. During her teaching career, Sue was honored with the “Excellence in Education” awarded to outstanding Humboldt County teachers, was selected by the National Science Foundation to participate at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts, the Marine Research Field Expedition in Key Largo, Florida, and to work with the Monterey Bay Aquarium doing research in Baja, California. Sue was also an athlete, a NCAA Tennis Champion, rode the 100-mile Tour of the Unknown Coast and in the Kinetic Sculpture Race. Hope through science was Sue’s philosophy. (2002)

Margarita M. & Claudio J. Freixas Spanish Scholarship Fund $30,383

Margarita M. Freixas was born in Havana, Cuba on March 30, 1924. She worked as a kindergarten teacher for 16 years, until she moved to this country on November 1, 1961. Margarita came to Arcata in 1965, where she made her home until her death on December 31, 1992. She taught Spanish at many different levels, from grade school to Humboldt State University. She will always be remembered as a dedicated, warm and caring instructor. Claudio J. Freixas was a Professor Emeritus of Humboldt State University. He established this fund in memory of his lovely and loving wife. Dr. Freixas died on October 30, 2001. Income benefits Humboldt County high school graduates studying Spanish. (1993)

Friel Family Scholarship Fund $29,902

The purpose of the Friel Family Scholarship Fund is to recognize an outstanding Eureka High School graduating senior who intends to major in English at University of California or California State University. Selection of the award winner is to be made by the chairperson of Eureka High School, with the support and cooperation of the high school’s English faculty. Preference is given to a student who not only excels in the study of English, but has been active in Eureka High’s music program. (2009)

Friends for the Ferndale 4-H Club Scholarship Fund $2,276

This fund was established by Friends for the Ferndale 4-H Club and provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The applicants must meet all required criteria and plan to attend a vocational school, junior college or four-year college. (1998)

Friends of the Dunes Coastal Conservation and Environmental Education Endowment Fund $17,880

Friends of the Dunes involves the community in conserving coastal environments through its Bay to Dunes School Education Program, weekend guided walks offered to the public at several dune locations, and the Dunes Ecosystem Restoration Team, made up of community volunteers, working to restore coastal environments. In addition, Friends of the Dunes is a Land Trust, able to receive donations of coastal properties and conservation easements in order to assure that land use is consistent with the ecological values of coastal environments. The purpose of this fund is to provide on-going support for Friends of the Dunes education, restoration and land trust programs. (2001)

Friends of the Foundation Fund see page 53
Friends of the McKay Community Forest Fund

This fund supports special projects for the McKay Community Forest, located southeast of Eureka, to promote public access and recreation, forest stewardship, and community involvement. The County of Humboldt accepted funds to acquire 1,000 acres of redwood forestland in 2014 but extensive site improvements are needed to make the new community forest fully accessible to the public. Donations from the community along with citizen volunteer efforts will accelerate the timeframe for developing access points and trails, which would otherwise need to wait until timber harvest revenues are available. The fund will help the McKay Community Forest enhance the overall quality of life for the greater Eureka area by providing opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of nature and open space. The fund will also support an appreciation of the region’s timber heritage and connection with redwood forests. The fund was initiated by MikkliMoves Real Estate, Inc. Contributions to the fund are welcome. (2014)

Friends of the Redwood Libraries Fund $6,164

This fund was established to support Humboldt County’s libraries and to stimulate community interest in the libraries’ needs, services and facilities. Believing that a well-informed populace and the freedom to read are essential to the well being of our community, the Friends seek gifts, endowments and memorials to enable the libraries to procure books, manuscripts and other materials not provided for in the regular budget. (1997)

Friends of True North Organizing Network Fund $8,475

The True North Community Organizing Network is a group of people with common values united across Tribal Lands, Del Norte and Humboldt Counties - families, elders, youth, and individuals of diverse faith traditions, races, cultures, and economic capacities. This fund supports everyday people working together, using the power of relationships and a disciplined community organizing model, to courageously address the most pressing problems affecting our communities. (2014)

Ralph and Shirley Fullmer Memorial Fund $7,863

Born in Twin Falls, ID in 1921, Ralph Fulmer loved the outdoors. After high school he worked for Lockheed Aircraft and served in the Army in the South Pacific during WWII. He and Shirley married in 1943. Following the War, Ralph worked for the Division of Highways (Caltrans). In 1960, Ralph, Shirley and their three daughters moved to Humboldt County. Shirley worked as a secretary for Eureka City Schools where she enjoyed the students and always hoped for their success. Shirley enjoys the arts, especially tole painting, and is a member of Redwood Decorative Artists. Ralph devoted over 25 years to his projects, including a cabin he built for the family in Trinity Village. Ralph and Shirley enjoyed traveling, family and events at the cabin, and truly enjoyed their 70 years together. This fund supports many of the Fullmers’ interests, including environmental projects, education, the arts, humane animal care and search and rescue. (2013)

Frank Gallon was born in Sweden and emigrated to Canada at age 2. He came to Eureka soon after and graduated from Eureka High School. Ruth Gallon (Carlson) was born and raised in Eureka and also attended Eureka High School. They married in 1947 and had three children, Jim, David and Marsha. They all attended Eureka High School. Jim graduated in 1966 and Marsha and David followed in 1968. Jim died in an accident in 1968 and David passed away from illness in 1980. This memorial scholarship is for graduating seniors of Eureka High School or Fortuna High School, continuing HSU students and students going into trade schools. (2007)

Julie Ann Garciaelay Piano Scholarship Fund $11,509

Julie began piano lessons at age six and studied seriously throughout her lifetime. Thanks to her piano teacher, Mrs. Dawson, Julie performed with poise during her childhood at many piano recitals held at the Stockton Museum. Julie was in fact, a natural performer, not only at the piano, but also as a dancer in her high school’s musical productions. She was also an athlete, active in baseball and swimming and on the golf course, a student of her father’s golf instruction. Julie’s sisters are Gail Anderson and Lori Garciaelay. Julie’s mother, Ruth Garciaelay, shares her daughter’s love for music and recognizes its importance in the world. She also believes in the importance of hard work, follow-through and living in a civil
available at Humboldt Area fund. A copy of his book, Stories From Life, is
husband Laurence after her death on January
travel. This fund was established by her
children. (1985)

Hoo Hoo Club, with the income to benefit

Curtis Gillis Trust $103,082
A published author, songwriter and musician,
Curtis Gillis died in 1981, leaving the residue of his
estate to Humboldt Area Foundation as a discretionary
fund. A copy of his book, Stories From Life, is available at Humboldt Area
Foundation. (1983)

Mercedes Jean (Whipple)

Giovannetti Smith River Rancheria
Elder Endowment Fund
Dr. Joseph M. Giovannetti
created this fund to honor
his mother Mercedes
(Whipple) Giovannetti, a
Tolowa tribal elder who
passed away at age 65 in
1991. Mercedes married Frank Giovannetti of
Philo, CA, while he was a Seaman I during
WWII. They relocated to Eureka to raise their
children: Victor (a Vietnam combat vet), Joseph
and Marie (Chandler). Mercedes and Frank
were advisors to the Eureka Catholic Youth
Organization and supporters of American
Indian education. Frank passed away in 1977.
Her son, Joseph, is a citizen of Smith River
Rancheria and was elected to the Tribal
Council in 2007. He has been an Associate
Professor of Native American Studies since
1994 and served as Department Chairman. He
was inducted into the HSU Sports Hall of Fame
The fund assists needy elders of the Smith
River Rancheria with medical prescriptions,
energy assistance, transportation and food
vouchers. (2007)

The Givins Family Fund $5,040
The pioneer Givins family
has farmed and felled
timber, taught school and
sold merchandise, tended
bar, raced dragsters, fished,
fought, and danced through
the decades since 1870. This open-ended
fund is held by the reins of whimsy and will be
used to encourage, educate, spawn, spin,
arouse, and update as the family is inspired
and can afford. (2000)

Ralph S. Goddi Memorial
Scholarship Fund $16,826
Ralph S. Goddi grew up in
Rio Dell and attended
Arcata High School and
Humboldt State University,
where he played on the
football team. He served in
the Navy in WWII on the
aircraft carrier USS Wasp and was called back
to serve in the Korean War. Upon his discharge,
Ralph returned with his family to settle in Rio
Dell. He worked in the timber industry and
sold insurance before establishing his life’s
work as a real estate broker. He loved helping
people buy homes, especially their first home.
Ralph served the Rio Dell community as a
member of the Planning Commission, City
Council and Fire Department. He supported
athletics at St. Bernard’s High School, where
all six of his children graduated. Ralph loved to
travel and meet new people. He especially
enjoyed visiting his relatives in Italy in 1994.
This fund will provide scholarships to students
in Humboldt County. (2002)

Hun Kwan Goh (1899-1959)
emigrated from China to
Thailand at an early age.
Over the years his many
business interests expanded
to include import-export,
rubber plantations, a
smoked-rubber assembly plant, tin mining, a
winery, and the harvest of birds’ nests (from
which birds nest soup is made). He was
awarded a title from the King of Thailand for
his community efforts. Dr. and Mrs. Vis
Upatisinga established this fund in 1981 to
honor the memory of his father, an active
business and community leader in Thailand.
Income provides an annual scholarship for a
Humboldt County high school graduate of
Asian or part-Asian descent for study at an
accredited four-year university. (1981)

Grantmakers’ Fund see page 53

Greenwood Family Fund $7,501
Charlotte Greenwood,
the widow of William R.
“Bill” Greenwood, a
well-known Eureka
businessman,
established this
endowment fund in his
memory and in honor of
their family. Income from this endowment fund
provides an annual scholarship, awarded on
the basis of both academic excellence and
community service, to a Eureka High School
graduate enrolling at Humboldt State University to study business. (1996)

**Greenview Playground Project Fund**

Greenview Playground Project Fund is composed of neighbors, local business owners, and professionals working with the City of Arcata to update a neighborhood playground, creating the first fully-inclusive playground within 300 miles. A fully-inclusive playground is a one where all kids can play. This definition of “fully-inclusive” is taken from the Shane’s Inspiration website; dedicated to a fully-inclusive playground in the Bay area. The development of universally accessible and sensory-rich play environments to meet widest range of needs and the widest range of abilities and users.” The Greenview Playground Project is working to raise awareness of every child’s need for play, for upgrading and building new playgrounds, and of course the completion of Humboldt's first public fully-inclusive playground. Greenview Playground Project launched fundraising in the fall of 2015 to be completed by the end of 2016. (2015)

**Judy Griffith Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Judy was born August 25, 1964 in Eureka to Frank and Jewel Griffith, the youngest of seven children. She was named California’s “Miss Basketball” in 1981 and graduated from Fortuna High as class valedictorian. Judy also starred in softball and tennis and was awarded a full athletic scholarship to Stanford. After graduating in Human Biology in 1986, she completed a teaching credential and Masters in Education Human Biology in 1986, she completed a teaching credential and Masters in Education. Bill and Ruth Gross came to Humboldt County from Oregon in 1957. They spent their early years together in the sawmill business until a fire destroyed their sawmill in Redwood Valley. Starting from scratch, they both attended seminars and took classes in real estate at College of the Redwoods. They have been involved successfully in real estate development ever since. Because of their own community involvement and their support for the interests of their children, Bill and Ruth Gross established this expendable fund to support the Salvation Army, Hospice of Humboldt and the St. Joseph Hospital chaplaincy program. William Gross passed away December 31, 2006. (1999)

**Dee Ann Gruhn Memorial Scholarship Fund $21,518**

Frank and Millie Gruhn established this scholarship in memory of their daughter, Dee Ann. An Arcata native, she graduated from Arcata High School and Humboldt State University, where she was a hard worker and excellent student. Dee Ann became a Certified Public Accountant and maintained an interest in history and art as well as traveling and golf. To encourage and recognize the academic achievements of girls like Dee, this college scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Arcata High girl planning to major in business management, preferably accounting. Millie passed away in September 2004. (1996)

**Jack L. & Arlene R. Guccione Scholarship Fund for Adventist Youth $22,593**

Together, Dr. Jack Guccione and his wife Arlene operate a dermatology practice in Fortuna, specializing in skin cancer and cosmetic dermatology. In founding this college scholarship fund, the Gucciones noted that they feel a joint responsibility with educators and parents in the proper discipline of students for higher education. The scholarship is to help direct worthy students on a path that leads to a life in useful labor, while forming good habits and a noble character. (1996)

**Scott Guild Memorial Fund $12,151**

Born in Wyoming in 1955, Scott graduated from UC Davis in 1978 with a degree in Animal Science and came to Humboldt County to work as a ranch hand in Ferndale. There he met Linda and together they moved to the Russ Ranch on Snow Camp Road. Later, Scott took classes at Hsu to sit for the CPA exam and went on to work at Aals, Evans & Company for many years, including 24 as a partner. Most important in Scott’s life were his children, Rogan and Katelyn. He raised them with the values he lived by: honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic. Scott coached T-Ball and basketball, and was a member of the Rotary Club of Eureka and the Freshwater School Board of Trustees. Scott was a lecturer at Hsu and was pursuing a Master’s Degree in order to teach full-time. This scholarship supports students pursuing an accounting degree. (2014)

**Hadley Memorial Fund $151,712**

Created by Monica Hadley in memory of her husband, Gordon G. Hadley (’81) and her son, Craig L. Hadley (’84), native Arcatans and career newspapermen, this fund income is designated for recreational purposes in the Arcata area. Both men were publishers and presidents of Hadley Newspaper, Inc., which included the Arcata Union, the Del Norte Tripplicate and the Redwood Record (Garberville). Monica taught at Humboldt State Teacher’s College, later became Dean of Women, served as Director and then head of Women’s Physical Education Department. In 1945 she began her journalism career at the Arcata Union, working alongside her husband. She spent a lifetime dedicated to community service and her family. Gordon & Craig served as past presidents of the Arcata Rotary Club,
members of the HSU Advisory Board and were active in civic affairs and professional groups statewide. The Hadleys promoted sports programs and recreation for local youth. Monica passed away on February 17, 2004. (1981)

**Handicapped Persons Assistance Fund** $41,966

This fund was created by a gift from Dolph Fursee to assist handicapped adults with transportation and other mobility issues. (1983)

**The Hansen Family Trust, Christian Endowment Fund** $589,815

Chris S. Hansen, who died in 2002, created this fund as a testamentary gift to honor his family members who preceded him in death; his wife Frances; his parents Nick and Mary; and his three brothers, Harold, Melvin and Roy. Fund expenditures are made with the advice of family, local Lutheran pastors and a financial advisor. The fund was established to benefit the local Christian ministries of Eureka and Humboldt County with emphasis given to the Lutheran Church. Chris expressed a desire to help both youth and senior activities equally. The fund is also intended to help missionary activity abroad including but not limited to ELCA missions, World Hunger and World Vision. Grants requested for capital funds are considered on a limited basis. (2002)

**Gerald O. & Susan Hansen Family Fund** $65,811

Because a love of music and an appreciation of nature and the outdoors are long-held family values, Susan Hansen established this fund to honor her late husband, Gerry, by providing music training/scholarships for deserving young Humboldt County musicians. It also funds projects that facilitate the ability of residents to enjoy the beauty of our environment, such as trail guides/maps, nature information and exhibits and bird watching guides. In addition, to support the youth of Humboldt County in developing and pursuing meaningful and productive careers, the fund will offer grants for career/vocational information and programs for elementary and secondary students in Humboldt County. Gerry Hansen was a prominent 4th generation Humboldt County native and CPA who died of cancer in 2002. Susan retired in 2004 from Humboldt State University after 37 years in career planning and placement services. The fund will be donor advised by Susan and her two children, Lisa and Aren. (2005)

**T.J. Harris Scholarship Fund** $13,054

The T.J. Harris Scholarship Fund was created by her family in honor of her 80th birthday in 2005. T.J. was a teacher in the Eureka City Schools, with the majority of her teaching being at Zoe Barnum Continuation School. T.J. was born Thelma Rankine, in Youngstown, OH. In the 1950s she moved to Eureka as an executive with the Camp Fire Girls. It was in the course of this work that she met Robert (Bob) Harris. They married and raised 5 children, Mary, Rob, Karl, Anne and Bert. After T.J.’s retirement, she volunteered with The Friends of the Library, The Symphony, Family Service Center, and the Presbyterian Church. This fund fulfills T.J.’s deep passions for learning and service to the community. Scholarships from this fund are for students who are graduating or who have graduated from a continuation high school in Humboldt or Del Norte Counties. T.J. passed away September 30, 2009. (2005)

**Patricia J. & O. Bruce Hart Memorial Fund** $15,875

To honor the memory of a loving mom and dad, Patricia and O. Bruce Hart’s family established this fund. “Pat” Hart was “Mom” to many neighborhood children in need of an accepting, nurturing adult. Bruce Hart, during his last year, contributed to the lives of many young people as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Shriners Hospital. Although residents of West Sacramento, Bruce and Pat loved the visits of the seventh and eighth grade students from Fieldbrook School during their class trips. This fund provides scholarships and other awards to graduates of Fieldbrook School. (1998)

**Edward J. Hartley Fund for Animals** $136,087

Edward Jerren Hartley was a fourth-generation Humboldt, born in Eureka in 1941. Known as Jerry in his growing-up years and later using his first name, he was raised in his family’s Main Street Ferndale home (see George Hartley CRAT) and graduated from Ferndale High School in 1959. After attending St. Mary’s College in Moraga, he had a long employment with Pacific Bell, Nevada Bell and AT&T before his sudden death in Reno in 2003. During his life, he had a special interest in animal rights and humane societies and was a contributor to their causes. Money from his estate created this fund, which continues that interest with annual distributions aiding domestic animals, particularly dogs. (2005)

**John F. Hartley Memorial Fund** $9,458

John Hartley, a local CPA, was dedicated to children, youth and families, giving his volunteer time to several related associations and boards including Boy Scouts of America, Family Service Center, Sacred Heart Church and St. Bernard’s Schools. He was a strong advocate for scholarships for students of St. Bernard’s Schools. As a child, John often watched other children participate in youth activities while his family’s limited means prohibited his involvement. In establishing this advised endowment fund in his name, his wife, Lynn, and family, wish to honor and support his belief that qualified youths should be able to pursue their dreams, whether through a school scholarship or participation in youth activities. (2002)

**Martha Hauser Memorial Fund** $24,067

This fund was established with a gift from the estate of Martha Hauser, who passed away from cancer on September 14, 1998. Martha grew up on a ranch in Ojai, where she developed strong family ties that provided a source of strength and comfort throughout her life. During the Depression, she, like many others, learned the value of hard work,
North Coast Co-op has prioritized giving back to the community since 1990, when their Cooperative Community Fund (CCF) was formed. The CCF is a permanent endowment established and directed by member-owners of North Coast Co-op, which awards grants to support projects and the work of community organizations in Humboldt County.

The three main focus areas of the fund are: sustainable agriculture, food security (defined as access to a safe supply of quality food to all aspects of a community), food nutrition and education. All of these focus areas directly correlate with the Co-op’s strategic plan and their commitment to promoting health, wellness and access to quality ingredients.

Through collaborative grantmaking, the CCF seeks to strengthen the community by emphasizing projects and activities that compliment these main principles and encourage further community development.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **When you shop at the Co-op and purchase a $.10 paper bag, those funds go toward the Cooperative Community Fund. Last year $9,483 was raised in paper bag sales alone.**

- **The Co-op works with Warren Creek Farms for their Pumpkin Patch program. This year, the Co-op will host over 3,600 kids from over 30 local schools through field trips to the patch, where they pick out a CCF-funded pumpkin, learn about farming, growing crops and sustainability.**

- **Every time you round your total up at a Co-op register, the funds benefit this community fund. Last year $1,498 was raised in ‘register round up’s.**

**Participating in the Co-op’s Pumpkin Patch program has become an autumn highlight for many local schools.**

Photo by: Sarah Anne Photography
community and caring for others less fortunate. She and her husband, Carroll, moved to Humboldt County in 1963. They enjoyed many years of world travel, but her favorite spot in the world was her beloved ranch in Fieldbrook. She was a very talented gardener and won many awards for her gorgeous roses. Martha always had a special place in her heart and home for animals. She befriended many stray dogs that quickly became accustomed to royal treatment. This fund was created for capital improvements at the Sequoia Humane Society. (2004)

The Robert K. Havemann Scholarship Fund $17,943

This scholarship assists residents seeking work in diesel-powered transportation to enhance their earning power. The Havemann family came to Eureka in 1914 and operated Humboldt White Star Laundry. Bob was born in 1930, attended local schools and received a degree in Vocational Education at Sacramento State. He served in the Civil Air Patrol and US Army. Bob won the world speed record for diesel-powered vehicles in 1972 and designed the first diesel-powered wheeled vehicle to exceed 200 miles per hour. Starting in 1969, Bob taught at CR and developed the diesel heavy equipment program, including training for a commercial driving license. As advisor to the diesel club, Bob oversaw projects that set five world records. In 1978 Bob became an engineer for ThermoKing and was awarded ten patents for new products. He retired in 1990 to Carefree, AZ to design and build anything that looks like fun. Mr. Havemann passed away unexpectedly on July 27, 2005. (2003)

HCAR Endowment Fund $12,827

The Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR) is a private, non-profit agency incorporated in 1955 by a group of dedicated parents seeking an alternative to institutionalization for their children with developmental disabilities. Today, HCAR serves local citizens with development and other disabilities by promoting individual independence, community inclusion and family unity. The wide variety of services HCAR provides include Adult Day Services, Tutor Services & Tutor Plus, Baybridge Employment Services, Advanced Transportation System Care-a-Van, Leisure Companion Program, the Studio, Respite & Interpreter Services, Supported Living Service and Independent Living Skills. This organizational endowment fund will support HCAR’s mission on an on-going basis. (2002)

Healy Center Program Operations Fund $2,901

This Healy Senior Center expendable fund will make it possible for the Healy Senior Center to meet current program needs. Among these needs are senior nutrition, senior exercise classes, information & referral services and facility upkeep. (2005)

Healy Senior Center Friends Endowment Fund $4,551

The Healy Senior Center Board of Directors established two funds to enhance the Center’s ability to carry out its mission to support independent, meaningful and dignified lives for older adults through social interaction, recreation, good nutrition, health and care maintenance, information & referrals and volunteerism in a warm and welcoming facility. The endowment fund will support the long-term, on-going work of the Healy Senior Center, serving senior needs of Southern Humboldt County through programs carried out at its facility on Briceland Road in Redway. (2005)

Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice Fund

Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice (HRCH) believes that no person or family should have to stand alone in difficult times. HRCH is an independent, non-licensed hospice that brings free services to people in the Southern Humboldt, northern Mendocino and western Trinity areas. Comprehensive services begin with early support to people from the time they have received a life-threatening diagnosis and continue through death and the bereavement needs of the family. HRCH also sponsors a lending library, education to the community, sudden death support and grief education to youth. The mission of HRCH is to honor patient needs and wishes in the treatment process. Income from this fund will support HRCH’s on-going operations. (2000)

Donald Morris Hegy Fellowship Fund see page 83

Heider Family Fund for Southern Humboldt $96,883

Roy Heider moved to Southern Humboldt in 1948. He was proud to have served his nation both in WWII and in the Korean War. He was a business leader in his community, serving on the hospital board as President for 12 years and as a Rotarian since 1961. Roy was especially proud of having served on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as Supervisor for the 2nd District. As advisor to this endowment fund, Roy supported a variety of charitable purposes in Southern Humboldt. His daughters, Lynda Pitts, Sharon Ott and Renee Heider carry on the family tradition of making generous and timely gifts as successor advisors to the fund. Roy passed away March 19, 2009. (2006)

Lillian & John Norman Henderson Memorial Fund see page 55

Stephen Scott Hensell Memorial Fund $20,096

Stephen Hensell, born in Eureka in 1943, attended local schools and graduated from Humboldt State University. He was General Manager of Hensell Materials at the time of his death in 1980. The fund, established by his family, is used to benefit the Humboldt County Library in Eureka. (1983)

George Herd Community Service Fund $4,210

The Herd Family, with generous donations from friends and family, have established the George Herd Memorial Citizenship Award. George believed in being involved in his community and giving a helping hand whenever he saw a need. The family would like to see his generous spirit live on in the youth of our community by annually rewarding an eighth-grade student with a $100 Citizenship Award for consistently modeling a spirit of citizenship and community service during his or her time at Trinidad School. The Herd Family
Edna R. & Stewart M. Herriott Memorial Fund for the Arts & Sciences $17,636

The Edna R. & Stewart M. Herriott Memorial Fund for the Arts & Sciences was created to support and recognize students who demonstrate potential in the field of art and/or science. The children of Edna and Stewart wish to honor their parents’ life-long endeavors in the field of education and their continual love of learning. Both Edna and Stewart taught school in the Eureka City School system. Stewart was very active within the Eureka Teachers Association. After raising her children, Edna returned to school and upon receiving her teaching credential taught until her retirement in 1980. (2009)

Nancy Hilfiker Memorial Fund $22,777

A Humboldt County native, Nancy was an original founding member of the Humboldt Area Foundation Board of Governors and remained on the Board for seven years. Active in many segments of the community, Nancy Hilfiker may especially be remembered for her association with the Sequoia Park Zoo renovation and the building of the aviary named in her memory. This fund, established by her family, provides grants for community betterment projects and the Nancy Hilfiker Aviary. In 1992 the Aviary Fund was combined with the Nancy Hilfiker Memorial Fund. (1987)

Henry J. & Lorine Hindley and John Klingenspor Memorial Fund $6,733

Henry & Lorine (Mulvany) Hindley were life-long residents and members of Humboldt County pioneering families. With their daughter, Louise, they were an affectionate and happy family. Henry, as foreman, and Lorine, as welder, worked for Chicago Bridge and Iron Works during WWIl.

Later, they purchased the Thompson Brick Yard on Ryan Slough and created Hindley Clay Products. Henry finished his career as the county office manager for the Agricultural Stabilization Bureau. After WWIl, John Klingenspor, a Southern California native was recruited to play basketball at HSU. The on-the-court star, “Spider”, asked his classmate, Louise, to dance, a dance that would last for 58 years. John spent the majority of his career as a local school teacher and administrator. They enjoyed a long and especially happy marriage. Louise created this fund to support Humboldt County charities and honor the parents and husband she loved so dearly. (2009)

Thurnald Hinson Memorial Scholarship Fund $28,012

Administered by the Mountain Communities Healthcare Foundation, the Thurnald Hinson Memorial Scholarship strives to increase the number of appropriately-trained healthcare professionals who practice direct patient care in Trinity County. Scholarships are awarded to persons re-entering or continuing their education in fields such as nursing, occupational therapy, radiology, laboratory, pharmacy and respiratory care. Applicants must agree to practice in direct patient care for at least one year in a paid position in Trinity County. They must be accepted by an accredited or approved healthcare education program within the State of California, and have been a full-time Trinity County resident for at least the past 12 months. Applications are available at (530) 623-5541, ext. 3255. (2010)

Historical Sites Society of Arcata Fund $7,377

The Philips House Museum at 7th and Union Streets preserves the atmosphere of a typical farm house found in Arcata. As a living museum, Arcata’s best example of Greek Revival architecture shows the daily life of an Arcata resident between 1854 and 1932. This fund was established with a generous gift from Alex Stillman. Free tours of Phillips House are available 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. every Sunday and by appointment – (707) 822-4722. (2008)

Hospice Services Investment Fund $1,110,266

Hospice of Humboldt, Inc. was founded in 1979 by local residents who wanted to ensure that people in our community dying from cancer, heart disease and other illnesses could conclude their lives with dignity and as much comfort as possible. The Hospice Services Investment Fund is a means to guarantee that major gifts, restricted gifts, and bequests received by the agency are used to carry out the wishes of the agency’s founders and its contributors - that all eligible Humboldt County residents will have a chance to die in the familiar surroundings of their place of residence with help from Hospice. Earnings from the fund will enable pain control, symptom management, physical care, counseling, respite care, and other services to be provided to patients and their families by the Hospice team of nurses, home health aides, social workers, spiritual counselors and volunteers. (1998)
Hilton Hostler, Jr. was a native of Hoopa, California and a Hupa Tribal Member. He was a man who loved Jesus and his family more than anything in life. Hilton was a Hoopa Valley Tribal council person for several years and dedicated his life to his native people. He also was a man who loved education and sports, coaching numerous teams in different sports during his life. His philosophy was to seek a good education first and then give your athletic career everything you have. Hilton believed in success, not in failure. This incredible man left a lasting impact in the hearts of all who knew him. This scholarship was established by his family to honor the amazing man that was the center of their world. An annual scholarship will go to a Hupa, Yurok or Karuk athlete or athletes from Hoopa High School. (2006)

Edith & James A. “Jim” Howard Scholarship Fund $40,543

Jim Howard, born in 1915 in Athens, GA, came to Eureka at the age of three months. A member of the first black family in Eureka, the Turks, Jim attended Eureka City Schools. A self-employed Eureka businessman for over 36 years, Jim is a well-liked and respected member of the community. He was a member of the Eureka City Council for 18 years, 1972-1990, including three terms as Vice Mayor. Jim also served three years on the Eureka Housing Authority. He was a member of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce, and served as Vice President of the Rotary Club of Eureka. Jim also was the President of the Eureka NAACP. Jim and Edith Howard were married for 39 years, until Edith’s death in 1996. The fund is unrestricted. (1997)

Humboldt Area Foundation Funds

There are a variety of funds that support the work of Humboldt Area Foundation. Gifts made to support this work are contributed to one of the funds listed below, as directed by the donor.

HAF | Friends of the Foundation Fund $51,963

The needs of the community evolve over time and many of those changes are difficult to foresee. Humboldt Area Foundation serves a unique role in our ability to address these changes. The Friends of the Foundation Fund allows the Humboldt Area Foundation Board of Directors to respond to challenges and opportunities in our region by utilizing the Foundation’s unrestricted resources. (2004)

HAF | Grantmakers’ Fund $364,497

The Grantmakers’ Fund allows Humboldt Area Foundation to make flexible and responsive grantmaking decisions. This fund is focused on programs which provide youth leadership, support collaboration, encourage civic engagement, work in underserved communities, address pressing community needs and build cultural opportunities. (1991)

HAF | Leadership Fund $67,531

Humboldt Area Foundation focuses on leadership training to improve our community’s ability to solve problems and foster leadership in a variety of ways. The Community Leadership Fund supports programs that engage the community in civic participation, management skill-building and nonprofit professional development. Donations to this fund support the mentorship of a new generation of leaders in communities across the North Coast. (2014)

HAF | Local Investment Fund

Donations to the Local Investment Fund offer an innovative opportunity to commit funds to worthwhile projects, putting capital to work locally and building a stronger future for our community. This fund allows the Foundation to expand our commitment to local support by providing additional dollars to the Foundation’s investment portfolio allocation, which is dedicated to financing improvements to local infrastructure and capacity. (2014)

HAF | Native Cultures Fund

The Native Cultures Fund supports revitalization of the transmission of Native American arts and culture between generations with the goal of fostering individual and community health and well-being in 50 California counties. (2014)

HAF | Scholars’ Fund $22,416

North Coast donors express their belief in the value of education by supporting local students with more than 400 scholarships through HAF each year. The purpose of the Scholars’ Fund is to expand available scholarships and make higher education affordable for all North Coast students. The original donors to this fund, created in 1988, and those for whom memorial contributions were made include: John Anderson Brown, Ralph Bryant, Rayner Burke, Dr. Sam Burre, Nene Coliver, Dee Daudell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner, Wilma Hamilton, William J. Kay, Tom Knapp, Charlotte Niskey, Ian Thornton Long, Orville H. “Bud” Marcellus, Charlotte Niskey, Lydia Stanberry, Carl Swanson, Eureka High School Class of 1935 and the Humboldt-Del Norte Life Underwriters Scholarship Fund. (2004)
Humboldt Arts Council Endowment Fund $13,862

The North Coast’s pre-eminent community arts agency since 1966, The Humboldt Arts Council, provides opportunities for artists, develops arts programs and makes the arts accessible throughout our region. As the state/local partner of the California Arts Council since 1987, HAC provides leadership, coordination and advocacy for the arts and cultural community, and serves as a state and national voice for the arts. The Council’s programs and services offer art experiences of the highest quality and encourage collaboration through partnerships within the community. HAC’s Morris Graves Museum of Art, in Eureka’s historic Carnegie Library Building, provides the North Coast community with a premier showcase for local and regional arts and culture. (1998)

Humboldt Bay Habitat Enhancement Fund $22,021

Humboldt Bay has been an industrial port for decades and there has been a great deal of harm done to our Bay-associated habitat, primarily wetlands, as a result of this industrial activity. Currently, Humboldt Bay has only 4% of its native salt marsh habitat remaining, and much of the intertidal wetland, that historically surrounded the Bay have been filled and developed. By establishing this fund, we hope to reverse that trend. Grants from the Humboldt Bay Habitat Enhancement Fund will be distributed to projects that focus on direct restoration of various wetland habitats around the Bay, improving the tidal prism around the Bay by removing or replacing tide gates, and water quality sampling related to cleaning up contaminated wetland areas around Humboldt Bay. (2008)

Humboldt Bay Recreation Enhancement & Water Quality Fund $235,863

The Humboldt Bay Recreation Enhancement & Water Quality Fund supports community-oriented projects designed to improve public access, the quality of marine or aquatic recreation, research and public education, as well as projects to improve water quality. (1995)

Humboldt Bay Rowing Association Program Fund $8,553

The purpose of the Humboldt Bay Rowing Association Program Fund is to support the development and growth of the sport of rowing in Humboldt County, specifically for youth and the community at large. The charitable purposes of the fund may include, but are not limited to, scholarships for the competitive Junior Crew Team, equipment purchases for the club, uniforms, facility maintenance, and travel to competitions. (2005)

Humboldt Bay Trail Fund $2,607

The purpose of the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund is to provide support for creation of a multi-purpose trail around Humboldt Bay for walking, running, biking, and wheeling. The Humboldt Bay Trail will be constructed in phases with initial projects focused on a continuous trail between central Arcata and southwest Eureka. Additional projects to extend the trail around Humboldt Bay are anticipated, including west from Arcata through the Arcata Bottoms toward Manila and Samoa, and south from Eureka toward King Salmon, Fields Landing, and College of the Redwoods. The Humboldt Bay Trail Fund accepts donations to assist with planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Humboldt Bay Trail. Donations will leverage additional funding by demonstrating strong community support. Special thanks to the Bay Trail Fund Committee, composed of staff representatives from the City of Arcata, City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, Humboldt County Association of Governments, and the Humboldt Trails Council. (2015)

Humboldt C.A.R.E.S. Fund $4,700

The Humboldt Association for the Education of Young Children created this fund to provide financial support for those community efforts aimed at improving the quality of childcare by increasing compensation and retention which encourage (workforce) stability (C.A.R.E.S.) in early childhood programs. The fund initially supported the Retention Incentive Program administered by First 5/Humboldt and has expanded its scope to support other activities that promote quality childcare. (2001)

Humboldt County Agricultural Heritage Fund $10,072

Established by a partnership among the Humboldt County Farm Bureau, the Humboldt County Historical Society and the Humboldt Area Foundation, this fund supports projects to advance ranch and farm practices, youth service club projects related to ranch life and/or projects to preserve and document ranch and farm history. It is the hope that others will add to the fund over the years. A grant selection committee equally comprised of Historical Society and Farm Bureau representatives responds to projects proposed for funding. (1996)

Humboldt County Historical Society Fund $74,178

Since 1947, the Humboldt County Historical Society has worked to acquire, preserve, interpret and disseminate historical information about Humboldt County and related areas. Its members believe that there is no greater gift to the future than the careful preservation of the past. The Society publishes an outstanding quarterly magazine, maintains a thorough reference library, prints historical books, records and transcribes oral histories, and archives valuable collections. Its professionals and volunteers welcome questions on projects and can advise researchers on using the library. This fund is to foster greater awareness and appreciation of the county’s people, places, events and activities. (1997)

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Capital Campaign Fund $17,467

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (formerly Humboldt Women for Shelter) provides emergency services and on-going support to adults and their children who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence. This advised expendable fund will eventually be used to build a new facility. (2001)

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Endowment Fund $17,667

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services also created an endowment fund. Income from this fund provides on-going operation support for the agency’s important services. (2001)
Humboldt Hoo-Hoo Club #63 Scholarship Fund $11,981
The International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is one of the world’s oldest service organizations, having been organized in 1892. It has survived all these years due to the fact that its members are interested in the welfare and promotion of the forest products industry. Hoo-Hoo members believe in the multiple uses of forests in which there is a place for all, so that industry and the whole community can share in this great renewable resource today and for generations to come. This fund offers scholarships to students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average. (1998)

Humboldt Lagoons State Park Fund $6,366
Too many years of deferred maintenance and neglect took a toll on facilities at Humboldt Lagoons State Park and during the 2012 budget cuts the two primitive campgrounds were closed. Through a grass-roots community effort the Stone Lagoon boat-in campground was reopened in 2014 and the hike-in sites at Dry Lagoon reopened in 2015. This fund is stipulated for maintenance; interpretation; education; capital improvements and campground furniture such as bear boxes, picnic tables and fire rings. Donations to this fund go directly to our local State Park Sector and not to the general fund in Sacramento. These lagoons are a true gem in our local parks systems encompassing so many beautiful parks. The fund is here to help ensure that local and visiting families can continue to enjoy Humboldt Lagoons State Park for many more generations. (2014)

Humboldt Land Surveyor’s Scholarship Fund $14,818
The Humboldt Land Surveyor’s Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Ken Omsberg. Ken was a well-respected local surveyor who passed away on October 6, 2007. The fund was established by friends and colleagues of Ken to provide a scholarship for students pursuing higher education in the profession of land surveying. The Humboldt Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association will continue to sponsor this fund in memory of Ken and other Humboldt County Land Surveyors. (2009)

Humboldt Library Foundation Funds
The Humboldt Library Foundation was established to build financial support for the Humboldt County Public Library system. Donations to support the public library may be made to the funds described below:

HLF | William Foley DeBoice Memorial Fund $11,293
This fund is to provide books on CD, tape, large print books and other resources for the visually challenged, and in particular, resources in the field of US History, Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. It was established by family and friends to remember Bill, an avid history buff who pursued his interests throughout his life in spite of failing eyesight. He was born in Clinton, Illinois, grew up in Springfield, Illinois and served in China during World War II. After the war he graduated from the University of Illinois and moved from Illinois to Southern California where he worked in electronics and was part of the early development of today’s microprocessors. He moved to McKinleyville when he retired and spent the remainder of his life pursuing his interests in history, politics and gardening. (2004)

HLF | Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book Fund $20,030
Dr. Vis and Sally Upatisringa established this fund to honor the memory of his father, an active business and community leader in Thailand. The purpose of this fund is to build the library’s collection of books and other materials about Thailand and China, including Chinese literature in Chinese and videos about China in Chinese or English. (1998)

HLF | Lillian & John Norman Henderson Memorial Fund $400,199
Henderson, Humboldt County’s Undersheriff, were married in 1934. They participated in several community activities, including Travel Club, Audubon Society and the Native Plant Society, and both were avid readers. Following Doc’s death in 1946, Lillian received a Master’s of Library Science degree at UC Berkeley and taught at Eureka City Schools for 34 years. She volunteered at St. Joseph’s Hospital, helped found the Friends of the Redwood Libraries and donated time and money to the Humboldt Historical Society, the Heritage Society, Garden Club, Morris Graves Art Museum, and the Christ Episcopal Church. Lillian helped with the Friends of the Redwood Libraries’ book sales well into her 90s. Distressed by the diminishing funds for the County Library, Lillian left much of her estate to benefit the library and therefore the community she lived in and loved for 100 years. (2007)

HLF | Humboldt Library Foundation Endowment Fund $309,291
HLF is building this endowment fund to support its vision of opening the world in a library that is an active educational and cultural center. The endowment fund will secure a sound financial base to generate revenue to supplement library services over the long-term. (2000)

HLF | Humboldt Library Foundation Endowment – Elizabeth Murguia & Sally Upatisringa Fund $63,857
Established with the gift of 1,000 shares of stock by Dr. Vis Upatisringa, this fund honors Elizabeth Murguia and Sally Upatisringa for their work to raise funds for the construction of the Main Library in Eureka. Dr. Upatisringa encourages others to consider establishing a library endowment fund under the auspices of HLF. (1996)
Humboldt County Library in Eureka. Medically-related reference books are purchased to establish a health information section at the Humboldt County Library in Eureka. Medically-related reference books are purchased to assist the layperson in researching health problems. Ms. Zacharias-Eastman passed away on July 25, 1997. (1983)

Humboldt Lyme Awareness Group Fund
The foundation was established in 2009 by Sylviane Schwarz and Claire Ajina. The organization promotes improving the understanding of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases through educational and navigational programs for the public with the goal of reducing the occurrence of these diseases in our community. HLAG is also dedicated to advancing the standard of care with health care providers in our community for treating tick-borne diseases. HLAG provides support groups for patients undergoing these illnesses, as well as loved ones supporting ill family members. (2009)

Humboldt Senior Resource Center Endowment Fund $46,906
The Humboldt Senior Resource Center’s mission is that seniors and their families in achieving their educational goals. (2011)

Humboldt's Services, a state-licensed therapeutic day program; senior dining centers in Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna; home-delivered meals; recreational activities; the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), providing care management services for frail seniors; and the monthly Senior News newspaper. (1998)

Humboldt Soccer Fund $157,267
This anonymous fund was set up primarily to provide sponsorships to Inside Sports soccer teams. (2008)

Humboldt State University CSU Employees Union Scholarship Fund $2,154
Humboldt State University, California State University Employees Union (CSUEU) represents approximately 500 employees at HSU. We are the classified employees working as health care support in the Student Health Center, operation support, clerical and administrative support and technical support. CSUEU’s purposes is to maintain the highest possible quality of life for all our members and their families by negotiating fair working conditions and salaries, augmented by employer and union benefits. This fund was created to extend our dedication to education and our commitment to support CSUEU members and their families in achieving their educational goals. (2011)
HSU Emeritus & Retired Faculty Association Fund $32,481

Humboldt State University retired faculty members established this fund more than 20 years ago to assist young faculty in their professional development. It has provided awards to more than 70 junior faculty to further their research and creative accomplishments and enhance their teaching effectiveness. Recent recipients have used their awards to help involve current students in their work on projects, many related to the local area, such as forest regeneration, the North American river otter, Native American architecture, field research in Tibet, Devonian floras, children’s theatre, and printmaking. The Association gratefully accepts donations to the fund. Pictured: Katherine Corbett, founding member ERFA, presenting 2011 research grant award to Dr. Robert Cliver Photo credit: Ellen Land-Weber, Emeritus Professor. (2011)

HSU Female Students Financial Aid Trust $28,407

Dr. Lan Sing Wu created a charitable remainder unitrust, designating the charitable remainder as a gift to HAF. With that gift, HAF established a fund to assist financially needy female students attending either Humboldt State University or College of the Redwoods. The financial support provided will include tuition and childcare expenses. It will be offered to women returning to school after raising a child or caring for a relative or friend, and planning to enter or reenter either HSU or CR to complete their education. (1997)

HSU Women’s Athletics Fund $12,951

This fund has been created for the purpose of enhancing all aspects of the athletic program for women, working toward equity for women in sports at HSU. Title IX, enacted in 1972 and enforced in 1978, brought significant increases in funding for the women’s program. However, women still have not caught up in terms of over-all funding as required by Title IX. This fund is designed to aid where needed, including but not limited to scholarships, recruitment, travel, equipment, legal issues and audit. (2000)

Humboldt-Del Norte Scholastic Sports Awards Fund $26,475

This fund was established to furnish awards for individuals who win or place in Humboldt and Del Norte Championship sporting events. Advisors to this donor advised expendable fund will be coaches of Humboldt and Del Norte scholastic sports. (2002)

Hyampom Arts Magnet School Scholarship Fund $7,940

Hyampom is a remote rural community located in Trinity County. The local school has been functioning since 1953 and is the heart of the community. This fund is intended to give a significant financial boost to any student who has been through the school and has graduated high school or has a GED and is interested in continuing their education through college or trade school. Community participation is as important as academic achievement. The advisors to this fund want children to be able to pursue a career and function successfully in whichever community they reside. (2015)

Hydenville Elementary School Endowment Fund $28,294

Martin Sachs initiated this endowment fund because of his commitment to this excellent rural school and his concern about reductions in governmental funding for it. This fund is intended to support the mission and on-going work of Hydenville Elementary School, including support for its teaching staff and provision of educational materials and equipment. (2006)

Ingebritson Discretionary Fund

This remarkably generous and modest couple created a scholarship fund with Humboldt Area Foundation in 1989 during their lifetime together. Later they left significant gifts to several local organizations from their estate, including a second fund with HAF to be used at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Dr. Ingebritson died in 2000 and Mrs. Ingebritson died in 2006. (2007)

Ingebritson Scholarship Fund

Thelma and Kasper Ingebritson established this fund in 1989, initially to provide scholarships for College of the Redwoods students enrolled in nursing or early childhood education programs. In 1994 the Ingebritsons broadened that focus and began providing 10 scholarships each year to re-entry students in any field of study offered by College of the Redwoods. Dr. Ingebritson died on October 8, 2000. Mrs. Ingebritson died on April 26, 2006. (1989)

Jill Irvine Memorial Fund $275,448

Jill Irvine, a dedicated nurse, helped organize Hospice of Humboldt in 1977. She initiated the annual Avenue of the Giants Marathon Run for Hospice, in which she was a participant, raising large sums of money for the organization. She died as a result of an accident in 1982 while training for the marathon. Income from this donor-advised fund created by the physicians of Eureka Internal Medicine is available for humanitarian, cultural, educational and charitable purposes. (1984)

Wolfgang & Anna Bossard Iten Memorial Scholarship $167,717

Wolfgang left Switzerland at age 20, having lost both parents. He worked his way through Europe, Australia and New Zealand before landing in San Francisco in

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1912. Trained as a blacksmith, he worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad. From the age of seven, Anna spent her childhood in an orphanage kitchen, scrubbing pots and preparing food for the other children. She was not allowed to attend school. When she was 18, her older brother brought her to America where she taught herself to read and write English on her own. Wolfgang and Anna met at a Swiss dance in San Francisco, married in 1915 and relocated to Etna in 1929. They gave up speaking Swiss at home to better help their three sons learn English. They lived out their years ranching in the Scott Valley and Grenada. Hard work and determination made their American Dream come true. (2014)

Fred W. & Janice Bruner Iten Memorial Scholarship Fund $167,909

The son of immigrants, Fred sold newspapers on the streets of Oakland at age 4. He graduated from Fort Jones High, served as a Naval pilot in WWII, graduated from Humboldt State and was later enshrined in Humboldt’s Athletic Hall of Fame. He taught math and coached basketball, football and track - winning league championships at Tulelake, Ferndale, and Ukiah and was once selected to coach the East-West Shrine Game. Jan was raised in Ferndale. Her life changed at age 15 when her father could no longer practice medicine. She worked her way through Humboldt State and Highland Nursing Program, was student body president, and graduated magna cum laude. She was an RN for 35 years and surgical supervisor at Ukiah General Hospital. People in Ukiah knew them as kind, helpful people. They provided a loving home filled with music and laughter emphasizing education, hard work, honor and integrity. (2014)

Herman A. Iverson Memorial Fund $13,567

Established in 1995 to honor the memory of Herman A. Iverson, M.D. in the community he loved, this fund benefits the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust in Trinidad. Dr. Iverson had lived in Humboldt County since 1947, practicing ophthalmology until his retirement. He donated his time and talents to charitable work in developing countries. An outdoorsman who enjoyed sailing and fishing, he spent his retirement years in Trinidad with his wife, Ann. Dr. Iverson supported the non-profit Humboldt North Coast Land Trust from its establishment in 1978. In 1980, the Iversons donated a portion of their property to the Trust to provide public access to the beach known as Indian or Old Home Beach. They also provided a bench so that people might rest before climbing up the bluff. They continued to support the Trust generously over the years. Mrs. Iverson died on July 2, 2001. (1995)

Roderick L. Iverson Charitable Remainder Unitrust $214,788

As part of her estate, Ann L. Iverson created a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The life income is for her son, Roderick L. Iverson, and the charitable remainder is to be added to the Herman A. Iverson Memorial Fund, for the benefit of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. (2001)

Kathryn E. Jackson & Frank A. Grant III Scholarship Fund $68,244

The Kathryn E. Jackson & Frank A. Grant III Memorial Scholarship Fund provides annual scholarships to graduates from Hoopa Valley High School in furthering their education beyond high school. Kathryn was a strong community educational advocate and civic leader. She helped start the first PTA in 1952 in Hoopa, served many offices including 22nd District PTA president and offices in the State PTA. She was the first woman president of the Humboldt County Board of Education. Her eldest son, Frank, graduated from Hoopa High in 1960, earned a BS (1964) and MS (1966) in Civil/Sanitary Engineering from Stanford University, and a PhD (1972) from UC Berkeley. Frank worked 35 years as an eminent water engineer with MWH, a global engineering firm, managing large projects in Los Angeles, the Philippines, and Jordan. He also served on the Yurok Tribal Constitution and economic development committees. (1978)

Sylvia M. Jacobson Memorial Scholarship Fund $16,983

Sylvia M. Jacobson was employed by Simpson Timber Company for 22 years as advertising and promotion manager. She was a member of the Farthest West Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association (of which she twice served as President), Women in Timber, Baywood Golf & Country Club, and Blue Lake Wha-Nika Club. ABWA honored her as “Woman of the Year” in 1988. She touched many lives in a very positive way. She attended College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University as a re-entry student. The scholarship fund was established by family and friends of Sylvia M. Jacobson in her memory, to support women re-entry students attending College of the Redwoods or Humboldt State University. (1995)

Jacoby Creek Land Trust Conservation Management Fund $279,175

The Jacoby Creek Land Trust is dedicated to the preservation of land in the Northern Humboldt Bay region for scientific, historic, educational, recreational, agricultural, scenic, wildlife and open space values. The Land Trust’s leadership established this expendable organizational fund to assist with management costs for lands owned by the Trust. The fund serves as a complement to the Jacoby Creek Land Trust Stewardship Fund, created in 2002 by Bill and June Thompson. (2004)

Jacoby Creek Land Trust Stewardship Fund $49,686

The Jacoby Creek Land Trust was incorporated in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of land, primarily in the Jacoby Creek watershed, for scientific, historic, educational, recreational, scenic, wildlife and open space values. It achieves this goal through the use of conservation easements or acquisitions of land to be managed for agricultural, ecological and aesthetic purposes beneficial to the public interest. This fund was created by Bill and June
Thompson to help the Jacoby Creek Land Trust cover stewardship costs and provide assistance for donors of conservation easements. (2002)

Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund $736,253
Established by Victor before his death in 1997 at age 52, this trust fund is dedicated to supporting Humboldt County visual artists and craftspersons and to encouraging the exploration of new ideas, materials, techniques, mediums and images, as well as excellence. Victor was a gifted artist whose chosen medium was French tapestry. His work has been shown in galleries and is placed in collections across the country, in Mexico, Europe and Japan. A gentle wit with a charming smile and eye and ear for all the arts, Victor was also a dedicated master teacher and an outstanding singer, baker and naturalist. (1997)

Janssen Family Fund $33,486
This donor advised endowment fund was established in 2008 by Ardene Janssen in loving memory and honor of C. R. “Bob” Janssen. Bob was a highly regarded trial attorney. He resided in Humboldt County and lived a life of service to others and devotion to his family. Bob and Ardene’s two daughters, Dina and Shannon, will serve as co-advisors to this fund. At the time of the founding of this fund, all members of the Janssen family reside locally. To reflect the diverse interests and pursuits of the family, gifts from this fund will be made to support a variety of charitable causes including education, the fine arts, health, agriculture and the environment. (2008)

The Jenifer Scholarship Fund $41,990
Jenifer Nunnemaker was a scholar, athlete and leader in middle and high school. She participated in softball, basketball, track, California Scholarship Federation, Humboldt-Del Norte Interschool Council and Interact Club. Jenifer was freshman class treasurer and president of her sophomore class. In the spring of her sophomore year she was awarded the Hugh O’Brien Leadership Award, attended his West Coast convention in the Bay Area and was diagnosed with cancer. Jenifer died peacefully in her home on August 21, 1981 at the age of sixteen. During her short life, she demonstrated how, with a positive attitude, life could be lived to the fullest and death could be met with dignity and grace. Just days prior to her death, Jenifer personally established this scholarship and the selection criteria: scholarship, leadership and participation in athletics and athletic support groups. The community has donated to her fund for over twenty years so that two $1,500 scholarships could be awarded each spring. (1998)

James & Rebecca Jensen/Loleta IOOF Scholarship Fund $53,339
The Jensens were lifelong residents of the Loleta area and very much involved in their community at the time of their deaths in 1982. The Loleta IOOF lodge members designated the income from this fund to be used for two annual two-year scholarships to be awarded to Fortuna/Ferndale school district students after their graduations from College of the Redwoods, so that they may continue their educations. (1983)

Sally Johannsen Advanced Health Scholarship Fund $14,034
Sally Johannsen has been an active member of the Trinity County community since 1970. She left her original career as a Nurse to devote her life to raising her family and running Cedar Stock Resort with her husband Cliff. However, caring for other’s health is simply a part of who she is, and although she was not able to practice as a nurse again, her caring support is felt by all who know her. Over the years she has become interested in the alternative health care options available. This fund was established by her loving family, as a tribute to the many lives she has cared for through her life and the amazing woman she has become. Sally’s family looks forward to her participation in this fund and her continued excitement to support others willing to dedicate their lives to healing in alternative ways. (2015)

Lorana Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund $22,532
Originally endowed as the Mattole Triple Junction High School Citizenship and Community Service Scholarship, this scholarship has been renamed to honor the memory of its 2004 recipient, Lorana Eileen Johnson, who died tragically on February 22, 2005. Lorana very much embodied the spirit of the award in her dedication to school spirit, and her unwaivering desire to better herself and give back to her community. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of outstanding citizenship and community service in order to honor and recognize students who have made a significant contribution to the success of our small school community. (2000)

Wade Owen Johnson Memorial Fund $140,771
Wade Owen Johnson was born in Garberville on March 12, 1958, where he resided until his death January 5, 2010. He was proud to be the great grandson of Nicholas Johnson, who came to Eureka in 1868 from Oslo, Norway. Wade was a kind and gentle person who will be missed by all who knew him. His parents, Jim and Marie Johnson of Garberville, created this fund in his memory to aid the teachers of Redway Elementary School in purchasing teaching aids, supplies and programs for their students. (2010)

Doralie Anderson Johnston Memorial Fund $33,965

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a teaching position at Humboldt State University, where he taught biology and zoology for the next 27 years. Throughout his life, Manny has been an avid bicyclist. Before bicycle transportation infrastructure was as advanced as it is today, Manny used his bicycle as his primary mode of transportation, not only from his Arcata home to the HSU campus, but all over Humboldt County. The Manuel C. Kaster Fund has been established to support zoology education projects for Humboldt County students at the junior high through college levels, and to support bicycle awareness, safety, and transportation access within Humboldt County. (2014)

Manuel C. Kaster Scholarship Fund $22,317
The Manuel C. Kaster Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial support to deserving Humboldt State University undergraduate students pursuing a zoology degree. (2014)

Bernard F. Katri, Mary Ryan Katri & Eleanor Ryan Shanahan Memorial Fund $40,734
Lifelong Humboldt County residents, Mary Ryan Katri and Eleanor Ryan Shanahan were the daughters of John and Mary Ryan of Eureka. Mary died in 1973. Bernard Katri, Mary’s husband, established this fund upon Mary’s sister Eleanor’s death in 1987 to provide a yearly scholarship to a student entering St. Bernard’s High School. Bernard Katri died in 1992. (1987)

Justin Scott Keele Memorial Fund $95,769
This fund was established in memory of Justin Keele. Justin was born in Eureka on June 12, 1979, and passed away on October 4, 2004. Justin was an Eagle Scout, a student leader in high school, a committed volunteer, an entrepreneur and a friend to everyone he met. This fund will grant stipends to students and young adults who emulate Justin’s spirit and values and through their demonstrated involvement can make a difference in the lives of others. The stipend will help make their aspirations come true. (2004)

Keep Eureka Beautiful Fund
Founded in 1996, Keep Eureka Beautiful promotes beautification as an essential building block in preventing crime, calming traffic and promoting economic development. Its mission is to educate the community about the importance of beautification and to motivate individuals to take personal responsibility for making Eureka a more beautiful and livable city. Additionally, the fund will advance policies and programs that promote beautification and to undertake beautification initiatives where appropriate. An all-volunteer board works in a variety of ways to further these goals. In 2006, a gift of $50,000 from the Arkley family allowed Keep Eureka Beautiful to launch a street tree program. (2006)

KEET-TV Redwood Empire Public Television Future Fund $353,877
Donations to this fund are used to help ensure the continuation of the North Coast’s only public television station and to support KEET-TV’s continued broadcast of educational and inspiring public television, the production of local programs, early childhood literacy workshops and community outreach projects. Donations to this fund are welcomed and greatly appreciated. (1991)

Burnie & Mary Kemp Charitable Remainder Unitrust $62,343
Burnie and Mary Kemp have lived in Humboldt County most of their lives. They have created this Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) to give something back to the community from which they feel they have received so much. Burnie enjoyed a successful career with Ocean View Cemetery, retiring as general manager. He is a member of Rotary and the Shriners. After he and Mary were married in 1952, Mary worked for the North Western Pacific Railroad for a short time before becoming a fulltime homemaker, bringing up the couple’s two daughters, assisting Burnie with property management and participating with him in the Humboldt Trap & Skeet Club. Mary is also an
active member of the Daughters of the Nile. The Charitable Remainder from the Kemp CRUT provides support for the Southwest Rotary Scholarship Fund, the Shriner’s Hospital and HAF’s discretionary funding in the field of youth and families. (2001)

William F. & Ruby M. Kennedy Fund $1,561,431

William “Bill” Kennedy grew up in Samoa where he rode a paddle-wheeler across Humboldt Bay every morning for school in Eureka. Bill graduated from Eureka High School, attended Armstrong Business College and went to work in Saudi Arabia for Standard Oil Company when oil fields were being pioneered. He served as Naval aviator for two tours during WWII. Ruby grew up in the Arcata bottoms and graduated from Arcata High School with a Certificate of Achievement in Bookkeeping. She lived in San Francisco before moving back to Humboldt County, met Ruby, and they married in 1953. Together they established Kennedy’s Office Supply which returned to Humboldt County, and graduated from Eureka High School, attended Armstrong Business College and went to work as bookkeeper. Bill returned to Humboldt County, met Ruby, and they married in 1953. Together they established Kennedy’s Office Supply which celebrated 43 years of business. Bill’s life long interest in fly fishing and their mutual love of the outdoors took Bill and Ruby to many special places. This fund will be used at the Foundation’s discretion. (2009)

KHUM’s Stop the Violence-Start the Healing Endowment Fund $23,224

KHUM’s Stop the Violence-Start the Healing Campaign is a partnership of private businesses, public agencies and individuals committed to raising awareness of the realities of domestic, sexual and community violence. It is also committed to promoting involvement in and raising funds for the on-going work of agencies responding to victims and survivors of violence in Humboldt County. The annual campaign raises awareness primarily through live interviews, recorded announcements and special events sponsored by the founder, KHUM-FM radio station at 104.3 and 104.7 FM. The annual campaign also raises funds from business sponsors, merchandise sales, individual donations and special events to continually add to the endowment fund. Grants are made to local agencies serving victims and survivors of violence. (1998)

Kids Inspiration Fund

HumFresh provides fresh, nutritious food that fuels optimal performance and provides nutrition education programs in schools partnered with professional athletes designed to inspire kids to chase their dreams. (2015)

Wayne & Carole Kime Memorial Fund $3,384

Wayne & Carole Kime, both Humboldt natives, found true love and enjoyment in their children and the youth in the community. Carole, who was known for her compassion and kindness, spent many years working for local elementary schools and Wayne, known for his wit and tenacity, spent many years coaching youth sports. The fund is intended for general charitable purposes with an emphasis on local youth organizations. (2015)

Thelma Kinsman Scholarship Fund $16,372

California Medical Assistants Association Inc., Redwood Chapter, established this fund to be used for providing scholarships to local students in an accredited medical assisting program. The Charter President of Redwood Chapter, Thelma Kinsman, worked as a medical assistant in the Eureka area for many years and bequeathed $10,000 to the chapter upon her death. In her memory, this fund will continue to benefit medical assistants on the North Coast. (1999)

Kiwanis Club of Henderson Center Scholarship Fund $35,112

Kiwanis Club of Henderson Center is part of the international organization dedicated to serving local communities and addressing worldwide issues with an emphasis on the needs of children. Kiwanis’ motto is “Serving the Children of the World.” Kiwanis focuses on youth health, citizenship and leadership, as well as assisting the elderly. The Kiwanis Club of Henderson Center sponsors youth groups at elementary, middle, high school and college levels. The Club also provides academic, vocational and scholar-athlete scholarships on a yearly basis. They are active sponsors in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Future Farmers of America. Through participation in service projects volunteer members work to improve life in our local community and around the world. For more information, contact: Kiwanis of Henderson Center Club at PO Box 615, Eureka, CA 95502-0615. (2005)

Kiwanis Club of the North Coast- Public Service Fund $21,854

This fund is used to provide scholarships to youth graduating from Humboldt County high schools who have excelled academically and actively participated in community and school activities, thereby indicating a strong commitment to community service. (1998)

Klamath Communities Fund $19,170

Degradation of the Klamath River by four dams and water usage conflicts have created a health crisis for all Native communities along the river, severely damaging both fishery and farming economies and eroding the environmental health of the Klamath Basin. A remarkable agreement has been reached to remove the four dams below Klamath Lake and balance water use between fisheries and farms. Developed and signed onto by the three Klamath River Tribes, farmers, commercial fishermen, environmental groups, the states of Oregon and California and federal agencies, the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) will improve health of the communities, economies and environment. Funds are needed for the Klamath River Coalition to make the agreement a reality. (2011)

Lewis Klein Environmental Education Endowment Fund $7,491

Lewis Klein, born in New York, became a naturalist, gardener, cyclist and fisherman. He fell in love with the West Coast as a teenager and returned to study at UC Berkeley. His passion for the natural world and spirit of scientific discovery led him to the rain forests of Colombia where he studied spider monkeys.
Later he spent summers in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta observing wildlife, eventually returning to California to concentrate on native plant research. He was a natural teacher, with the ability to explain almost anything to anyone. He became a community leader in McKinleyville, attempting to understand and instruct others in the legalities and realities of local land use issues. His fund was established by the McKinleyville Land Trust and is used for environmental and conservation projects in McKinleyville schools and to provide environmental education materials to McKinleyville schools and public library. (2000)

Dorothy & George Knab Memorial Fund $58,877

George Knab established this fund in 1988, the year after the death of his beloved wife, Dorothy. Hospice of Humboldt and Humboldt Health Services provided daily care for Dorothy until her death. The income from this fund benefits those organizations. George died on March 11, 1995. (1988)

Kneeland Fire Protection District Fire Station Fund $25,877

The mission of the Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) is to provide fire protection and prevention and emergency medical aid to our 36 square mile district. The KVFD has provided these services for over 20 years without a firehouse. Currently the response vehicles and fire and medical apparatus are housed at the homes of the volunteer firefighters, where they are exposed to maritime influences and other weather effects. This trust fund has been created to raise the money needed to build a 60’ x 80’ building, with three large bay doors, a fueling station and development of a water source and storage. The firehouse will serve as a central command post to house and maintain the equipment and a training center for our brave volunteer firefighters so that they can continue to provide outstanding service to the community of Kneeland. Support your local fire department! (2008)

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund $38,418

The Knights of Columbus have established this scholarship fund to assist Catholic students attending St. Bernard’s Schools who experience financial hardship. (2000)

Knowledge Fund see page 56

Kokatat Fund $20,905

Kokatat has been manufacturing paddling gear in Arcata, California since 1971. At a time when many technical apparel brands were moving manufacturing offshore, Kokatat continued to invest in infrastructure in the US. Kokatat is proud of their contribution to the local Humboldt County economy. More than 90% of their global sales are generated from apparel and accessories manufactured in Arcata, CA. This fund was established to promote the mission of Humboldt Area Foundation and to encourage discretionary giving to support strategic community work. (2011)

Kuttner/Mason Camp Unalaye Scholarship Fund $10,486

The Fund was created by a friendship circle of Guy Kuttner and John “Moose” Mason – both highly regarded, dedicated, and inspirational local public school teachers – to honor their love of high mountain wilderness, commitment to environmental education, and emphasis on cooperative hands-on learning. The Fund’s sole purpose is to financially enable children from low income urban households to attend Camp Unalaye. Short-term and long-term financial goals are to cover one camper’s costs per year and to grow a self-supporting endowment. Since 1949, Camp Unalaye - an accredited, nonprofit backpacking summer camp located in the Trinity Alps Wilderness - has been providing children from all walks of life with experiences that are life affirming for all and life changing for many. The camp emphasizes cooperation, building confidence through learning outdoor skills, exploring one’s interests and natural abilities, and sharing daily responsibilities at base camp and on backcountry trails. (2015)

Guy Kuttner Nature Memorial Fund $5,720

The Guy Kuttner Nature Education Fund was established in 2011 in memory of Guy, a beloved teacher at Pacific Union School. Guy loved getting his students out of their classroom and into nature. Over his 20 year educational career, they would make weekly trips to the Arcata Marsh, camp at Patrick’s Point State Park and Camp Kimtu, visit the dunes, and hang out in the various campus gardens. It is this fund’s goal to assist teachers by providing transportation to get their students out of the classrooms and into nature. (2015)

Jimmy Kwan Scholarship Fund $7,518

Jimmy Kwan was the beloved and only child of Alex and Linda Kwan. Rarely is a child born with such intellectual and athletic gifts and such an affable nature. As a pianist, he won the Humboldt Young Artist of the Year Award; at Zane Junior High, he was class salutatorian and as a tennis player at Eureka High School, he was exceptional. He also spent the summer of 1993 with an HSU theatrical troupe in Scotland. Jimmy Kwan’s short life of 15 years was filled with great accomplishment, happiness and the love of all who knew him. (1993)

Amy Haas LaBanca Emerging Artist Fund $5,004

Always nurturing the creative spirit of the young people around her, Amie Haas LaBanca spent her life encouraging everyone she met interested in any form of creative expression. The Haas-LaBanca Family has established the Amie Haas LaBanca Emerging Artists Fund to create an endowed, sustainable scholarship award opportunity, similar to the opportunity Amie was given as a young student and artist. One that
transformed and sustained her entire life, personally and professionally. This fund will support graduating students within the Arcata Arts Institute at Arcata High School who will be entering a field of study in the arts, regardless of grade point average, type of school, or enrollment status. (2014)

Nancy Jacobs Lafrenz Memorial Scholarship Fund $33,482

Nancy Lafrenz was a gifted actor, charming clown, dedicated Dell’Arte alumnus, devoted daughter, thoughtful friend, and loving wife. She succumbed to colon cancer on December 26th, 2005, at the young age of 31. Nancy was a giver and a leader. Nancy mentored younger students and ensemble members, spoke up when others were afraid to, and nurtured those in need. Nancy not only loved working in ensembles but also loved building them. To keep Nancy’s spirit alive, the Dell’Arte graduating class of 2002 created The Nancy Lafrenz Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund allows one ensemble of graduating Dell’Arte students to begin their professional career. The scholarship funds the creation of an ensemble created original work for Dell’Arte’s Mad River Festival. Through the creation of these works Nancy’s spirit will not only live on but it will help mold the careers of young ensemble members for years to come. (2006)

Marian Coffman Larson Fund $50,210

Marian Coffman Larson, born in Jacksonville, TX in 1930, came to Humboldt County with her family as a young girl. She graduated from Humboldt State University with a BA degree and an elementary school teaching credential. Marian taught school in Humboldt County for 24 years, including 19 years in the Cutten Elementary School District. Marian devoted her time and efforts to the improvement of education of young elementary school students. She was a member of the California Teachers Association and the Eureka Church of Religious Science. Marian is survived by her husband, Garth Larson. The fund is used for discretionary purposes of the Foundation. (1998)

Leadership Fund see page 53

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Education Fund $44,161

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The first purpose of the fund is to further League educational purposes within the Humboldt County area. Examples of education fund activities are: candidates, public information and educational forums; non-partisan voter registration and “get-out-the-vote” drives; voter information for new citizens; purchase of printed pros and cons on ballot measures and other non-partisan election-related materials; support of Internet access to unbiased voter election information and publication of the Humboldt County Citizens’ Guide to County Government. The second purpose of the fund is to underwrite the state and national membership dues for those local League of Women Voters members and potential members who cannot afford to pay these costs. (1999)

Louis “Louie” Leal Memorial Fund $37,971

This fund was established by Robyn Bryant in loving memory of her father, Louis, who went home on December 31, 2004. Louis was and still remains a great source of strength and inspiration to others. He was always doing tangible things to help his family, friends, and community and is greatly loved and appreciated by all who knew him. In honor of Louis, this fund has been created to help provide medical treatment, crisis and/or legal counseling for those dealing with serious issues that may arise from severe physical, emotional or mental disorder or through the loss of a loved one. In so doing, this fund also honors the memory of Robyn’s mother, Phyllis, and two brothers, Robert and John, by partnering with and supporting the Phyllis Nilsen Leal Memorial Fund, which supports families with children undergoing medical treatments. (2006)

Phyllis Nilsen Leal Memorial Fund $73,242

Louis Leal established this fund in honor of his wife, Phyllis, to support families who have children undergoing medical treatments. Mr. Leal passed away on December 31, 2004. A memorial fund for Mr. Leal was established in 2006. (1986)

Leavey Ranch Fund

Joseph James “Jim” Leavey, Jr., left the area to pursue his career, and returned in the 90s to spend time on his ranch, located along the Mad River outside of Blue Lake. There Jim raised many bird species in his aviary and was an avid gardener. Jim also had ponds built and stocked with a variety of fish. Jim’s Sunday drives to the ponds were the highlight of his weeks. The Leavey Ranch will serve as an educational area for Humboldt State University and other educational organizations. The wide range of distinct natural ecosystems existing on the Ranch are appropriate for educational uses in the fields of forestry, fisheries, rangeland management, wildlife management, botany and other sciences relating to the conservation, preservation and understanding of natural resources and of species indigenous to the North Coast. The Ranch will also remain an open space with continued operation as a working ranch. (2012)

John L. & Marian Ledgerwood Memorial Fund $326,298

Marian Ledgerwood established this fund to honor the memory of a loving husband. Because John had appreciated the care he received during his many hospital stays for heart problems, income from the fund provides scholarships to nursing students. Marian had the opportunity to meet and inspire several scholarship recipients before she passed away in September 2003. During her youth, Marian worked for the City of Eureka. It was she who filed the necessary papers to qualify the Carnegie as an historical building. She subsequently was an active volunteer with RSVP for many years,
Marian Ledgerwood Fund for Dogs & Cats $91,952
Marian Ledgerwood was born in Eureka on April 22, 1918, to John and Mary Davison. Marian spent her childhood in Orick living at the Davison Ranch. She graduated from Eureka High School in 1936 and then attended Humboldt State College. For more than 30 years, she worked for the City of Eureka in the Engineering Department as an engineering technician, retiring in 1981. Marian had a life-long interest in photography and always had a camera with her. She volunteered many hours to the Eureka Police Department, developing and printing their film. In 1986, Marian was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Johnnie. Marian loved animals, especially the Pekinese she had over the years. Because of her love for animals, she established this fund for the education, altering and spaying of dogs and cats in Humboldt County upon her death on September 2, 2003. (2004)

Mary Louise Leftwich Lawson Memorial Scholarship Fund $9,263
Mary Louise Leftwich Lawson was born February 26, 1930 in Magazine, Arkansas. As a young girl her parents Julian and Zena Leftwich moved the family to Lubbock, Texas. She attended Stephens College in Missouri and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She met and married Homer Lawson who also attended and graduated from Texas Tech. She did not graduate from college but she held education in high regard. She had been a history major with an art minor. She volunteered often, including with the Junior League where she took paintings to classrooms to share her love of art with children. She had an artful narrative in teaching her three children about historical events. Volunteering at Texas Tech’s Museum and The McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas were such pleasures in her life. She passed away April 9, 2014. Julia Jan Lawson established this scholarship in loving memory of her mother. (2015)

Neil A. Lemons Memorial Scholarship Fund $18,902
Born January 9, 1979, Neil grew up locally and attended local schools. He participated in Scouts, baseball and soccer. Neil loved the outdoors, hunting, camping, backpacking and fishing. His smile touched many lives. Neil was murdered on April 30, 2002, at the age of 23. This memorial fund was established by his parents, Mike Lemons, Arlene and Ken Britt and family for the benefit of those successfully completing a rehabilitation program to further their education. (2002)

Vernon A. & Verla D. Lindstrom Memorial Fund $379,511
Vern and Verla Lindstrom moved to Fortuna in 1964 from Santa Rosa. They both worked at College of the Redwoods. Vern in computers and Verla worked in data processing. Vern’s interests included ham radio and cars. Verla enjoyed weaving, painting and genealogy. They shared a deep love for cats and would often take tender care of strays including feeding and housing them which allowed the kittens to live longer, happier lives. This fund was established specifically for the benefit of cats at the Humboldt County Humane Society to feed and care for them until loving homes can be found for them. (2015)

Elizabeth & Theodore Lippert Scholarship Fund $247,934
Helen Betsy Lippert established this fund in memory of her beloved parents, Elizabeth and Theodore Lippert. Ted Lippert was a vocational shop teacher for 36 years, Fortuna Mayor for 12 years and served on the Fortuna City Council for 20 years. He was a 50-year member of both the Eel River Masonic Lodge and Delta Chi of Oregon State College where he received his Bachelor’s degree in 1930 in industrial arts. Elizabeth Lippert graduated from the University of Southern California in 1926, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She taught at several local elementary schools and was an award-winning member of the Fortuna Garden Club. The Lipperts were members of the Fortuna Methodist Church. This scholarship fund is for Fortuna High School graduates who are members of a church and are interested in pursuing a career in teaching or vocational education. (1992)

Local Investment Fund see page 53

Robert M. Lochtie Memorial Fund $49,691
Robert Lochtie practiced veterinary medicine in Eureka for over 30 years, building the Broadway Animal Hospital. He contributed to youth programs through 4-H, FFA and the Boy and Girl Scouts. This fund was established in his memory in 1992 by his family. The income is used for community projects, especially those that benefit youth, in education, the environment and the arts. (1992)

Robert & Carol Lorensen Fund $54,379
Carol Lorensen, a resident of Humboldt County for nearly 50 years, retired from HSU as Secretary to the Vice President of University Relations. Bob, a native of Eureka, retired as chief technologist of Humboldt Central Lab in 1991, having been employed by St. Joseph’s Hospital for 50 years. Both Bob and Carol were graduates of HSU and together had eight children. Bob and Carol have made gifts including their life insurance policies, the death benefits to support the needs of Humboldt County and to give something back to the community from which they have received so much. Carol passed away December 1, 2007. (1993)

Zerbina Lovfald Memorial Fund $650,799
Zerbina Susan Lovfald, or “Beanie” as she was known to her family and friends, lived in Humboldt County for over 90 years. Her husband, John Lovfald, preceded her in death in 1970. Beanie attended Eureka High School and Craddock Business College. She worked for the Diamond Fruit Company, Eureka’s Water Department, and finally retired as an accountant for the California Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans. In her retirement, Beanie traveled...
I had the pleasure of touring the Glen Paul School and witnessed first-hand the play yards and equipment that were funded by my Great Aunt, Zerbina Lovfald. “Aunt Beanie” had a special place in her heart for special needs children.

When I think of my Aunt Beanie, I remember her love for our family and warm days at her cabin in Redway. She worked all her life and retired from California Department of Transportation at around 60 years of age. Her favorite pastimes were dancing at the Moose Lodge, playing bridge with her friends at Baywood and the Eureka Women’s Club, and, of course, being with family. Though she was a world traveler, her main enthusiasm and interest was in the history of Humboldt County. She had many interesting stories of the “good ole days”. She also loved going for rides to the mountains and picnics along the local rivers. However, her greatest enjoyments were attending family get togethers and barbecues where she was able to share stories with her nieces and nephews and even, on occasion, would dance to old tunes with us. I truly miss those good times.

For many years, we lived next to each other. During this time, Glen Paul teacher, Scott Keele and his work crew of special needs youth would mow her lawns and tackle other yard work. It is my belief that these work crews are what motivated Aunt Beanie to donate to the school.

I feel especially close to this project having a grandson who was born with Downs Syndrome. I believe children with special needs should benefit from the same recreational opportunities as all other children. I was very moved while observing the children’s physical experiences and social interactions on the sturdy, accessible equipment including special bicycles and tricycles, swings, climbing structures, etc. What a rewarding and satisfying gift. I’m positive the joy I witnessed in those children is exactly what Aunt Beanie had envisioned from her donation.

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extensively and enjoyed a good game of bridge. Her quick wit and stories of the past warmed many a family gathering. Her fund is intended for the exclusive benefit of the Glen Paul Center for Exceptional Children in Eureka. (1999)

**Charles Lucchesi Memorial Fund** $5,045

Dawn Lucchesi, Karen Berman and Joni Branstetter established this endowment to honor husband and father, Charles (Chuck) Lucchesi. Chuck lived a full, beautiful life. He was loved by many and had such a positive view of life it was a joy to be in his presence. Chuck was a lifelong educator who retired as Vice President, Student Personnel at College of the Redwoods. Called one of the most versatile student-athletes in school history, he was inducted into the University of California Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. During the last 22 years of his life he competed in Senior Tennis Tournaments and held national rankings. He was still competing nationally in tennis the year he died at 86. Funds will be used to support local youth purchasing athletic equipment needed to participate in group sports. This fund reflects Chuck’s belief that participation in athletics as a youth can build lifelong skills in achieving success in life. (2007)

**Paloma Smith Luce Trust Fund** $61,949

Paloma Smith Luce, a graduate of Fortuna Union High School’s class of 1932, established this trust fund to support the high school’s science and agriculture departments. (1999)

**Charlene Lundblade and Sons Fund** $11,395

This fund was created to help the population of feral cats and dogs in Trinity and Humboldt Counties. At one time, there were 27 feral cats at Charlene’s home. Charlene had them all spayed and neutered and eventually found homes for 18 of them. The love of all animals is what led to the creation of this fund. Charlene lives in Trinity County and her sons are Rick and Ron. (2013)

**Eli & Jacob Lyons Memorial Scholarship Fund** $24,969

Eli Lyons was a native of Arcata. A quiet young man with a lifelong love of outdoors, Eli loved to fish and spent his happiest hours on the local rivers. An exemplary student, Eli planned on pursuing a career in the field of marine biology. He was active in sports, and lettered in football and basketball at Arcata High School receiving All-County honors for football in 1993. This fund was established in Eli’s name for scholar-athletes graduating from Arcata High School planning to attend a four-year college or university and majoring in the biological sciences.

Eli’s brother, Jacob, passed away in 2008 just before his 24th birthday. Jacob was a kind and gentle young man who struggled, as a young adult, to make sense of his brother’s death. He discovered an interest and talent for woodworking in high school, going on to work in local woodworking shops after his high school graduation. Memorial gifts in Jacob’s name have been used to purchase a bench for the Arcata Community Forest and to plant a tree at the Humboldt Botanical Gardens. A scholarship was established to help Arcata High School graduates pursue ongoing education in the area of industrial technology. (1995)

**MacAlton Fund** $324,668

Jim MacKinnon and Alton English created the MacAlton Fund with a charitable remainder trust. The fund will support annual MacAlton Awards, providing financial assistance to students in the fields of mechanical, industrial and/or vocational arts and sciences, including architecture, carpentry and furniture making. (1998)

**John F. Machen MemorialFund** $14,210

John was born November 22, 1945. He graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School and served as a flight surgeon in the United States Navy. John and Lynn Schoenewey were married in 1979, and they moved to Eureka in 1980, where John became a partner in Urology Associates. He served the local medical community in many ways including Chief of Staff at St. Joseph’s Hospital and President of the Humboldt-Del Norte Foundation for Medical Care. John enjoyed flying airplanes and fly-fishing. His favorite airplane was a 1946 Aeronca 7ac Champ, which he personally restored, and his favorite fishing adventure was catch-and-release for steelhead on the Klamath River. John was also a devoted family man and because of his pride in his sons, Matt and Scott, and their musical accomplishments, the John F. Machen Memorial Fund has been established to benefit music education. (2002)

**Douglas G. Mack Memorial Scholarship Fund** $36,278

This fund provides an award annually to a student graduating from McKinleyville High School who is attending college with the intent of becoming a teacher. Douglas Gordon Mack was a 1986 graduate of McKinleyville High School where he was active in soccer, tennis, forensics and theater. His favorite teacher at McKinleyville High School, Mr. Allen Edwards, inspired him to become a high school English teacher. Doug attended Oregon State University and was attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ to finish work on a teaching credential when he died in 1998 at the age of 30 after a two-year battle with cancer. Doug was proud that in his last semester, even though seriously ill, he still received straight A’s. Doug’s parents, Herschel and Rickie Mack, established this fund with the hope that it would help worthy students accomplish Doug’s career goal of becoming a teacher. (1998)

**Eldred I. “Bo” MacMillan Fund** $17,461

Bo MacMillan, a third generation Humboldt County native, had a successful career in civil engineering and land surveying until his death in February 1993. Most of his career

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was spent in Humboldt County, providing him the opportunity to work on projects such as the Arcata Freeway, Eureka’s Second Street renovation, and one of his favorite projects, the Adorni Recreation Center in Eureka. To honor Bo and the profession he loved, this fund provides scholarships to civil engineering students who are graduates of Humboldt County high schools. (1993)

**Mad River Community Hospital Partners in Caring Fund $4,719**

Mad River Community Hospital is committed to caring for all members of our community, regardless of their ability to pay for services provided. Each year the hospital provides over $1.3 million in non-reimbursed health services to more than 1,700 patients. Through the Partners in Caring Fund, donors can build upon Mad River’s generous gift to our community. Donations to the Partners in Caring Fund support services for patients in need. For example, the fund will help the hospital provide oral surgeries for low-income pediatric patients referred by local clinics, benefiting 30 children per year. Donations to this designated expendable fund are used directly for indigent patient care, not for administrative or overhead costs. The Partners in Caring fund makes a difference in our community by ensuring health care for those who cannot afford it – allowing donors to become true partners in caring for our friends and neighbors in need. (2003)

**The Maffia Family Fund $49,420**

This fund was established by Lynn Maffia McKenna in memory of her parents, Nard and Jennie Maffia, and her brother Tom. The Maffias were life-long residents of Eureka with a rich Italian heritage. Nard’s family built and operated The Flor de Italia Hotel in the early 1900s. This building, located at 110 2nd Street, currently houses the Eureka Rescue Mission. Jennie worked at the Bon Boniere and for Harry Adorni Insurance before marrying Nard. Together, with other family members, they owned and operated The McKinleyville Store, The Logger Bar in Blue Lake and The Ritz in Eureka. Jennie was the executrix of the Adorni estate and oversaw the building of the Adorni Center. Nard and Jennie were also very involved with the Jazz Festival as supporters and volunteers. This donor advised fund will help support the Rescue Mission building and Jazz Festival youth programs. (2004)

**Michael Malloy Memorial Fund $55,407**

Lifelong Humboldt County resident Michael Malloy was the son of Joseph Malloy, a native of Humboldt County, and Ruth E. Malloy, born in Minnesota and raised in Devil’s Lake, ND. Michael Malloy graduated from St. Bernard’s High School in 1967. His brothers and sister also were St. Bernard’s High School graduates. Michael Malloy died in 1999. His wife, Theresa, and his family established this fund for the benefit of students attending St. Bernard’s High School. (1999)

**Mandy & Molly Fund $77,351**

Jim and Betty Mills established this fund to support the Sequoia Humane Society, reflecting the love and joy so many receive from owning a pet. Betty reports “Many pets shared our home during the fifty-some years we have been married and all were memorable. The last two dogs we owned were a mixture of black Labs and who knows what else? Mandy came into our lives in 1972 and left in 1987. Molly arrived in 1982 and departed in 1997. The period that their lives overlapped was full of surprises, laughter and wonder at their delightful antics. If we threw a stick into the pond, Molly would swim out to get it and surrender it to Mandy who would bring it to us to throw again. Sufficient to say that our lives were greatly enriched by these two very intelligent, lovable friendly dogs and we miss them immensely.” (1998)

**Ruth Marcus Memorial Writing Scholarship Fund $12,409**

Ruth Marcus was born on December 13, 1925 in Detroit, MI to Zlote and Sam Pinsker, Russian immigrants. Her positive attitude and unyielding belief that the universe spins on an axis of positive intent and that all things happen for “The Greatest Good” continued until her sudden passing from cancer on February 5, 2000. Ruth was a devoted mother, sister and friend and was active in the creative arts from an early age as a radio, TV and film actress, pianist and writer. This award was created by her son, Scott Marcus, and her daughter, Cindy Kobler-Marcus, to be awarded to an aspiring writer of any age who will use it for “The Greatest Good” and further his or her interest in writing professionally. (2000)

**John A. Marcuz Memorial Fund $5,005**

A 1953 graduate of Eureka Senior High School, Mr. Marcuz received his BA and MA from Humboldt State University in History and completed his student teaching at Arcata High School. A high school and collegiate tennis player, Marcuz demonstrated the best traits of the “student/athlete,” continuing to both play and learn throughout his life. Marcuz died in 1996 after a long battle with cancer. His family established this scholarship in his memory. (1996)

**Jack Martin Memorial Fund $5,135**

Jack Martin was born in Tucson, AZ. After college, he spent his working years in radio, television and television syndication. He moved to Arcata in 1974 when he bought the radio station KATA, and later purchased KSXO in Redding which he owned until he retired. This fund was established upon his death on January 9, 1999, by his wife, Lucille, and sons Michael and Jeffrey for the restoration and maintenance of the Arcata Marsh, one of Jack’s favorite places. (1999)

**Lynne Marie Martucci Memorial Scholarship Fund $313,729**

John Vito Martucci created this music scholarship fund by means of a bequest for his beloved daughter, Lynne Marie Martucci. Lynne was the joy of her parents’ lives as their only child, described as a lovable little girl with a normal childhood. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis after her first year at Humboldt University. With medication, she was able to continue attending college as a music major and in her spare time, visited rest homes to sing and play guitar. She truly loved
her Lord and after Humboldt, decided to go to Oral Roberts University to major in Religious Education. Unfortunately, her health declined rapidly soon after that and she returned to her parents. Lynne died at the early age of 32. This scholarship in her memory will support a student studying music at HSU. (2009)

**The Patenaude-Juell-Hart Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship has been created by Six Rivers Masonic Lodge in memory of three of their Masonic brothers who dedicated their careers to public education, Clyde Patenaude, Leonard Juell, and Bruce Hart all of whom taught for many years in Arcata and nearby communities. (2010)

**Essie Mathews Memorial Fund $15,212**

This unrestricted fund was established by the family of longtime Eureka resident Essie Mathews. Grants from this fund allow the Foundation to address a variety of community needs. (1992)

**Minette & Francis B. Mathews Memorial Fund $20,790**

The Minette Mathews and Francis Mathews Fund was created by friends and family to honor the memory of Minette Roduner Mathews who died in May 1997 and Francis B. Mathews who died in June 2000. Minette was a founding member of Humboldt Sponsors, a non-profit corporation dedicated to raising funds to support Humboldt County’s youth with special needs. Eureka residents since 1948, the Mathews raised four children and were avid bridge players — both attaining the rank of life master. Francis practiced law in Eureka for fifty three years. Because of Minette’s thirty-year commitment to Humboldt Sponsors and both of their beliefs in its mission of helping Humboldt County youth, this fund supports the projects of Humboldt Sponsors. (1997)

**Gerald & Jane Matson Scholarship Fund $124,908**

Gerry and Jane Matson, both graduates of Eureka High School, were married in 1946. Gerry received his Master’s degree in architecture at UC Berkeley and started his own architectural firm in Eureka in 1952. He designed St. Joseph Hospital, some CR buildings, Eureka City Hall and many other schools and commercial buildings in northern California. Jane graduated from the Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in 1942 and worked four years as a registered nurse before staying at home to raise the three Matson children: Susan Keele, Sharon Smullin and Larry Matson. Jane died on December 20, 2000. Gerald died on April 16, 2001. Education was an important part of the Matsons’ life and a strong family value. The Matsons’ fund provides scholarships to local students studying nursing at CR and HSU, and to local students who are enrolled in a university, to pursue a career in architecture. (1999)

**Mary & Melvin “Skip” Matson Fund $14,419**

This fund was originally established by Mary Matson to honor Skip, her husband and a life-long commercial fisherman who passed away in March of 1997. A Eureka native and graduate of Eureka High School, Skip served in the US Army during World War II. After the war, he returned to Eureka to continue his work as a commercial fisherman. Skippy loved his lifelong work of fishing and eventually became known as a “Highliner” among the salmon troll fleet for his knowledge and fishing ability. With Mary’s passing in May of 2002 this fund is now known as the Mary & Melvin “Skip” Matson Fund. Income from this fund provides an annual scholarship to a Eureka or Fortuna High School graduate planning to attend a four-year college and major in business administration. (1998)

**Mattole Camp Endowment Fund $7,028**

Situated along the Mattole River on the Lost Coast of Northern California, Mattole Camp has served Humboldt County for over 60 years as a year-round gathering place for churches, schools, organizations and individuals who want a serene location away from the distractions of life. This advised endowment fund will support the Camp’s ability to improve facilities and provide special programs. (2002)

**Mattole Restoration Council Fund $124,104**

The objectives and purpose of the Mattole Restoration Council are the conservation and restoration of natural systems in the Mattole River watershed and their maintenance at sustainable levels of health and productivity, especially in regards to forests, fisheries, soil, and other plant and animal communities. It is a community based organization formed in 1983, that uses a comprehensive, watershed-wide approach to improve the stewardship of our natural resources, including our native runs of coho salmon, Chinook, and steelhead. Mattole Restoration Council partners with agencies, local community groups, scientists, and landowners to ensure that their projects are high quality, effective, and practical. Through a combination of planning, youth education, community outreach, and on-the-ground project implementation, they are working towards a healthy, sustainable Mattole watershed. (2014)

**The Mattole Valley Fund $18,138**

The purpose of this expendable fund is to benefit the residents of the Mattole Valley and their environment. (1999)

**Ralph Mayo Athlete/Leadership Award Fund $14,805**

Ralph Mayo graduated from Eureka High School and Humboldt State College. He taught and coached in the Mt. Diablo School District for over 20 years. A Eureka High School senior is selected annually to receive this award. (1989)
McAlister Family Fund $28,491

This fund was established by the McAlister family to honor the family name and in honor of Frank and Esther McAlister, Linnea and Charles Leslie McAlister, Harold and Opal McAlister, Aileen McAlister Glass, Dale McAlister, Judy Rice, Karen Baddeley and Pamela Gile. This fund benefits seniors in Humboldt County. Harold McAlister passed away on July 5, 2004. Linnea McAlister passed away March 11, 2008. (1993)

Larry McCarty Foundation for Kids Fund $45,145

Larry McCarty was a vibrant, much-loved, unforgettable man. He had a great gift for life, and for making a profound impact on the lives of children and adults. Larry gave joy; he made people happy. A talented and respected administrator, he was Superintendent of Trinidad and Arcata School Districts. Cancer took Larry’s life at age 49 in 1993. His only request was that a foundation be established for benefit children. Larry specified the goals of this foundation; his friends gave it a name. Larry’s friends and loving wife Kathy established the Larry McCarty Foundation for Kids on May 12, 1993. (1993)

Katherine Hoyt McCaughey Memorial Scholarship Fund $30,894

Katherine McCaughey was born in 1978 in Eureka to Sarah Ann and Timothy Hoyt McCaughey. Katherine was looking forward to returning to the University of Colorado in Boulder where she was an honor student and an active member of the Triathlete Club. Kat attributed her ability to reach for excellence and her determination to achieve personal goals to the lessons she learned while competing in track at Arcata High School. She was deeply devoted to preservation of the environment and anticipated a future in international relations with an emphasis on the environment. Katherine is remembered as the sparkle on the tip of a wave, the tickle in the sea breeze or the smile in a ripple on a calm summer lake. Unfortunately, she was killed by a hit-and-run driver on July 8, 1997 at the age of 19. This scholarship is awarded to Arcata High athletes in track or cross-country who wish to further their educations. (1998)

McCrigler Scholarship Fund $10,023

Leonard McCrigler graduated from Fortuna High School in 1978, graduated next from College of the Redwoods, and then went on to receive his bachelor’s degree in engineering technology and his master’s degree in computer science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Leonard and his wife, Laurie, are residents of San Jose where he is a performance analyst with Hewlett-Packard Company. The McCriglers created this scholarship fund for Fortuna High School graduates who have academic interest or career goals in science, math or technology. (1999)

McGraw Fund for the Protection of Small Animals $392,427

Lee and Blanche McGraw moved from Southern California in 1948. Lee earned his building contractor’s license in 1956 and built over 200 homes and commercial properties in Ukiah before his retirement in 1984. The McGraws had a great deal of love and compassion for domestic animals, particularly dogs and cats. They established this donor-advised fund to support the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) in the Mendocino County area in their work to promote kindness to animals and eliminate overpopulation and suffering. Mrs. McGraw died in 2002 and Mr. McGraw died in 2003. (1995)

Mary Virginia McIntosh-Mangham Memorial Fund $20,696

Mary, a second generation Eurekan, was a resident of Oakland when she died in 1987. Her beloved husband, James Mangham, established this fund to benefit her native community. (1987)

McKeegan Charitable Remainder Unitrust $41,027

A co-founder of Six Rivers Planned Parenthood, Michele McKeegan was its director for 16 years and is the author of a 1991 book on the politics of abortion. She continues to be a Planned Parenthood volunteer. Michele donated her house to the Foundation, creating a charitable remainder Unitrust. Eventually, half of the assets will establish the McKeegan Endowment for Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. Half is designated for other causes dear to her heart. Michele’s parents were both from large, poor immigrant families, determined to have only the number of children they could nurture and educate. She and her brother knew from the start that they were planned and wanted. “There are dozens of reasons to believe in family planning, from concern about population growth to belief in individual choice,” she says. “What matters most for me is its importance in laying the groundwork for strong and loving families.” (1998)

William D. McKenzie Scholarship Fund $29,209

William D. McKenzie played varsity football while at HSU and was a member of the “Old Jack” Club. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he returned to Arcata, where he and Joann were married and remained together for 40 years. He was a member of the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years and headed that Department until his retirement in 1984. After his retirement, he worked fighting forest fires in the New Mexico-Arizona area. He is remembered by his friends and family as a man with an easy smile, helping hands and an open heart. This fund provides scholarships to HSU for the children of active paid or volunteer Arcata firefighters who have served the department for at least five years. (1994)

McKinleyville Area Fund $238,017

The McKinleyville Area Fund’s (MAF) purpose is to support recreational and cultural opportunities for the McKinleyville area. Past projects include the Community Center, Library, Senior Center, Law Enforcement Facility and Hiller Sports Fields. MAF provides grants to non-profit community groups. Scholarships
from the Hewitt Family funds are provided to agriculture students at McKinleyville High School. (1982)

**McKinleyville Kiwanis Scholarship Fund** $19,478

The McKinleyville Kiwanis Club established this scholarship fund to reward and support McKinleyville High School graduates. (2007)

**McKinleyville Land Trust Conservation and Heritage Fund** $13,072

The McKinleyville Land Trust, established in 1994, is dedicated to the voluntary conservation of land for ecological, agricultural, educational, recreational, historic, timber and scenic values. The Land Trust works primarily with local property owners who want to create conservation easements to restrict the type and amount of development or other activity that might take place on their land now or in the future. The Land Trust’s role is to monitor the easement and ensure that the conditions of the easement are upheld. In addition to holding conservation easements, the Land Trust also accepts and manages donations of land with conservation value. The purpose of this advised expendable fund is to acquire, monitor and manage conservation easements and other conservation lands in the McKinleyville area and surrounding Humboldt County communities. (2000)

**McKinleyville Senior Center Endowment Fund** $28,723

The McKinleyville Senior Center, established in 1978, is dedicated to promoting a better quality of life for the senior citizens of the McKinleyville area. The Center provides special assistance programs, health services and a wide variety of social activities. The McKinleyville Senior Center is self-supporting, receiving no federal, state or local tax monies. The fund helps ensure long-term financial stability for the Center. (1999)

**McLean Foundation Scholarship Fund**

The McLean Foundation established this fund to support local Eel River Valley High School Students who want to stay in Humboldt County to gain higher education.

Mel and Grace McLean, the creators of the Foundation, lived and worked in the Eel River Valley while employing hundreds of people with good paying jobs and benefits. The McLean Foundation still maintains this original goal by supporting students who want to stay in Humboldt County, learn locally and create a better and more educated community. The fund's goal is to provide these students with a full year’s tuition and book fees at either Humboldt State University or College of the Redwoods. High school students living in the Eel River are eligible to apply. (2014)

**Hugh & Ada McLeod-Smith Scholarship Fund** $30,762

Mrs. John T. Bissell established the Hugh and Ada McLeod-Smith Scholarship out of her fondness for Fortuna Union High School and the local community and to remember her parents, Hugh and Ada McLeod-Smith. Hugh Smith graduated from Fortuna Union High School in 1917, where he was yearbook business manager and involved with drama productions. Two scholarships a year are awarded to high school seniors in need of financial assistance for their college educations. Since Mrs. Bissell’s death in 1991, the scholarship committee has continued to award these scholarships based on her criteria. Selection is based solely on the contents of a personal letter written by the applicant stating how receiving this scholarship might make a difference in the applicant’s life. (1997)

**Theresa Mary McNiel Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Study of Mandarin** $14,189

Theresa Mary McNiel was born in San Francisco on August 28, 1965. She discovered a love for the Chinese language while a freshman at University of South Florida. Theresa received scholarships to study at Taiwan Normal University, and Hangzhou University, China. She earned a B.A. in International Studies from University of the Pacific, and lived and worked for many years throughout Asia. Upon her return to the US., she received her M.A. in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. She was Legislative Assistant to Senator Chuck Hagel and Senior Advisor to UUSSecretary of State, East Asian and Pacific Affairs. As atop Chinese linguist, she accepted a position with the NSA. Theresa adopted her daughter, Tonia, from an orphanage in China. Theresa passed away August 29, 2007, from cancer. Her family established this scholarship in memory of Theresa and to encourage the study of Mandarin. (2007)

**Billie McWhorter Scholarship Fund** $9,162

Born in 1931, Billie was raised on a ranch in Petrolia and attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse. She worked for her room and board while attending Ferndale High School and graduated at age 17. In 1949, she went to work for Youngreen’s Propane Gas Service where her husband-to-be was a partner. She married Ben McWhorter in 1950. Together they had eight children. Ben and Billie purchased Gene Youngreen’s half of the business in 1954 and renamed it Sequoia Gas. Ben died in an auto accident in 1976 and Billie continued operation of the family business with the help of her children. She was the proud grandmother of 21 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Family was always “# 1” with Billie. Established by her children in her honor, the purpose of this fund is to provide annual scholarships to graduates of Ferndale High School and Mattole Triple Junction High School. (1999)

**Harry & Nadine McWhorter Memorial Scholarship Fund** $77,175

Nadine was born on February 8, 1924 in Sapulpa, OK. Harry was born in Eureka on November 10, 1920, and raised on a stock ranch in Yager Valley. The couple met at the US Naval Air Station in Alameda and married November 29, 1942. Their children are Harry “Will” McWhorter and Collyn Lee Krailcek. Harry worked in the insurance business for 44 years. He belonged to the Masons and the Fortuna Rodeo Association and enjoyed sport fishing. He and Nadine liked to play golf and were active in the Redwood Empire Golf & Country Club. Nadine was an accomplished gardener, seamstress and a whiz with her knitting needles. She was a member of the Humboldt County Cowbells and the Fortuna Elementary School PTA. Harry established this scholarship fund for students studying sheep

**Adrian Cervantes Mejia Fund $9,910**

The Adrian Cervantes Mejia Fund was created to honor the exuberant life of Adrian C. Mejia - Riverside native, HSU Graduate, Dell’Arte Master’s Graduate and company member. He was a multi-talented performer, a wonderful teacher, an impressive mask-maker, an outstanding physical comedian, and a beautiful visual poet. The goal of the Adrian Cervantes Mejia Fund is to support the performing arts by offering individualized grants to performing and performance-based interdisciplinary artists. By giving artists the financial help they deserve, the ACM Fund provides an impetus for creative expression, and the opportunity for people and worlds to collide. The ACM Fund is currently located in Humboldt County, CA, home to Adrian’s significant adult training as an artist. The ACM Fund was established in 2011 by Eleni Theodora Zaharopoulos, his collaborator and fiancee, and Adrian’s brother, Adolfo Cervantes Mejia and Playhouse Arts. Donations to this fund are encouraged. (2014)

**Melodiers Dance Band Endowment Fund $16,443**

The Melodiers Dance Band often performed at many dances, proms, and special events in Humboldt County between 1955 and 1965. The band was formed when the founding members were students at Eureka Junior High School and continued throughout their high school and college years. Because all of the members of the Melodiers got their start in the Eureka City Elementary Schools instrumental music program, they created this fund to give an annual award to that program. A CD, originally recorded by the Melodiers in 1957 and 1961, is available as a gift to anyone contributing to The Melodiers Dance Band Endowment Fund. Members of the Melodiers have included Richard Coe, Bill Crichton, Mark Goedecke, Ted Howland, Dennis Hunter, Tom McGowan, Robert Neloms, John Sander, Richard Sloma, Keith Weidkamp and Noel Weidkamp. (2007)

**MiaBo Foundation Fund $149,208**

The MiaBo Foundation Fund was created to foster educational, artistic, environmental and pro-family endeavors on the North Coast. After many years as residents of Humboldt County, Maggie and Don Banducci, co-founders of Yakima Products Inc. in Arcata, hope to share with their children, Mia and Bo Banducci, the gift of giving in ways that will benefit the greater community of the North Coast for generations to come. (1994)

**MikkiMoves Fund $12,293**

Founded from a family foundation created by Morris and Sadie Gould and designed to "carry it forward," the MikkiMoves Fund is a place holder for donations to be distributed to nonprofits that support our community, traffic safety/safe passage, education and homeownership. Combined with MikkiMoves Nonprofit Collaboration Program, MikkiMoves tithes a percentage of all income earned back to the community. Customers designate where the funds go, ideally from the list of NorCAN Members, or they can donate to the MikkiMoves fund and allow distribution to nonprofits that meet our criteria of supporting community development, education, safety and housing. (2013)

**Jennifer Lynn Miles Memorial Scholarship Fund $30,312**

Jennifer died on December 15, 1996, at age 15, in a tragic accident at Moonstone Beach while crossing Little River with her horse. She was a sophomore at St. Bernard’s High School where she was an honor student, class officer and lettered in track and cross-country. She was a gifted writer with a vivid imagination and wonderful sense of humor. Jennifer was an active and accomplished horsewoman and loved her Arabian, Stolen Moment or "Sto." They won many ribbons at shows and were constant companions on the beaches and trails near her home and on endurance rides throughout the county. Jennifer was blessed with a warm smile, easy laughter and an uplifting, independent spirit full of grace and energy. She touched and enhanced many lives. She was the beloved daughter of Marilyn and Michael Miles and sister of Michael Miles, Jr. This fund provides scholarships to deserving St. Bernard’s High School students who exemplify Jennifer’s spirit and leadership. (1997)

**Jim & Faye Miles Children’s Fund $21,264**

Jim and Faye Miles, longtime residents of Eureka, have established this fund to help hungry children on the North Coast. Jim, a retired contractor, and his wife Faye, a homemaker, want their fund to support Food for People, St. Vincent de Paul and the Rescue Mission. Jim died April 18, 2007. (1997)

**Herb & Evelyn Miller Fund $8,553**

Herb Miller was born in 1909 in McKinleyville near Central Avenue, as it is known today. Evelyn Turner was born in 1911 in McKinleyville at the Turner Ranch, located in McKinleyville. The couple married in 1931. They owned cattle and raised potatoes. Herb Miller began an affiliation with Farmers Insurance Group as an insurance agent in 1931, working both at selling insurance and running a prosperous farming business. Evelyn supported Herb, both by working on the ranch and in the insurance business. Herb and Evelyn raised two sons, Dick and Don Miller. Family was the core of their existence. Herb, Evelyn and later Dick and Don all lived on the ranch with their families. Dick, Don and their wives expanded the farming operation to include a dairy herd and chickens. In 1963, Miller Farms Nursery was started. The entire Miller Family is still very active in supporting the local community. (1989)
Lelia Frances Miller Memorial Fund $36,634

Lelia Frances Miller was a native of Australia and a resident of Fortuna and Eureka. As a war bride, Lelia came to San Francisco in June 1946, and settled in Vallejo with her husband George N. Miller. She enjoyed knitting, needlework, gardening, animals, her Bradford Plate Collection and playing the piano and violin. This fund was established by her husband George and their four children to benefit the Humane Society of Humboldt County, Lutheran Braille Worker’s, Inc. in Yucaipa, California and Columbia Catholic College, Queensland, Australia. George Miller passed away October 3, 2006. (1993)

Reina Milligan Opportunity Fund $15,334

As a tribute to his wife Reina, a woman of spirit, grace and principal and the mother of his then three-month-old daughter, Mariasha, Richard Self created this advised endowment fund with an initial gift from California Indian Legal Services (CILS). The fund supports environmental justice and issues within the Native American community. During her brief 34 years of life, Reina helped create the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) environmental justice program and authored a report on environmental equity issues for which she was awarded the EPA’s Gold Medal. As staff attorney at CILS, Reina successfully combined her commitment to the environment with her compassion and dedication to working with disadvantaged populations. She authored a Tribal Environmental Protection Plan, later adopted by the EPA to serve as a model for other tribes. She was also instrumental in securing passage of legislation that allows Indian tribes to provide for their neediest members. (2001)

Jim & Betty Mills Library Endowment Fund see page 56

Arnie Millsap & Friends of Zoe Barnum Scholarship Fund $17,323

Zoe Barnum High School, with over 200 students, is the largest continuation high school north of Santa Rosa. Students who have not been successful in traditional schools are offered an environment in which they can achieve personal and academic growth. As a Community of Caring, the core values of trust, respect, responsibility, family and caring are emphasized. The Eureka Exchange Club, urged on by Arnie Millsap, provided the first post-secondary scholarship for a Zoe Barnum High School graduate in 1995. Arnie had been a great supporter of local youth for his entire career with the Eureka Police Department. His generous contribution led to the creation of this endowment, which will help ensure continued post-secondary opportunities for graduates of Zoe Barnum High School. Arnie passed away August 3, 2009. (2001)

Jane Irene Mishica Memorial Fund $6,113

Jane Irene Mishica dedicated her life to social work, adoptions, and children. Jane had a real sense about what was really important. She had a way of getting to the heart of the matter. The Jane Irene Mishica Memorial Fund was created in her memory since her life was cut short by both Parkinson’s disease and pancreatic cancer. This fund will be used to promote the welfare and well-being of foster and adopted children as well as to assist those persons seeking to serve children in need. Even a simple need which goes unmet can have severe consequences for a person. Fund donors hope others will join in any way possible to make the world a better place for children. What else matters in this life if the least among us lack the means of survival and success? (2006)

Jack Montoya Memorial Fund for the Preservation of Native American Culture $1,276,395

Jack Montoya Memorial Scholarship Fund $2,843,450

This fund was established in 2015 to fulfill the wishes of Eunice C. Nielsen per the Eunice C. Nielsen Living Trust. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarship awards to Native Americans and to support the preservation of Native American Culture in significant ways. Scholarship recipients must be residents seeking to attend a four-year college or graduate school. (2015)

Linda “Lin” Moore Fund $18,580

Lin, as she was known to her family and friends, was born in 1954 to a long-time ranching family, the Hansens, in Patterson, CA. After attending high school in her hometown, she went on to earn a degree in art from Sacramento State University. Lin came to Fortuna in the mid 70s and worked as a paralegal secretary, most recently for the law offices of Robert Prior. She founded Soroptimists of Fortuna, served as President of the Humboldt Legal Secretaries Association, and was both a member of Humboldt Archers and a strong supporter of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. In October 2001, Lin married Thomas Moore, a resident of Fortuna, in a joyous ceremony in Bali, Indonesia. Lin passed away in September 2002, leaving behind her “memories of laughter, shared travels and a lifetime of wonderful experiences.” This donor advised fund was created in Lin’s honor to support the fight against cancer. (2002)

Morris Parent Teacher Organization Fund $12,748

The Morris Parent Teacher Organization Fund (MPTO Fund) was started in 1998 with the vision of growing through fundraising events and contributions from parents, teachers, students and community members. This fund will support classroom teachers to broaden students’ educational experiences, sponsor family fun and learning nights within the Morris School community, and supplement existing school programs such as library resources. These areas of focus will ensure educational enrichment activities and events throughout each school year. (1998)
Morris School/Wellington Fund $63,103

Jean Wellington, who retired from the McKinleyville School District after 23 years as a teacher, established this endowed fund to benefit the students at Morris School. An advisory committee from Morris School recommends grants, which will support special projects or events for the entire student body or, in some cases, will aid individual students. Jean Wellington died in July of 2007. (1992)

Ellsworth C. “Jack” Morris Memorial Fund $8,401

This fund was established by Mrs. Ellsworth C. Morris in 1981 at the time of Mr. Morris’ death. Mr. Morris was a third generation Humboldt County resident and worked for community welfare through his affiliation with the local Shriners. The income from this fund is designated for the HSU Student Loan Fund. (1982)

Morris-DeMotte Heritage Fund $83,709

This fund is a living memorial in perpetuity to William Loren DeMotte (1891-1957) and Jessie Belle Mastin Morris (1883-1964). The fund was established by Wava Ella DeMotte to celebrate their shared desire to lend a helping hand. Mrs. DeMotte died in 1991. The income from this fund is for discretionary purposes. (1986)

Elizabeth J. Morrison Memorial Fund $26,142

Elizabeth Morrison, Humboldt County’s first woman attorney, practiced in Eureka for over 50 years with her husband Marc, and sons James and John. This fund was established upon her death in 1985 by her sons to provide scholarships to female law students. (1985)

Noël Mosgofian Memorial Arts Scholarship Fund $5,025

The Mosgofian family created this fund to memorialize their beloved daughter and sister, Noël Evette Mosgofian, a very talented artist and dancer, who died in 1998 at age 18, with many honors and awards to her credit. This fund will provide an annual scholarship to a graduate of the Northern Humboldt Union High School District who will be studying the fine and/or performing arts after high school. Noël’s passion for life continues to inspire the family and they take a personal interest in each recipient. (2004)

Mountain Communities Healthcare Foundation Fund $7,415

In 2009, the Mountain Communities Healthcare Foundation (MCHF) was established in order to support health services throughout the healthcare district and specifically the services at Trinity Hospital. The foundation board is committed to ensuring that the people of Trinity County have access to the best available healthcare. MCHF provides community-based services and partners with Trinity Hospital to fund the purchase of equipment, programs, services, and building needs. For information contact Trinity Hospital at (530) 623-5541, ext. 3255. (2010)

Mr. C Memorial Wrestling Fund $64,728

Working with an advisory committee, Bert Van Duzer, retired coach of the Arcata High School wrestling team and the Burly Redwood Stickers, helped establish this fund in 1990 to honor Mr. Paul Conner. “Mr. C” was a retired vice-principal and counselor from Arcata High who was an important part of the local wrestling program for many years. Mr. C passed away January 4, 2008. Income from the fund is used to promote and support wrestling on the North Coast. (1990)

Don Michael Mulkins Memorial Fund

Don Michael Mulkins and his family moved to McKinleyville when he was four years old to be near his mother’s parents. Don, or “Mick” to his closest friends, was a fun-filled fellow, finding the world a wonderful place. He graduated from “Mack High,” married and spent the next four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. His proudest moments were at the births of his two beloved daughters, Amy and Jill. In 1977, while working in the woods, he was paralyzed by a falling tree, and spent the next half of his 54 years in a wheel chair. This he did with style. This fund will support nursing students at College of the Redwoods because of the compassionate care Mick received from hospice nurses in his final days. He also wished to honor his daughters, both in the medical field, with Jill graduating from the nursing program at CR. (2004)

Willard & Donna Mullan Scholarship Fund $293,166

The income from this fund is used to establish annual scholarships for graduates of Humboldt County high schools who are pursuing courses of study at College of the Redwoods, to prepare them to become either Certified Shorthand Reporters (court reporters) or legal secretaries. (1994)

Seferino (Sef) Raul Murguia Memorial Fund $21,487

Seferino Raul Murguia, Humboldt County Planning Commissioner and 2nd District Supervisor, died on December 26, 2009 at age 67, surrounded by his family. Seferino was a Mexican caballero and a true gentleman, born on the Hordison Ranch in Fillmore, CA and raised in the orchards of San Jose, watching as the fields gave way to urban sprawl. His memories of hunting with his father and uncle in the Los Padres National Forest set in motion a life-long passion to preserve wild places and manage the rural landscape responsibly. Sef became an adept swordsman while a student at HSU, was a voracious reader and had both a beautiful tenor voice and a photographic memory. He passed on a fierce pride in his Mexican heritage to his children and grandchildren. Sef, his wife Elizabeth and their family created this fund together to promote a public conservation corridor within the Humboldt Bay Watershed. (2009)

Myrtle Grove Cemetery Fund $52,799

Earle T. Johnson made arrangements for this endowment to assist with Myrtle Grove Cemetery maintenance. (1984)
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**Glen & Hilma Nash Fund** $9,769

Glen and Hilma Nash bequeathed $10,000 to establish and maintain this fund for the purpose of caring for, feeding, and neutering or spaying dogs and cats located in Humboldt County. Glen Nash was born on April 4, 1910 in Blue Earth, MN and moved to Eureka with his family in 1919. He was a general contractor and built a number of area schools, commercial buildings, custom homes and other structures. Glen also belonged to several service organizations and clubs. He passed away on November 14, 2003, at age 93. Hilma Nash was born on July 10, 1907, in Fitchburg, MA and came to Eureka as a young girl. On March 7, 1927, Hilma married Glen, her husband of 75 years. She worked for many years at the local Poultry Producers and later as bookkeeper for Glen’s contracting business. Hilma passed away on November 11, 2002, at the age 95. (2004)

**Native Cultures Fund** see page 53

**James A. & Geneva Nealis Memorial Fund** $127,501

Believing strongly that people should contribute actively to the community in which they live, the Nealis worked with many organizations and on many area projects. Geneva, who died in June 1996, established this fund to honor her husband James. (1990)

**Nesbitt Family Fund** $84,555

Greg and Jennylee Nesbitt, natives of Oregon, returned to the northwest after 20 years in Louisiana where Greg ran an investor-owned electric utility, chaired the Rapides Foundation and led the Louisiana Learn State Commission in creating a K-12 Education Plan. Previously, the Nesbitts spent 20 years in San Diego where they reared their three children Denise, Staci and Greg. Jennylee is an active volunteer, investing 5 years of her time establishing a Hospice program, a decade procuring food for a food bank in San Diego, and another 10 years developing a shelter for battered women in Louisiana. The Nesbitts learned early about philanthropy and have made it a lifetime habit. Greg said, “It’s important to save money and to give some of it back to the communities in which we live.” Greg currently serves on the HAF Board of Directors. The Nesbitts established this advised, expendable fund to support a variety of charitable causes here on the North Coast. (2002)

**Ian Christopher Mackey Newman Fund** $39,645

Jennifer Mackey, a Rio Dell artist and designer, established this endowment fund to honor her son Ian Christopher Mackey Newman. This fund is designed to assist minors who are simultaneously severely physically handicapped and mentally gifted. The goal of the fund is to help expose these promising children to educational and worldly experiences that they might not otherwise be able to experience. Thus, the fund makes grants available to such children for educationally related travel, preferably outside Humboldt County. Previous recipients have used the funds to do such things as travel to Washington, D.C. to explore the National Air & Space Museum and to Mexico to study the ancient architecture in the region surrounding Mexico City. Ian passed away January 19, 2010. (1996)

**Nichols Family Scholarship Fund** $6,130

Jack and Henryetta Nichols moved to Humboldt County in 1997. They moved to Smyrna, Delaware in 2008 to be closer to their family, Greg, Maureen and Analisa Nichols. Their son, Greg, received his Doctor of Science Degree from Washington University, St. Louis and is an engineer with The Boeing Company in Philadelphia. Maureen is a teacher in the Philadelphia School System. Jack, Henryetta and Greg established this fund to help young people of Humboldt County further their educations in the fields of science, medicine, education and the ministry. (1998)

**Nick’s Interns Fund** $168,870

Nick’s Interns continues the legacy of Nick Raphael, a forestry graduate of HSU who died in a car crash at age 26. Nick had worked in the woods since the age of 12, in all parts of Humboldt County. In summer months Nick’s Interns employs a mix of high-achieving and “at risk” teenagers, who build and maintain trails, stabilize stream beds, improve timber stands, plant trees, control erosion, reduce risk of fire or survey fish and wildlife. Working with inspirational mentors in BLM, State Parks and a variety of non-profit organizations, Interns make visible improvements to parklands, forests, slopes and streams. They take deserved pride in their accomplishments and team abilities, gaining self-esteem. Cooperating agencies provide in-kind supervision, administration, insurance, etc. Money donated to Nick’s Interns goes to wages and payroll expenses of the workers themselves. Donations have sustained Nick’s Interns year-to-year. A fund with Humboldt Area Foundation ensures its future. (2006)

**Carl Nielsen Memorial Fund** $153,115

Carl Nielsen, a lifelong Arcata resident, was a graduate of Arcata High and had a 43-year career with Seely & Titlow Company. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the Army as an Army Engineer in France and the Philippines. Carl’s beloved mother, Emma, granddaughter of pioneer William Burrill (for whom Burrill Peak, near Weitchpec, is named), was the daughter of Hans Knudsen, whose family owned ranches at Orleans and Somes Bar. Carl spent a lot of time on these ranches, developing an avid interest in the history and customs of the early European settlers and his Indian forebears. He became known as an authority on those subjects, as well as a collector of artifacts from that period. He was recognized as an accomplished woodworker and gunsmith, specializing in early techniques. He was appreciated for his generosity in sharing his knowledge and skills. This is a discretionary fund. (1997)

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Edward L. & Joan Nilsen Fund $57,244

Ed and Joan Nilsen established this leadership fund in December 1994. Ed Nilsen served as a member of the Board of Directors from the time Humboldt Area Foundation was founded in 1972 until 2001. He served as the first Chair of the Board and is still serving in many other essential capacities. Grants are currently made to three Eureka elementary schools for projects outside normal funding. Ed Nilsen passed away February 17, 2015. (1994)

Evelyn Hansen Noderer Scholarship Fund $38,912

Evelyn Hansen Noderer graduated from South Fork High School in 1953. College wasn’t in her plans until her principal, Richard Roche, encouraged her to apply for a $100 scholarship. That was the stimulus that started her on a rewarding career in education. She received her Bachelor’s degree and teaching credential from UC Berkeley and Master’s degree from San Diego State University. Post-graduate courses included an international summer program at the University of Oslo in Norway. Her first year of teaching was girls’ physical education at South Fork High School. After four years in Santa Rosa, Evelyn married and moved to San Diego. She enjoyed teaching all ages, from preschoolers to adults, in classes of adapted physical education, child development and genealogy. Evelyn established this fund to provide scholarships to outstanding seniors from South Fork High School, to help them achieve a rewarding career with a college education. (2003)

North Coast Cultural Trust $5,939

North Coast Cultural Trust’s (NCCT) goal is to support broader public participation in, and stability for, the already thriving North Coast arts and humanities. NCCT is truly a collaboration among North Coast donors, artists, cultural organizations and community groups. To date, nearly a million dollars has been committed to the Trust by local donors and the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund. Robert Yarber, Loleta resident and arts advocate, made a $10,000 donation to establish the trust. Yarber moved to the North Coast in 1969 and in 1973 became artist Morris Graves’ assistant. “It is a betterment of our own well-being and the community’s well-being to support the arts. A strong arts community is very subtle in shaping people’s lives and a community. It enables us to see the world and ourselves in a deeper and broader perspective,” comments Yarber. (1998)

Northcoast Circle of Change Fund

Northcoast Circle of Change is committed to bringing Challenge Day to Humboldt County the vision of Challenge Day, “…every child lives in a world where they feel safe, loved and celebrated.” Hundreds of Humboldt County middle and high school students have experienced the transforming power of Challenge Day. The Northcoast Circle of Change is working to bring Challenge Day to all Humboldt County youth and support the efforts of Be the Change Teams (youth clubs) to NOTICE * CHOOSE * ACT in their schools and communities. Challenge Day events are a powerful experience in which youth and adults come together to take a serious look at issues such as violence, teasing, racism, harassment, peer pressure, substance abuse, and suicide. The program is designed to increase young peoples’ feelings of personal power and self-esteem, to shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support, and to eliminate the acceptability of teasing, violence, and all forms of oppression. (2006)

Northcoast Environmental Center Endowment Fund $4,908

The Northcoast Environmental Center (founded in 1970), established this endowment fund to assure the grass roots organization’s continuing ability to pursue its mission to promote understanding of the relations between people and the biosphere and to conserve, protect and celebrate terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems of Northern California and Southern Oregon. (2004)

North Coast Environmental History Resource Recovery & Preservation Fund $7,623

From the 1990s through 2004, hundreds of Northwest California citizens protested destructive logging practices and urged regulatory agencies to promote more sustainable forest management policies. Several activists video-documented the controversial logging practices, the resultant protest activities, the evidence gathering efforts, and the testimony given at hearings. Now this video work, both the original and edited footage, is the subject of great concern due to damage from mold and the deterioration of the original tapes. The North Coast Environmental History Resource Recovery and Preservation Fund was created to raise funds for the digitization of more than 700 videotapes in the Humboldt Watershed Council Video Collection. The vision for the North Coast Environmental History Resource Recovery and Preservation Fund extends beyond the immediate need of the Humboldt Watershed Council Video Collection and will enable future preservation efforts for materials that tell the region’s important, but too often neglected, environmental history. (2013)

Northcoast Regional Land Trust | Monitoring & Operations Fund $192,922

The Northcoast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) works with private landowners, public agencies and other organizations toward the conservation of working farms, forests and ranchlands as well as wildlands and open space. NRLT also conducts conservation planning, facilitates diverse community dialogue and enables hundreds of children to experience nature and working landscapes each year. This fund is used by NRLT to continue its work monitoring and stewarding the thousands of acres of lands already conserved, and providing educational and engaging opportunities for our community while also capitalizing on new opportunities as they arise. (2008)

Northcoast Regional Land Trust | Stewardship Fund $632,042

The Northcoast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) has the responsibility to manage conservation easements on tens of thousands of working...
properties in perpetuity. (2005)

**Northern California Association of River Guides (NCARG) Eel River Restoration Fund**
The NCARG is made up of professional sport fishermen working on the salmon and steelhead streams from California’s Sacramento River to the Sixes River in Oregon. Since its inception in 1986, the association and individual members have become increasingly involved in stream restoration activities on the Eel, Klamath, Smith, Mattole, Garcia, Gualala and Russian Rivers. Conveying the importance of habitat and wild stocks is part of everyday interaction with thousands of fishing clients. The value sport fishermen place on the resource translates into restoration support. NCARG has raised over $50,000 through Eel River Enhancement Derbies. In cooperation with Humboldt Area Foundation, NCARG has set up this account to fund stream restoration and education projects on the Eel River. NCARG welcomes project proposals, donations and matching fund partnerships. (1998)

**Northern Counties Logging Interpretive Association Fund** $342,877
An anonymous gift of $15,000 established this fund in 1980, designated for a specific future project. Additional similarly restricted gifts have since been received. (1980)

**Rosalind Novick Fund** $620,948
Rosalind (Ros), a pediatric cardiologist who worked with the Redwood Coast Regional Center, created this fund by bequest to support Redwoods Monastery for any purpose the Monastery deems appropriate. She left a second gift to Humboldt Area Foundation to support local artists through the Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund. Ros was a bright and witty storyteller who tried her hand at poetry and delighted her friends with her sense of humor. For more than twenty years she and her partner Lan Sing Wu visited Redwoods Monastery, first simply as retreat participants, but gradually, as they recognized this as a group of women for whom they cared deeply, became strong contributors. They worked in the garden and cooked meals for the sisters, set up a small first aid clinic and provided blood pressure check-ups, exchanged books and created close friendships that are still treasured today, years after Ros’s death in 2000. (2009)

**Monsignor Thomas Nugent & Margaret Kellett Educational Fund** see page 86

**Agnes & Kenneth Ogilvie Memorial Fund** $734,390
Upon Agnes’ death in 1987, the residue of her estate came to the Foundation for discretionary purposes and, in particular, to aid the Humboldt Bowling Association Junior League. (1987)

**Theodore Roosevelt & Ingrid R. Olander Memorial Scholarship Fund** $647,662
Theodore and Ingrid Olander were both born in Eureka, in 1901 and 1905 respectively. They both attended Eureka City Schools but didn’t meet until 1923 while working for the J.C. McDonald Company. They were married in 1925. During his lifetime, Mr. Olander also worked for Nelson Steamship Company, owned and operated a Chevron service station in Eureka, finally retiring from Eureka Oxygen Company in 1963. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening and was the oldest member of Humboldt Masonic #79 at the time of his death in 1997. Mrs. Olander was a housewife, a member of Eastern Star and an avid bridge player. She died in 1999. The Olanders always wanted to go to college themselves but never thought they could afford it. They created this fund to make sure underprivileged children in Humboldt County would have the opportunity that they had missed. (2000)

**Galen Russel Olsen Memorial Fund for Parkinson Support** $3,848
Galen Russel Olsen, a third generation Humboldter, was born in 1922 to Oscar and Marie Bush Olsen. In 1945, while serving in the Navy during WWII, he met and married his lifetime partner Lily Marie (Candy) Olson. In 1951, he established Olsen’s Heating and Sheet Metal in Eureka, later operated by his grandsons Matt and Jason Olsen. Galen loved being with his family, fishing and snowmobiling. He enjoyed playing golf and marshalling for the PGA and LPGA tournaments. As a hobby, he crafted sports equipment for his sons Garrett, Douglas and Gregory. Galen served as regional president on the Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning National Association and helped establish an apprenticeship training class at College of the Redwoods. He served on the Diamond Lake Home-Owner’s Board and was a member of the North Coast Vintage Aviation Society. Candy, family and friends created this designated endowment fund to offer support to Parkinson’s patients. Candy passed away May 2, 2009. (2001)

**Hans Olsen Trust** $394,033
Hans Christian Olsen was born in 1885 on the Olsen ranch in the Arcata Bottom, his home throughout his lifetime. He was a hard worker. His first job was pick and shovel labor for the Hammond Railroad, and then as a young man, he worked as a teamster and ranch hand in the hill country of Humboldt. He was noted for his skill in breaking and training horses. He vowed to work hard in his youth, so he would not have to when he was old. He ran the family ranch in dairying and stock raising operations until 1958. He outlived four sisters and brother. He remained a bachelor, enjoyed conversations with young people, took every opportunity to encourage them to lead moral lives, and to be thrifty. He lived to 87, and had acquired a sizeable estate earned by his hard physical labor and conserved by his prudent living. (1973)
Frances Angelina & Anton J. Ondracek Memorial Fund $117,996

Tony Ondracek established this fund in loving memory of his wife and lifetime partner, Frances, who passed away on November 18, 1999.

Frances was a Texas girl with a great love for animals and many talents, including sewing and crocheting. Tony, a Eureka High School graduate, met Frances while traveling through Texas and knew right away that she was the girl for him. They were married on August 31, 1933, and spent their honeymoon on a deer hunting expedition. During their sixty-six years of marriage, they built a welcoming home for their family and friends, their well-loved pets, and all the wild creatures, including a fox that learned to come to their door and eat from their hands. The Ondracek’s advised endowment fund supports Vector Rehabilitation and Hospice, provides a scholarship for students of veterinary medicine, and assists with costs for spaying and neutering small domestic animals. Mr. Ondracek passed away on January 4, 2006 at the age of 94. (2000)

Open Door Community Health Centers Fund $655,131

Established in honor of the Open Door Community Health Centers’ 25th anniversary, this fund supports the provision of high quality health care to Humboldt and Del Norte residents regardless of financial, geographic, social or age barriers. With support from the fund, Open Door’s seven community health centers will work with other community providers to meet community health needs, improve services, provide education on health and social issues, and work toward change in the present health care system through example, education and direct participation. (1996)

ORCA Dual Wrestling Fund $24,206

The ORCA Dual Wrestling Fund was created to support the wrestling match between the best senior wrestlers in California and Oregon. The dual meet is held in Redding, California on odd years and in Ashland, Oregon on even years. This match takes place on the second Saturday in March. The goal is to make this the best high school dual meet on the West Coast. (2010)

William H. Osborne Endowment Fund $15,410

This fund was established to honor Bill, who loved life to the fullest, laughed loud and often, and was committed to helping people realize their maximum potential. Bill and his family settled in Eureka in 1958, where he began his professional life as a physical therapist. He co-founded Eureka Physical Therapy, which continues to serve the North Coast today. The fund will be used to reflect Bill’s passion for people – to assist youth sports programs and to help all of the arts, including theatre, music and the visual arts. (2003)

Pacific Union Arts Endowment Fund $14,837

In celebration of a rewarding 33-year teaching career, David Cherney established this fund in honor of his fabulous colleagues, wonderful students and supportive community. In addition to making his own contribution, Mr. Cherney contributed the retirement gifts from his friends and family. The purpose of the endowment is to provide funds to help support Pacific Union School’s annual Arts Month Celebration. (2004)

Pacific Union School District Endowment Fund $3,674

This fund, created from a previously shared fund, was established to expand technology education and to promote other enrichment projects that enhance the education of the students from Pacific Union, a nationally recognized Distinguished Blue Ribbon School. (1996)

Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Fund $26,982

Sterling Fulmore Paddock was born at home in Eureka on April 11, 1910, weighing just over 2 pounds. His grandmother’s wedding ring fit over his thigh. He was put in a shoe box in the woodstove warming oven, but was not expected to survive. He passed away 44 days before his 98th birthday on February 27, 2008. He spent his youth working on ranches in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties and enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and collecting rocks and petrified wood. Later in life, he helped local ranchers, taking care of animals, making wood or house-sitting for them while they were on vacation. Sterling was a reliable, quiet and private individual who lived in his own home until a brief stay at St. Luke Manor. In addition to other gifts to organizations he admired, Sterling left this fund to be spent at the discretion of Humboldt Area Foundation to meet local community needs. (2009)

Charles William Page Memorial Fund $11,567

Established in 2003 to honor the memory of Charles (Charlie) William Page, this fund celebrates his love of art, nature, simplicity and environmental stewardship. A naturally gifted artist, Charlie loved to take his sketchbook along on camping and backpacking trips into the Trinity Alps, Marble Mountains and Siskiyou Hills. His sensitive and acutely detailed drawings reflect what he knew best – the birds and fauna of Humboldt County. Charlie’s intimate relationship with the natural environment spawned a profound spiritual belief system that reflected his wilderness ethic and deep love and respect for nature. His fund supports local artists who utilize recycled materials and/or natural elements to refocus our attention on the beauty of the natural world. Works are encouraged that are site-specific, and that celebrate the ephemeral artistic balance of time and nature. (2003)

Peter E. Palmquist Memorial Fund for Historical Photographic Research $22,437

Peter Palmquist was killed at age 66 by a hit-and-run driver on January 13, 2003. A professional photographer for over
Daniel Bixler saw a need in his community last year and took immediate action. After paying many visits to the playground in his neighborhood in Arcata with his daughters, he realized the equipment needed a major upgrade. Many accidents occur at playgrounds due to old equipment.

Daniel rallied his neighborhood and held a meeting to work towards a new playground solution. In doing so, he discovered his project needed an adjustment. Parents of children with disabilities attended to express the need for a facility their kids could enjoy. Soon, Daniel discovered there was not one playground between Humboldt County and Medford built with handicap accessibility.

Daniel began a $300,000 fundraising campaign last year for a new and inclusive playground. He has already met his goal and is breaking ground this fall.

“As a father, community member and owner of Humboldt Hotsauce, I saw it as my duty to give back to a place that has been so generous and supportive. Everyone says ‘you gather money so well’. However, it’s just a great product. This is a close community and yes, it always takes energy to get the word out but this community always comes through,” said Daniel.

The Greenview Playground Project is anticipated to be complete by the end of this year.

For more information about the project or to give to the Greenview Playground Project Fund visit hafoundation.org/greenviewplayground.

Daniel Bixler is a co-owner of Humboldt Hotsauce and an active community member. This photo was taken at the site of the Greenview Playground Project earlier this year.

"I T BROKE MY HEART THAT KIDS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PLAY ON A PLAYGROUND LOCALLY AND NO ONE THOUGHT ABOUT IT ENOUGH TO FIX THE PROBLEM. NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE AREA TO ENJOY A DAY AT THE PARK."
50 years, including 28 at Humboldt State University, he is considered one of the most important photo-historians of the 20th century. His emphasis was the American West, California, Humboldt County before 1950, and the international history of women in photography. He published over 60 books and 340 articles. With co-author Thomas Kailbourn, he won the Caroline Bancroft Western History Prize for their book, Pioneer Photographers of the Far West. Professor Martha Sandweiss, Amherst College, wrote, “He established new ways of pursuing the history of photography. With his collections and research notes now accessible at Yale, he will be speaking to and inspiring new generations forever.” Established by Peter’s lifetime companion, Pam Mendelsohn, this fund supports the study of under-researched women photographers internationally and Western American photographers before 1900. (2003)

**Parker Youth Fund** $17,430

Stanley Parker was born on August 5, 1923. He graduated from elementary school in Rio Dell, high school in Fortuna, and the University of California at Berkeley. He married Mary Owen of San Francisco in 1953, and the couple had two daughters, Eleanor and Catherine. Mr. Parker worked as the Traffic Manager and Industrial Affairs Manager during a 30-year career with the Pacific Lumber Company. He was active in the community, serving with the Fortuna High School Board of Trustees, Humboldt Grand Jury, Norcoa Health Organization, Local Agencies Formation Commission, Eureka and Fortuna Chambers of Commerce, Eureka Chapter of the American Red Cross, Scotia Kiwanis Club, United Way, Camp Fire Girls & Boys and Redwoods United. Mr. Parker died on October 29, 1990. This advised endowment fund was created at Pacific Lumber to honor Mr. Parker. It supports youth in Scotia and Rio Dell with a particular focus on education. (2002)

**Elizabeth “Freckles” Locke Parrott Memorial Fund** $10,715

Elizabeth “Liz” excelled in Women’s Amateur Fast Pitch Softball for 17 years with Erv Lynn Florists. She was selected for the All-American National Softball Congress Team in the World Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona in 1952, and was awarded Most Valuable Player. Her team was twice runner-up and, in 1953, the World NSC Champions. She graduated from HSU in 1959 and began her 30-year teaching career as a P.E. instructor and coach at Eureka High. In 1966, “Freckles” was inducted into the Portland Metro Hall of Fame. Liz was forever a coach and faithful 49ers fan. She welcomed animals in need, her “kids”, into her home. She loved her McCaan cabin. Her last fond memory was a trip with her friends to the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2007. This fund was established by Sharon Wold, Jan Wholers and other dear friends to provide a scholarship for college softball players. (2012)

**Betty Slagle Anderson Partain Fund for Physical Education & Athletics for Youth** $12,312

Betty Partain first came to the North Coast as a freshman at South Fork High School in 1946. She went on to teach physical education at Humboldt State University, retiring in 1982. The fund reflects her lifelong concern about getting youngsters involved in athletic activities. Administered by her three grandsons, the purpose of this fund is to provide money for boys and girls, kindergarten through college, to participate in competition or exercise when financial constraints would otherwise be a barrier. (1996)

**Gail Pascoe Making Headway Fund** $11,043

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) occurs when there is a blow to the head that causes the loss of one or more abilities, such as memory retention, decision making, planning, and concentration. Working with brain injured people and their families since 1983, Gail co-founded Making Headway Center for Brain Injury Recovery in 1999. Making Headway is a nonprofit agency that provides services to address these and other losses. Gail wishes these funds to be used for prevention, temporary housing, medical care, emotional counseling and support, case management, and family support for those with a brain injury and their families. It is Gail’s intent to remember this fund and Making Headway, the organization that represents her life’s work by means of a bequest. (2004)

**Coach Jerry Paul Memorial Fund** $11,795

Jerry Paul was a teacher, coach, athletic director and inspirational leader for youth athletics for nearly 40 years. Jerry came to HSU in 1953 to earn a degree in P.E. and a teaching credential while playing basketball for the Lumberjacks. During his 32 years at Arcata High, Jerry coached golf, cross-country and tennis. His main love, however, was coaching varsity boys and girls basketball, leading his teams to winning more than 100 games, including many championships. Known for his fairness, nurturing presence and competitive spirit, Jerry was named to the Arcata High School Hall of Fame and the California Coaches’ Association Hall of Fame. He was always grateful to his wife Adair and their three children Raida, Gary and Debbie for their love and support. At his death in 2001, Adair created this advised endowment fund to continue Jerry’s life work, helping local youth realize their educational and athletic goals. (2001)

**Perrett Family Fund** $16,378

The Perrett Family Fund was established by Tom and Stephanie Perrett to encourage students to seek educational experiences that increase their vocational skills. Tom established his business, Tomas Jewelry, after many years of world travels, which were instrumental in his education. Tom and Stephanie and their
Project. (1984)

Humboldt Community Breast Health volunteerism. (2005)

They also feel strongly about the importance of giving back to the community through monetary contributions as well as volunteerism. (2005)

Richard E. Peters Memorial Safety Scholarship Fund $23,176

Richard Peters was a longshore supercargo, ILWU Eureka Local 14, for nearly 50 years and an employee of Westfall Stevedore Company for 40 years. Dick died in 2002 as the result of a tragic accident aboard ship, doing the job he loved. He was admired and respected for his professional skills, his gentle humor and his intellectual curiosity, graduating from College of the Redwoods at age 66. The purpose of the fund is to promote safety awareness and provide scholarships to children and grandchildren of local longshoremen. (2002)

Donna Petersen Memorial Fund $35,068

Mrs. Petersen was a staunch supporter of animal life, especially concerned with the well being of homeless dogs. She was one of the founders of the Humane Society of Humboldt County, which this fund benefits. (1987)

Jerry Peterson Memorial Fund $10,508

A native of Arcata, Jerry E. Peterson was part-owner/operator of Sequoia Auto Supply. At the time of his death in July 1984, his wife Sharron and his daughters established this memorial fund. It benefits the Humboldt Community Breast Health Project. (1984)

Melvin & Leona Peterson Memorial Fund $21,228

The Petersons were both natives of Humboldt County. Leona established this fund in 1985 to honor her husband. Initially the fund was used for the maintenance of the aquarium at St. Luke Manor. After Melvin’s death in 1988, Leona asked that the fund be used to provide scholarships. Leona passed away on February 15, 1994, leaving a substantial bequest to establish the Melvin T. Peterson Scholarship Fund with the Foundation. (1985)

Melvin T. Peterson Scholarship Fund $203,885

Leona Ella Peterson established this scholarship fund in her husband’s memory, to be used for scholarships for Eureka High School graduates, to provide both vocational and academic training. Leona, a native of Ferndale, taught in many local schools, and was a social worker for the Welfare Department for many years. She and her husband were life and charter members of St. Luke Manor. (1994)

Barry F. Phelps Leukemia Fund $95,851

Barry Phelps was a lifelong resident of Fortuna. After suffering with cancer for four years, he died in 1983 at the age of nine. To assist the family with the tremendous cost of an anticipated bone marrow transplant, the community organized a large fundraiser. Barry died before the event, but encouraged family and friends to continue with children with cancer. (1986)

David Wilder Pickart-Jain Memorial Fund $9,682

David Pickart-Jain was known as much for his contagious smile as for his many academic honors. He was born in 1999 in Eureka, CA, and was raised with his sister, Elyse, enjoying the wildlands of Humboldt County. His time spent outdoors nourished a generous, thoughtful, and kind nature. David was beloved by his classmates at Jacoby Creek School and won numerous academic awards, as well as playing a pivotal role on the basketball team. David was killed on March 10, 2013, just short of his 14th birthday, when he was struck by a car while in a pedestrian crossing. The David Wilder Pickart-Jain Memorial Fund was established by his parents, Andrea Pickart and Peter Jain, with funds contributed in his honor by his family, friends and community. It will award one college scholarship per year, beginning in 2017, to a student graduating from an Arcata area high school. (2013)

Hugo Pompati Memorial Fund $10,472

At his death, Hugo Pompati, a lifelong Eureka resident, established this endowment fund in memory of his father and mother, John and Angelina Pompati, and himself. The net income provides for memorial masses and otherwise benefits St. Bernard’s Catholic Church. (1996)

Andrew & Bertha Pon Memorial Fund $338,838

When she died in 1995 at the age of 84, McKinleyville resident Bertha Pon left the residue of her estate to a fund designated for 4-H, FFA, senior nutrition and health programs, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and organized youth baseball programs. The widow of Andrew Pon, Bertha worked for the Bank of America for many years and was a member of both the Mendocino and Humboldt County Historical Societies, as well as the Arcata Business Girls. (1996)

John Paul Poovey Memorial Fund $40,256

John Paul Poovey was born July 3, 1954, and raised in Eureka. He attended local schools where he was an outstanding baseball and basketball player. John graduated from UC Berkeley and later Palmer West Chiropractic College. He was an exceptional and devoted Chiropractor in Fortuna for over 16 years. John died suddenly at the young age of 51. Throughout his life John was passionate about everything outdoors, including hunting, fishing and abalone diving, and camping with his many friends and family. John’s family and friends established this fund to provide camperships to area youth. (2005)

Premier Foundation Fund $103,732

This fund was established by Premier Financial Group, Inc. Registered Investment Advisor, and its President, Wayne
Nicole Quigley Memorial Fund for Dance and Youth Activities $5,951

Brilliant, sweet, outgoing are only a few words that describe the kind hearted Nicole Quigley. A 4th grade student at Dows Prairie Elementary School, she was only 9 years old when a tragic car crash took her life on October 6, 2008. Nicole was very outgoing and had a lot of friends. She knew at a very young age that dance was her passion. She also loved to play soccer, basketball and golf with her twin sister, Ashley, and all her friends. Nicole was the daughter of Kenneth and Debra Quigley. Nicole’s fund will provide dance awards and youth activity scholarships to children in Humboldt County. (2009)

Don F. & Fay M. Quinn Memorial Fund $18,366

Don F Quinn, a native of Eureka, was very active in the community. He had a positive attitude toward life and a sincere desire to help others. Born on October 4, 1920, he died July 29, 1983. Fund income is distributed at the discretion of the Foundation’s board of directors. Fay Quinn passed away on December 22, 1997. (1983)

Michael Winkler established this advised expendable fund to help reduce the environmental impact of everyday activities in Humboldt County. The fund’s focus areas are recycled paper, energy efficiency and conservation. After a 20-year career in the electronics industry, Michael returned to school to pursue a degree in environmental resources engineering and to help create a more sustainable lifestyle in Humboldt County. He has been active in civic life with service on the Arcata City Council and previously as Arcata Mayor and as a member of the City of Arcata’s Planning Commission. (2000)

RCRC Client Benefit Fund $32,113

The Client Benefit Fund is a nonprofit fund designed to improve the lives of the people who are clients of the Redwood Coast Regional Center through small, individual grants for needs that cannot be met through any other existing program or agency. The Fund is designated for individuals with developmental disabilities in Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake and Del Norte counties. Some of the possible creative uses of the individual grants could include specific housing needs, one-time moving needs, emergency travel needs, and start-up seed money for programs fostering independence in life-skills, recreational skills and/or housing. Applications for such personal grants are made to the Redwood Coast Developmental Services Corporation Board of Directors. (2009)

Redwood Art Association Endowment Fund $19,200

Created in 1958, the Redwood Art Association (RAA) is the largest and oldest arts organization in Humboldt County. In 2012, the organization bought a gallery in Eureka, large enough to accommodate large exhibitions for our membership. The RAA continues to be a growing community of artists and supporters who value art as an essential component of every aspect of our culture. We nurture creativity, provide innovative, leading-edge ideas to inspire its members and actively relate to young and emerging artist as well as those who are more established. (2014)
who are well established. We bring artistic dialog and collaboration with the membership, local government, and other creative organizations and outside communities. This endowment fund was created by anonymous donors who support our history, vision and placement in the community. The funds will be used toward continuing our mission. Additional donations from other individuals and organizations can be made to this fund. (2015)

**Redwood Empire Quilters Guild Fund $29,550**

Income from this fund will cover material costs, provide honoraria for instructors, curators and artists for workshops and classes, and support fellowships for individuals to attend educational programs related to the fiber arts field. (1995)

**Redwood Regional Rotary Disaster Relief Super Fund $51,690**

This fund has been created by the North Coast Rotary Clubs to assist North Coast residents who, due to a natural disaster, need emergency funds that are not immediately available from government agencies. Funds are available to anyone located in the areas served by the ten North Coast Rotary Clubs from Garberville to Crescent City. (1995)

**Leo P. & Wilma M. Regan Memorial Fund $14,716**

Natives of Iowa, Wilma and Leo Regan resided in Eureka from 1956 until 1965 when Mr. Regan was transferred to San Francisco. Mr. Regan retired in 1972 from a banking career that spanned 45 years. Mrs. Regan died in 1986, after which Mr. Regan returned to Eureka to be with his daughter, Mary Ann Spencer, until his death in 1993. The Regents shared an interest in promoting leadership among young students. Mr. Regan took great pride in encouraging students to achieve their educational goals and offered financial guidance to many as they entered the work place. This fund, established by the Regents’ daughter, supports youth leadership. (1994)

**Dick & Zola Renfro Scholarship Fund**

Coach Dick Renfro died on November 10, 1998 at the age of 79. He was an admired Eureka High School Physical Education instructor for 27 years, department head and coach. In 1999 he was posthumously awarded the Jean Olson Award for Excellence in Teaching. He earned B.S., B.A. of Education and M.S. degrees from Washington State College (now WSU) at Pullman, Washington. He became a staff member there and was named assistant to O.E. “Babe” Hollingberry, head football coach. He coached football for 3 years at Clarkston High School and 5 years at Yakima Valley Junior College before coming to Eureka in 1955. He served in the US Army Air Corps, instructing pilots in “ditching” procedures from the bombers and played football on the 2nd and 4th Air Force Teams. He was drafted by San Francisco Forty Niners pro team in 1946. This fund supports Eureka High School varsity athletes who need financial assistance. (1998)

**Reserve Officers’ Association Humboldt Chapter Scholarship Fund $5,599**

Humboldt Chapter No. 16 of the Reserve Officers’ Association established this fund to provide an annual scholarship to the most worthy graduating senior in the Naval Science Program at Eureka High School. (1989)

**Alive Richard Scholarship Fund $4,782**

This scholarship fund was established by the Academy of the Redwoods community and the family of Alive Richard to memorialize his love of people, love of learning and love of life. Alive had an exceptional thirst for knowledge and was accepting of all people regardless of their backgrounds and beliefs. With his contagious smile and kind heart he offered daily inspiration to his friends, teachers and family. Funds will be allocated annually in the form of a scholarship for an Academy of the Redwoods graduate pursuing a college education. The first scholarship was awarded to a student in the graduating class of 2014. We welcome additional contributions to this fund. (2012)

**Robert L. Richards Memorial Fund $147,383**

Robert Richards valued education and self-improvement. Although he never attended high school, at the age of 40, Bob graduated with highest honors from HSU. The Foundation administers this fund to benefit the three scholarships he established at HSU: Mary E. Richards Scholarship for Music or Voice; Joan E. Brenson Scholarship for Natural Resources; and Robert L. Richards Scholarship for Music. Additional income is to benefit local animal welfare organizations. (1987)

**Rick Foundation $44,753**

Mechanical engineer Chester Rick created the IEZ Foundation in the 1940s that made garden tools, lamps, bookends and small toys. He hired workers with disabilities, passing on any money he made to his employees. Chester and his wife Dorothy worked with Paul Robeson and Bayard Rustin in early civil rights action. This fund was started with proceeds from the IEZ Foundation and is intended to promote race relations and world peace. (1996)

**Elsie Mae Gardner Ricklefs & Richard Ricklefs Memorial Fund $161,566**

This fund provides help in the fields of education and health for the Klamath-Trinity area. Grants, scholarships and fellowships are given to those who demonstrate leadership, or who have a clear potential to deliver strong and imaginative initiatives for guiding the cultural goals of the community. Health support is principally in mental health, and may include grants to organizations that introduce improved directions in care, reaching more families and people in need. (1994)

**Ride to the Wild Fund $11,323**

Thanks to donors Bill & Melissa Zielinski, Humboldt County teachers have some financial support to transport students for
nature education field trips. The Zielinskis established this advised endowment fund because of their belief that exposure to the outdoors at a young age can help develop an understanding of environmental issues and an appreciation of how the protection of natural places can enhance the quality of life. They invite others to expand learning opportunities for Humboldt County children by making contributions to the fund. (2005)

**Bonnie J. Ridenhour Memorial Fund for Needy Children $14,749**

Bonnie was devoted to children—her own, her grandchildren, her neighbors’ children, the children of the community. This endowed fund supports organizations and programs that provide for the basic needs of food, shelter, healthcare, and education of needy pre-teen children in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. (2014)

**William Adrian & Lillian Robinson Memorial Fund $22,207**

This fund was established in 1989 by Susan Robinson McGinness and W.A. Robinson, Jr. as a memorial to their parents, W. Adrian and Lillian Robinson. Adrian, a local businessman, was born and lived his entire life in Humboldt County. Lillian, who had lived in Eureka for more than 50 years, was actively involved in community services. Because of their interest in both education and local maritime affairs, income from this fund will be used for Humboldt County education projects. (1989)

**Roelofs Humboldt Fisheries Fund $27,297**

Dr. Terry Roelofs, Emeritus Professor of Fisheries Biology at Humboldt State University, has inspired and mentored numerous cohorts of fisheries students since his arrival at HSU in 1970. Terry has the rivers and streams of the North Coast running through his veins and has tirelessly shared his love of fisheries and sustainable fishing with his many students and colleagues. This fund was originally established by The Humboldt Fishin’ Lumberjacks, a group of HSU Fisheries Alumni that have met annually since 2002 to share quality fishing time together. The goal of the fund is to provide scholarships for students in the Fisheries Department at HSU who are pursuing an advanced degree with a focus on fisheries conservation and enhancement research that applies to, or is in, North Coast watersheds and adjacent marine waters. (2013)

**William T. & Geneva Rooney Fund $12,550**

William T. Rooney established this fund in 1991 to honor his wife Geneva, who spent 25 years in the Eureka City Schools as a teacher, counselor, dean and high school assistant principal. Grants from this fund benefit disadvantaged students needing clothing and other necessary items. (1991)

**Cate Roscoe Scholarship Fund $19,351**

Cate Roscoe created this fund, with money left by her father Stanley Roscoe, to provide two scholarships, the Jaimie King and the Mouth of the Klamath. The Jaimie King was established to help graduates of Happy Camp High School overcome their adverse circumstances to attend college. Jaimie King was a student of Cate’s who supported herself through senior year, and gained admission to Humboldt State University despite being told by family and guidance counselors that she could not. Awarded students are first in their family and have repeated courses in order to secure college admissions. The Mouth of the Klamath was established to provide graduates of HCHS the additional funding needed (gear and fees) to pursue scientific diving while at college. Before teaching, Cate worked as a scientific diver. This award was inspired by Valisha Armstrong, another HCHS student, who attended HSU to become a scientific diver. (2008)

**ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA Harvey G. Harper Rotary Scholarship Fund $24,717**

Harvey Harper was a dedicated and long-time Rotarian. Beloved by his family and community, Harvey’s love of cars was unparalleled. He left this lasting gift to the Rotary of Eureka. Each spring a scholarship will be awarded in Harvey’s memory to support a Eureka High School graduating senior who is planning to attend a school accredited by the National Automotive Technician’s Education Foundation. (2011)

**ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA Donald Morris Hegy Fellowship Fund $41,966**

Mr. and Mrs. William Z. Hegy established this fund in memory of their son, Donald Morris Hegy, who passed away at the young age of 4 years. Mr. William Hegy passed away in December 1986, and another son, David J. Hegy, in September 1995. The income from this fund provides an annual fellowship to a Humboldt State University student for postgraduate study. (1979)

**ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA Endowment Fund $59,296**

Income is used for Rotary service projects. (1981)

**ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA Sign Smith Service Fund**

This committee-advised fund is used for Rotary service projects. (1981)

**ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA Glyndon “Sign” & Ruth Smith Endowment Fund $649,049**

Glyndon “Sign” Smith began his long and varied career in magic at age 10, at 16 was known as the Boy Wonder and at 18, a professional whose magic included fire-eating, wire-walking, hypnotism, card tricks and magic. He settled in Eureka in the early 1920s and opened a
Roth Smith graduated from the University of his life, Ruth, whom he married in 1929. They lived an exciting, rich life, enjoying their love for each other until Ruth’s death in 1991. Sign, a charming and loving man who gave much of himself to people of the North Coast, died in April 1997. Income from this fund is used for Rotary service projects as recommended by the Rotary Club of Eureka. (1995)

**Rotary Club of Eureka**

**Joseph Sidney Woolford Fund** $226,782

John S. Woolford was a graduate of Louisville Medical School, with advanced training at the University of Chicago. He was the first physician in this area to limit his practice to Radiology and was instrumental in organizing the Radiology Department at General Hospital. He studied and worked continuously for the improvement of x-ray equipment and processes. Dr. Woolford was an out-going, social person with a sense of humor. He was always ready for a good laugh. He was a member of Rotary Club of Eureka from 1934, until his passing in 1957. It was his desire to reward measurable scholastic achievement, quality and excellence of individual performance, career goal direction and an ability to inspire others. Scholarships are awarded to HSU graduate students. Recipients are selected by members of Rotary Club of Eureka. (2003)

**Rotary Club of Eureka**

**Scholarship Fund** $240,326

This fund was established by the Rotary Club of Fortuna in memory of past Rotarians who were actively involved in the betterment of Fortuna: Benjamin A. McWhorter, Ray E. Stewart, John Kassis, J. Dwight O’Dell, Clayton A. “Zeke” Van Deventer, William A. Jamieson, Tom Cooke, Collis Mahan, Otto Harbers, Percy Newell, Jim Hunt, Dennis Hazelton, Sherry Hazelton, Allan Baird and Max Goble. Awards are made to Fortuna High School graduating seniors to further their educations. (1991)

**Rotary Club of Fortuna Sunrise**

**Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund and Hal Hummel Memorial Vocational Award** $34,512

The Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Club, founded on the Rotary Club’s 90th anniversary, honors Rotary founder Paul Harris with this memorial scholarship in his name. Scholarships are awarded annually to two Fortuna High School graduates who wish to further their education. Additionally, the Presidential Award is selected each year by the Club’s current President, and awarded to graduating Fortuna High School senior. Newly named in May of 2015, the Club also honors one of its Charter members, Hal Hummel, who was a long-time club Vocational Scholarship chairman, and a tireless advocate for the importance and value of vocational service. Annually, the club awards a graduating senior at Fortuna High School who is planning to attend a trade or vocational school or institution. (1998)

**Rotary Club of Garberville**

**Roxanne Futrell Memorial Scholarship Fund** $16,417

Roxanne was born in Marysville, California in 1950 where she was raised with her two sisters on their family’s peach ranch. In 1977, Roxanne moved to Garberville with her husband, Gary, where they raised their three children. Roxanne spent her time as a devoted and loving mother, wife and friend to all who knew her. Roxanne was a member of Lambda Delta Sorority and a life-long supporter of Youth Soccer, 4-H, FFA, the South Fork Booster Club and anyone in need of a helping hand. This fund was established by Roxanne’s family and friends to support a South Fork graduate who emulates a love of life, has a kind open, heart and the desire to excel in all that life has to offer. (2005)

**Rotary Club of Garberville**

**Ray Hartig Memorial Scholarship Fund** $32,514

It has been 51 years since this scholarship was established by Ray’s family. Ray was born and raised in Oregon. He loved children and taught for a number of years in Grants Pass. He and his family moved to Garberville in 1954. He immediately became involved in youth activities, coaching basketball and baseball teams and becoming a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Community Coordinating Council and the Garberville Volunteer Fire Dept. Ray was tragically killed while fighting a structure fire. Because Ray exemplified everything Rotary stands for, SERVICE ABOVE SELF, this scholarship was established, with the help of his sister and brother in law, Amy and Sherm Hensell, in his memory in 1964. He would have been very proud. (2014)

**Harold E. Murrisch Scholarship Fund** $84,522

Harold Murrisch was born in 1934 in Carlotta, where he opened a small grocery store. In 1978, he moved to Redway and turned Murrisch Food Center into a community landmark. Murrisch was the father of four sons and a daughter, and was survived by his wife Helen. Known in his community as the highest example of kindness, generosity and understanding, Harold was also instrumental in helping many people fulfill their dreams of beginning small businesses. His wish to help children motivated him to establish this scholarship fund. (1994)

**Helen Irene Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Fund** $11,393

Helen Irene McNally was born in Chicago in 1931 and graduated as a music major from Cornell College. Following her passion for music and travel, she became a choral director before deciding to join the Army’s Special Services in Bordeaux, France. She traveled enthusiastically throughout Europe eventually meeting her first husband, Paul Brannan. Upon their return to the States they had two children, Christopher and Camilyn, and moved to Garberville in 1963. Irene began teaching kindergarten in 1966 with Chris in her first class, and continued to do so for the next 35 years. Her annual Kindergarten Circus was legendary for “children of all ages.” Irene loved the Southern Humboldt community and gave compassionately and generously to many causes. Upon her death in 2007, Irene’s family, with the help of her friends from around the world, created this scholarship to assist a graduating South Fork student in higher education. (2007)
ROTARY CLUB OF GARBERVILLE

Todd Sveiven Scholarship Fund $8,385

Todd Sveiven attended South Fork High School where he was a gifted musician, outstanding athlete, perennial Dean’s List student and student leader. He was also an accomplished guitarist, bass player, drummer, saxophonist and singer in South Fork’s Mad Jazz Choir. He was selected for the 1994 Little Four all-county baseball team, and played football and basketball. He represented South Fork High in Washington, DC at the Youth Leadership Conference in 1993. Todd died in a tragic car accident in 1994. (1995)

ROTARY CLUB OF GARBERVILLE

Monroe Tobin Memorial Scholarship Fund $40,738

T. Monroe Tobin established this trust because of his love for Southern Humboldt County. Monroe’s mother, Margaret, was born in 1877 on the Robertson Ranch in Southern Humboldt. His father, Thomas Tobin, moved from Kentucky to Garberville in 1903 and became a successful businessman and community leader, operating the Garberville Mercantile Company and Garberville Inn. Monroe attended high school in Eureka and college in Santa Rosa and Berkeley. He was a manufacturer’s representative in San Francisco before returning to Garberville in 1950 when he established Tobin Properties. He served on many County and local boards and was a charter member of Garberville Rotary Club. His wife of 49 years, Helen, passed away in 1992. She was a great contributor to his success. They raised four children: Patricia, Karen, Thomas and Joanne. Monroe passed away January 8, 2008. The trust is intended to benefit Southern Humboldt needs, particularly youth and seniors. (2001)

ROTARY CLUB OF MAD RIVER

Mad River Rotary Service Fund $9,406

The purpose of the Mad River Rotary Fund is to do something good for our community. The Mad River Rotary service area covers the area north of the Mad River to the Humboldt/Del Norte county line. Service projects focus on services for youth and seniors. (2011)

ROTARY CLUB OF OLD TOWN EUREKA

Larry G. Doss Fund $13,711

Larry G. Doss, beloved father, husband and grandfather, was a long time member of the Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka. Loved and respected by fellow Rotarians, business associates, and friends, Larry was a mentor in many fields. He took on enormous challenges and persevered through hard work, preparation, faith and a positive attitude. Early on, athletics attracted Larry’s attention and became a driving force in learning many principles of life. Larry earned a football scholarship to San Jose State University and was a four-year letterman. After graduating, Larry taught high school and coached football, track, and golf. He loved assisting students attain their goals. As cofounder of Ming Tree Realty, he helped many people become successful in real estate. Larry encouraged others to strive to do their best, and live with his mottos: “autograph your work with excellence” and “going the extra mile is never too far.” (2007)

ROTARY CLUB OF OLD TOWN EUREKA

John McCaddon Fund $11,480

John McCaddon was born in Eureka on December 11, 1936. He retired from the Air Force in 1960 and became an Insurance Adjuster for Allstate. John was President of the Southwest Eureka Rotary Club from 1982-1983 and a founder and President of the Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka. He was active in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, served on the Board for the Humboldt Fire District and worked with the first committee raising money for Evergreen Lodge. He passed away September 9, 1991. This fund was created to give scholarships to seniors from the Eureka High School District. (2007)

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

Endowment Fund $40,206

The Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka has a deep commitment to community service as well as to international service. The Board of Directors established this advised endowment fund to expand the range of opportunities for giving and to further the Club’s ability to act upon these commitments. (2001)

Lee J. Roth & Frances A. Roth Memorial Fund $631,130

Mrs. Roth died in 1981, leaving the residue of her estate as a memorial to her husband Lee and herself. Income is paid to the Humane Society of Humboldt County. (1981)

Dylan Wade Ruiz Memorial Scholarship Fund $4,023

Dylan Wade Ruiz died in a tragic vehicle accident on October 16, 2014 at the young age of 23 years old. A gay man who lived for dancing and performing to the many varieties of music he loved, Dylan was naturally creative and every performance was a masterpiece. Every detail was considered for maximum effect—costumes, make-up, props, and choreography alike. He performed many styles of dance and performed at multiple venues and community events. Whether dancing at a night club with his friends, twerking, fire-dancing, performing burlesque or drag, or singing with the Arcata Youth Choir, he was “all-in”. He was thrilled to perform for one person or hundreds of people, solo or in a company of like-minded entertainers. Dylan would be thrilled that his legacy helps LGBT youth pursue their passion in the performing arts. (2014)

Henri & Lanette Rousseau Memorial Scholarship Fund $978,229

This fund provides scholarships for graduates of Humboldt County high

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schools planning to go on to major or minor in agriculture, agriculture-related fields or science, including education courses in agriculture or related fields of science. The Humboldt County Farm Bureau recommends recipients. (1997)

St. Mary’s Funds
Established to support St. Mary’s Catholic Church programs, the first of these funds was the St. Mary’s Church Fund, created in 1978:

SM | Monsignor Thomas Nugent & Margaret Kellett Educational Fund $83,541
An anonymous donor left a residence to the Foundation to establish this fund in perpetual remembrance of Monsignor Thomas Nugent and his niece, Margaret Kellett. The income from this memorial endowment fund goes to the educational fund of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Arcata. (1994)

SM | St. Mary’s Church Fund $427,482
St. Mary’s Catholic Church Arcata was founded in 1883 and continues to serve the Catholic community from the church located on Janes Rd. in Arcata and the St. Joseph mission church in Blue Lake. This fund was established by an anonymous donor in 1978. The purpose of the gift was to improve the mission church in Blue Lake. This fund was established by an anonymous donor in 1978.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund $22,953
The mission of the Particular Council of the Redwood Region of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help the needy, the forgotten and the victims of exclusion and adversity in the Humboldt area. The income from their two thrift stores supports a free dining facility in Eureka as well as a long list of other services provided by a corps of over 50 volunteers and 32 dedicated employees. These services include boxes of food for people to prepare in their own homes, clothing, furniture, bedding, emergency lodging, transportation, expenses for medical appointments and stranded travelers, help with prescriptions, major appliance reconditioning and many other forms of assistance. As the Society says in its brochure, “Sometimes it all takes to help someone is to provide a hand to hold or just to listen. We can do that too.” This fund supports all the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s good works. (2008)

St. Vincent de Paul Fund in Honor of Gerry & Oriel Ayers $13,814
This fund was established to support the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility in Eureka. Gerry and Oriel have been supporters of the dining facility since its inception. Gerry was dedicated to providing shelter to the homeless and food to the hungry through the dining facility. He was proud to be a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He touched many lives on a daily basis with his respect and love for anyone he came in contact with. Gerry lived his faith every day. He was known as a hero to many. Gerry passed away in January 2008. This endowment fund will provide assistance to the dining facility to purchase milk and other staples needed for feeding the hungry. (2008)

Michael, Fran & Opal Saint Clair Fund $19,234
This fund was established by Michael Saint Clair in memory of his past wives Fran and Opal. Saint Clair grew up in Alton, CA and he was one of seven brothers and sisters. He is a former Marine, longtime bartender and has worked in almost every lumber company in Humboldt County. The purpose of this fund is to make life simpler for Humboldt County 1st-5th graders lacking essential school supplies. Saint Clair’s ultimate hope for this fund is that every child is equipped with the proper tools and support needed to be successful. (2015)

Michael Salstrom Photography Scholarship Fund $17,049
This fund was established by Michael’s parents and friends when he died in 1987 at the age of 34. In 1988, additional gifts were received upon the deaths of Mike’s newly married sister Kathryn, and her husband Daniel Weaver. (1987)

Alexander T. Salvos & Timothy A. Salvos Fund for Youth $354,387
Alexander Timothy Salvos was a Eureka native, born in 1934 to Thomas & Lottie Salvos. He graduated from Eureka High School and retired from the United States Postal Service after many devoted years of serving the Eureka community. He enjoyed hot rods and classic cars. Alex was a Renaissance man and his favorite saying was, “Imagination is everything!” He passed away on November 7, 2002, leaving a provision in his will to create a discretionary field of interest fund for youth in Humboldt County, in memory of his son, Timothy A. Salvos. (2003)

Bendix & Anna Schnoor and John & Harriet Samuelson Memorial Fund $104,071
As the last remaining member of this family, Reverend Kenneth B. Samuelson established this fund to honor his grandparents Bendix and Anna Schnoor and parents John and Harriet Samuelson. In 1877, his grandparents emigrated from the North Frisian Islands to Petaluma, both 16, where they worked on a farm. After being married in 1884, they traveled to Petrolia by steamer up the Eel and Salt Rivers. Anna gave birth to Reverend Samuelson’s mother Harriet in 1885. She
married Johannes Herman Samuelson, known as John, who also emigrated from the North Frisian Islands at age 16 in 1901. He worked as a dairyman and later the foreman of a road maintenance crew. Father Ken attended Fortuna High and graduated from HSU in 1938. He loved music, served in WWII and devoted 50 years of his life to the Episcopal Church. This fund provides annual support to Hospice of Humboldt. (2011)

**Sanctuary Forest | Conservation Easement Fund** $499,990
This fund provides for the perpetual management, monitoring, enforcement and defense of conservation easements held by Sanctuary Forest. (2005)

**Sanctuary Forest Forest | Conservation Fund** $105,188
This is a restricted fund for land acquisition and related expenses. The purpose of this fund is to provide money for the purchase of lands or other capital assets that contribute to the achievement of Sanctuary Forest’s conservation goals, including but not limited to option payments, down payments, legal fees, land appraisals, timber cruises and other transactional fees associated with such purchases. (2014)

**Sanctuary Forest | Land Management Fund** $42,183
The Sanctuary Forest Land Management Fund supports the stewardship of properties owned by Sanctuary Forest. These lands are held by Sanctuary Forest for public benefit, providing wildlife, habitat, watershed protection and open space in the Mattole River watershed and surrounding areas. This fund is intended to provide income to care for these conserved properties in perpetuity through monitoring and maintenance. This fund is not intended for capital improvements. (2006)

**Sanctuary Forest | Organizational Fund** $16,003
This is a restricted fund for organizational savings. The purpose of this fund is to produce income for Sanctuary Forest, Inc. to help meet its organizational and capacity goals. These funds are designated for staff development and operating expenses. (2014)

**Sanctuary Forest | Sinkyone Conservation Easement Fund** $138,730
The purpose of this fund is to provide for the perpetual monitoring, management enforcement and defense of Sanctuary Forest’s conservation easement on the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council’s Sinkyone Upland property. (2005)

**Col. Mathew Santino Scholarship Fund** $19,413
Following 25 years of active duty with the US Army, Colonel Mathew Santino retired in Eureka, where he was associated with the Humboldt Land Title Company. He was very active in community affairs and a longtime member of the Eureka Downtown Kiwanis and the Eureka City School Board. He died in August 1984. Because of his dedicated interest in the welfare of school children, this scholarship fund was established by his wife, Hazel, and their children. The scholarship is for any Eureka High School graduate intending to pursue a college degree in international relations or any foreign language. Hazel passed away April 5, 2008. (1986)

**Saunders’ Fund for Charitable Giving**
For Glenn and Janis Saunders, natives of Humboldt County, community is not just a place they live. It’s a place they give back to, from scholarships for students, to supporting a new library and numerous local contributions and organizations. The Saunders’ Fund for Charitable Giving supports charitable work in our region with an emphasis on charitable projects in Trinidad, California. A few examples that are near and dear to their hearts are the Community of Trinidad, Holy Trinity Church, Trinidad School, youth and families, and education. (2013)

**Glenn Saunders’ Youth & Community Fund**
Caring for children is a core value for Gail Saunders. In 1991, she became a foster parent and ultimately adopted her first two foster children. She has seen firsthand the degree of support these children need. Her children attended Trinidad School. From kindergarten to 8th grade, she watched the school provide a caring and nurturing educational environment for her children with special learning needs. Additionally, she was touched by the work of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and sees their work as a critical piece for any child in foster care. Gail knows that with the right support at home, in school, and through CASA, a difference truly can be made in a child’s life. This is why she has chosen to establish this fund to support the Trinidad School and CASA for their vital work for the benefit of the children in our community. (2013)

**Glenn & Janis Saunders Community Fund** $143,343
Glenn and Janis Saunders, Trinidad residents long active in its civic and business affairs, established this fund for the benefit of the citizens and community of Trinidad. Due to their interest and engagement in the community of Trinidad they donated land and established this fund to assist with the future creation of a Trinidad library and Trinidad museum. Each project should receive a gift of $100,000, provided it qualifies through demonstration of the support of the Trinidad community. Other money must be pledged and committed from grants or received through other sources in amounts sufficient to pay for the majority of the cost for each project. Glenn Saunders passed away May 11, 2015. (2005)

**Glenn & Janis Saunders Scholarship Fund** $8,036
Glenn and Janis Saunders, Trinidad residents long active in its civic and business affairs, established this fund for the benefit of the citizens and community of Trinidad. A substantial portion of this fund is used to assist graduates, particularly those from Trinidad Union Elementary School, who will, upon graduation from high school,
Janis Schleunes Gift Annuity $4,629
Janis established the very first charitable gift annuity with HAF. After receiving a stream of income during her lifetime, Janis will leave a generous contribution for Six Rivers Reproductive Health Fund. (2006)

Charles G. & Helen W. Schober Memorial Fund $134,438
Helen W. Schober was born Helen Woodcock in Eureka in 1920, to a pioneer family that first came to Humboldt County in 1875. She received her bachelor’s degree from HSU and an MA from San Francisco State University. In 1942 she married Charles Schober, who was employed with Hammand Lumber Co. and Georgia Pacific. In roles as teacher and administrator, Helen worked for 46 years in Humboldt and San Mateo Counties. Helen will probably be best remembered for developing the Teaching Center Program and serving as the textbook consultant for the Humboldt County Schools. Helen was well loved by her students and teaching colleagues. She established this fund to provide scholarships to HSU students majoring in forestry or environmental education. (1994)

Scholars’ Fund see page 53

Schulze-Kronenberg Memorial Fund $598,955
This fund was established in 1982 by Mrs. Tosca Kronenberg to honor her parents, G. Hermann Schulze and Marie P. Theresa Schulze, her sister Grace M. Schulze and her husband James F. Kronenberg, Tosca Kronenberg passed away on January 12, 1998. Income is designated for youth projects. (1982)

Helen Gierek Scuri Memorial Scholarship Fund $5,010
Helen Gierek Scuri was always interested in law and was brilliant with numbers. After high school she obtained a certificate from Eureka Business College and then worked as a bookkeeper at Baker and Stanton; for the lawyer, Michael McHugh; and for Humboldt Moving and Storage. In a different era, she would have attended college and become an accountant. Deprived of an opportunity for higher education, she strongly encouraged her daughters to work hard in school and placed a high value on education. As a result of her vision, her family now holds ten degrees ranging from Bachelor’s to Doctoral. A lifelong resident of Elk River, she had strong ties to Humboldt County. In her memory, her children have established this scholarship to help others in need fulfill their desire for a higher education. (2014)

Leo D. Sears Charitable Remainder Trust $135,692
The sale proceeds of a donated apartment complex formed the basis of this trust, with the income going to the designated beneficiaries. Eventually, a portion of the trust income will go to Six Rivers Planned Parenthood, The Population Institute, and Population Communications International, with the remainder going to other causes. For Leo, “it’s simply my way of paying back to society.” To the charities, it provides an on-going source of funding for their programs into perpetuity. “I wanted to ensure that what I leave would support the charities I believe in.” His interest in population grew from the admonitions from his youth “if you can’t afford ’em, don’t have ’em” through to the Planned Parenthood slogan “every child a wanted child.” “I think overpopulation is the number one world problem.” The remainder of the trust goes to other causes. (1999)

Senior Citizens Foundation Fund $268,665
The foundation was established in 1987 to enrich the quality of life of the community’s elderly. Through gifts, bequests and donations, it is building a permanent endowment to supply private funds to augment public funding for senior services. (1988)

Sequoia Lifeline Community Fund $61,483
The Sequoia Lifeline Community Fund provides funding to the Mad River Adult Day Health Care Program (MRADHC) so that the program can provide vital services, including Lifeline, to elders needing financial assistance. (2007)

Sequoia Lodge #14, I.O.O.F. Scholarship Fund $24,077
The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a worldwide fraternal order established in the United States in 1819 by Thomas Wildey in Baltimore, Maryland. In Humboldt County, the first lodge was established in Eureka in 1858. In subsequent years, lodges flourished in Arcata, Blue Lake, Loleta, Fortuna, Ferndale, Hydesville and Rohnerville. The original directives to the members were, and continue to be, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan. Over time these lodges have gone out of existence. Sequoia Lodge #14, the last remaining Humboldt County Lodge, went out of existence in December 2012. In keeping with the I.O.O.F. mission, this scholarship supports students who are pursuing an education in the fields of education, health professions and mortuary science. (2002)

Maeve Ryan Shanahan Memorial Fund $14,518
Maeve spent her life in the womb where she was loved and protected. She grew strong while listening to her brother Garrett’s contagious laughter and the loving voices of her parents, Martha & Patrick. The original form of her name, Meadhbh, was held by a powerful and legendary warrior queen of pre-Christian Ireland. True to her namesake, Maeve fought against a pinched source of oxygen for many months unbeknownst to anyone to grow into a strong, healthy baby girl. Maeve passed two days before her due date, on April 9, 2011, in the warm embrace of her mother’s womb. Maeve’s fund was made possible due to the generous donations of loving family and friends and was established to support the education of youth at Saint Bernard’s School, the school Maeve would have attended. (2011)

James & Elva Shaw Memorial Fund $59,680
James was born and raised in Kneeland and was a Eureka High School graduate. He was a WWII veteran, a member of the Army Corps of Engineers for 33 years, and a 60-year member of the Arcata American Legion and
Knights of Pythias. Elva Murray Shaw was raised in the Ft. Bragg area, and after marrying Jim was a schoolteacher for a number of years. This is an unrestricted fund. (1993)

**Diana Gail Simeroth Memorial Fund** $17,448

This fund was established by the Simeroth family of New Hampshire, to honor Diana Gail, who died in an accident on December 24, 1971. A lifelong resident of McKinleyville, Diana was a graduate of St. Bernard’s High School where she achieved distinction in academics and was attending Humboldt State University at the time of her death. She was an avid equestrian and participated in Pegasus Patrol activities. The income from this fund is awarded annually to two incoming freshmen of St. Bernard’s High School. (1994)

**Six Rivers, Inc Endowment Fund**

Six Rivers Planned Parenthood established this fund in 1996. Planned Parenthood has been offering reproductive health care services to low and moderate-income residents of the North Coast since 1976. Its mission is to ensure that every child is a wanted child. This fund, which has increased over the years by planned gifts, has served as a buffer against leaner times and as a guarantee that Planned Parenthood’s essential services will continue in Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte Counties as long as they are needed. (1996)

**Six Rivers Reproductive Health Fund**

In 1975, to the great benefit of individuals seeking reproductive health care and those who support access to care, Michele McKeegan and Judy Webb founded Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. Through the efforts of hundreds of dedicated staff, volunteers and donors, Six Rivers Planned Parenthood provided reproductive health care, including education and advocacy, to the residents of Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity Counties for almost forty years. Six Rivers Reproductive Health Fund is established to ensure continued access to reproductive and sexual health care for all, to educate about healthy, responsible sexual behavior and reproductive choice and to advocate for the passage of laws and policies that guarantee reproductive health care services. (1996)

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**SUBMITTED STORY**

**HONORING A SPIRITUAL LEADER, RIGOROUS SCHOLAR AND GENEROUS FRIEND**

**Father Eric Freed**

**FATHER ERIC FREED PEACE & JUSTICE AWARD FUND**

For nearly a decade, Father Eric Freed was a source of inspiration in the Humboldt County area. As a priest, then pastor, Father Eric helped spiritually guide thousands in our community. As a faculty member in the Humboldt State University (HSU) Religious Studies Department, he positively influenced hundreds of students in their love of learning. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Father Eric knew him as a rigorous scholar, generous friend, compassionate listener, and dedicated advocate of peace and justice in our community and in our world.

When he was murdered on January 1, 2014, the world seemed torn – a little more senseless, uncontrollable and without meaning – to his faculty colleagues and university students. However, we all knew that the groundlessness we were feeling was something that Eric himself would have been able to make meaning. We looked for a way to embody the hope he would have been able to find.

This Award was created by the HSU Religious Studies Faculty to honor his incredible legacy. We hope the Award will outlast all of us and we know Eric would be smiling, seeing the work these passionate students will be carrying out in his honor.

**Sara Jaye Hart**

Program Leader
Humboldt State University Religious Studies Department
freedom and availability of abortion services to Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity County residents. The Fund has been initially funded with the assets remaining from the former Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. (2015)

**Brian and Tim Smith Memorial Fund** $9,645

Brian and Tim Smith were natives of Humboldt County who perished on the Trinity River at Madden Creek on July 22, 2006. Both gave their lives to save the life of Tim’s young son, Asa. Brian ultimately pulled Asa most of the way to shore and then went back in an attempt to save his brother. As a result of Brian’s heroic act he was awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal. Brian and Tim’s mother, Linda Livasy, with the support of Tim’s wife, Addie Segura, decided to use the award money to start this fund to support high school graduates who have suffered the loss of a parent. The Smith family recognizes how difficult it can be to raise children with one parent, especially supporting those children through college, and hope others will recognize the need to support single parent graduates and join in feeling that “we can’t do it alone.” (2008)

**Glyndon “Sign” & Ruth Smith Endowment Fund see page 83**

**Steven Clark Smith Memorial Fund** $19,197

This fund was established by Roger and Joan Smith in memory of their son, Steven Clark Smith, who was injured while pursuing a vocation in June 1983. A graduate of St. Bernard’s High School, Steven achieved distinction in sports activities, attained a superior scholastic record, and throughout his young years demonstrated a love for excelling in all fields in which he was engaged. A yearly scholarship is provided to a student during his junior year at St. Bernard’s High School who best exemplifies Steven’s excellent record of academic accomplishments. (1984)

**Somerville Family Expendable Fund** $9,108

David and Gabriel Somerville established this expendable fund for the support of youth and public school projects in the Eel River Valley. It will also support special projects of the Sempervirens Deanery of the Episcopal Church in the Redwoods. (2005)

**Somerville Family Fund** $42,405

David and Gabriel Somerville established this endowment fund to support the same projects and organizations as the Somerville Family Expendable Fund. (2005)

**“Davey” Somerville Revolving Travel Fund** $9,887

Davey, age 10, the joy of his parents’ life together, was a very bright child and liked by all who had contact with him. He especially liked playing with his friends and he enjoyed baseball, soccer, basketball, building Lego structures, and reading books of many kinds. He also enjoyed travels to many places, particularly to Hawaii. But his greatest delight was computers. Even in the hospital in San Francisco, when he had become very weak, he would spend a little time with a laptop computer. Davey suffered from a very rare cancer of the adrenal system. His family spent a lot of time going back and forth to San Francisco and felt they were fortunate that they could afford to do so. While there are family houses for families of severely ill children, often the travel costs are a big burden on the families. This fund is to help defray some of the cost of travel for these families. (1999)

**David J. & Elizabeth (Betsy) K. Somerville Fund**

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, David and Elizabeth Somerville moved to Humboldt Co. in 1949 to grow their family and start their business. This many years later, they are the proud parents, grandparents and great grandparents of children born and raised in Humboldt. David's home accounting business grew into a successful CPA firm that can be found on Main Street, Fortuna today. Through the (name of fund) they hope to give back to the community that supported them and their family. (2014)

**Henry and Myrna Sorensen Family Fund** $29,016

Henry and Myrna Sorensen owned and operated a dairy and chicken ranch in McKinleyville, CA. They were both born in Arcata and lived in McKinleyville their entire married life, except for Henry’s service in the U.S. Army during WWII where he served as an engineer and road foreman of engines in Europe, and Myrna’s work with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Navy. Henry moved to McKinleyville in 1920. Myrna’s family (St. Louis) lived in Arcata. Henry and Myrna had an ardent appreciation and commitment to preserving the area’s rich history. Henry was a lifelong historian of local railroad history co-authoring a book titled “Steam in the Redwoods” He restored the Mattole Lumber Company No. 1 running condition and, in 2004, donated the locomotive to the California State Railroad Museum. This fund was established to support the preservation of local history and the McKinleyville community. (2014)

**Lieutenant Clarence A. Sousa U.S.N. Memorial Scholarship Fund** $2,558

Clarence Anthony Sousa was raised on a Ferndale dairy farm where, at the age of 8, he became the “man of the family” when his father died suddenly. Clarence graduated with honors from Ferndale High School and was a star athlete. Clarence studied engineering at Humboldt State College while working nights at Pacific Lumber Company. Running and flying were two of Clarence’s passions. In 1963, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet program and was awarded the coveted “Wings of Gold” as a Naval Aviator and a commission as Ensign, US Navy Reserve. In 1964, Clarence married his high school sweetheart, Linda Rae Myers, with whom he had two children, Mark and Lorie. Clarence passed away in 1971 while running a race at the age of 29. This fund provides an annual scholarship to a male Ferndale High School student to assist them in realizing their dreams as Clarence was able to do. (2013)
The Southern Humboldt Fund
This Field of Interest fund was created to connect Southern Humboldt donors with community projects and put local capital to work for local priorities and the public good. The funds will be used to support a wide variety of charitable work to worthy Southern Humboldt non-profit organizations and community groups through an annual grant making process. The geographic area described for this purpose extends from the Mendocino County line to Weott and from Phillipsville to the Pacific Ocean. This fund is advised by the Southern Humboldt Grantmaking Committee, a rotating committee of Southern Humboldt residents appointed by the Humboldt Area Foundation. The committee will provide recommendations for expenditures in writing for HAF Board’s final approval. (2010)

Southern Humboldt Schools Foundation Endowment Fund $50,465
The Southern Humboldt Schools Foundation Endowment Fund was established in February 1994 to improve and enhance the education of students in the Southern Humboldt School District. Through gifts and bequests to this fund, a perpetual source of assistance has been established for programs and projects not funded by the school district’s budget. (1994)

Richard D. (Dick) Spadoni Endowment Fund for Dogs $841,384
Eureka native Dick Spadoni graduated with the second class of St. Bernard’s High School, earned a B.A. in Biological Sciences and a Master’s Degree in Natural Sciences from San Jose State University and became an entomologist. He worked for the UUS Public Health Service and U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health before spending 28 years as a happy agricultural inspector with the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture. Animals were always Dick’s passion. He nearly lost his job because he would take his “buddy” in an official vehicle when on assignment. Sincere appreciation goes to his boss, Agricultural Commissioner, John E. Falkenstrom, for his patience. Nothing bothered Dick more than seeing an abused or neglected animal. His fund provides for the medical needs of dogs whose owners are unable to provide treatment for them and for dogs that are abandoned or neglected. It will also support Humboldt County guide dog programs. Dick passed away August 15, 2010. (2010)

Dr. Robert W. & MaryAnn Spencer Fund $16,706
Robert (Bob) W. Spencer, D.D.S. and MaryAnn (Regan) Spencer met while at Humboldt State College. They married in 1959, shortly after graduating. Bob went on to attend University of the Pacific Dental School in San Francisco, graduating in 1964, while MaryAnn taught high school in San Lorenzo. Bob and MaryAnn returned to Eureka to raise their family and operate a respected dental practice for 35 years. Bob was active in Southwest Eureka Rotary, Evergreen Lodge, Ingomar Club, Clarke Museum, St. Joseph’s Hospital Foundation, Eureka Planning Commission, Circle of Smiles, Union Labor Health Foundation, and Ducks Unlimited. MaryAnn served Humboldt Area Foundation for 15-plus years and was involved in Redwood Capital Bank, Vector Health, Humboldt Sponsors, and Redwood Empire Quilters Guild. Bob passed away September 28, 2006 and Mary Ann passed away October 21, 2010. Their family created this fund in their memory. (2006)

Flora Sproul Scholarship Fund $18,100
Flora Sproul established this fund because she was a strong believer in Christian education. As an educator herself, she thought it important to get young people started off right. Mrs. Sproul considered her years as a teacher the most important of her life and the legacy she left behind. Along with a gift she gave to her church, her gift to create this fund constitutes a tithe on the proceeds she received from the sale of her home on “Grandpa’s Mountain” in Myers Flat where she lived for 30 years before retiring in 2005 to Fortuna. The fund provides an annual scholarship to a student with financial need and potential for success who is attending Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma. Mrs. Sproul passed away in May 2006. (2004)

Stewart-Nicholson Memorial Fund $44,903
Muriel Stewart-Nicholson, a former Eureka area teacher, established this fund in memory of her parents Rose and Fred Stewart. Income benefits the Nancy Hilfiker Aviary at Sequoia Park Zoo. (1989)

Glenn Stockwell Memorial Scholarship Fund $11,220
Glenn Stockwell wore many hats in our community – father, husband, college professor, charter boat captain, surfer, fisherman, friend – to name a few. Any just cause attracted Glenn and sparked his energies: from the public trust needing an advocate for clean water to assisting adults in learning to read. Through his involvement in the community, he displayed a sense of personal responsibility for doing the right thing, and his life illustrated how that commitment can become a strong legacy, providing an inspirational model for others. In his memory, his family and friends have established this scholarship endowment as a means of encouraging local youth to follow their hearts in devoting their energies to issues that stir their conscience. (2008)

Gregory Kent Stromberg Infant Memorial Fund $13,470
Gregory Stromberg died in February 1985 of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, the number one cause of death of children under one year of age. The income from this fund is used for Hospice of Humboldt Children’s Bereavement Program. (1985)

Eleanor Davenport Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund $17,402
This fund was established in memory and admiration for, Eleanor Davenport Stone R.N. Eleanor left home at age 17 to attend nursing school, after graduating high school with honors, a brief 6 months after the start of World War II. Her nursing career started as a private duty nurse in her home town, in upstate New York. She
later worked as a “Courier Nurse” on the Santa Fe Railroad, as a summer camp nurse (allowing her son to attend), and as an industrial nurse (Mattel Toy Company was her son’s personal favorite). Her work as an RN also provided her family with the resources to travel, and experience other cultures and cuisines. Eleanor’s career helped her son choose nursing as his profession, one he’s enjoyed for the past 30 years. Scholarship awards will be made annually to students participating in the College of the Redwoods nursing program. (2014)

**Charlie & Glady Strope Family Fund** $12,050

Established in memory of Glady Strope by her husband of 62 years, Charlie, this fund honors Glady’s volunteer work in mental health. A native and life-long resident of Humboldt County, Glady dedicated her life to the creation of our first mental health clinic and Semper Virens. Glady then helped shape legislation benefitting mental health programs throughout California. She will be remembered as a pioneer in educating our community about the nature and prevalence of mental and emotional illness. Glady was never paid for her efforts, and a huge debt of gratitude is due to the loving support of Charlie, without whom this important work would not have been possible. This fund will promote and improve mental health services by providing appropriate treatment opportunities to those experiencing mental and emotional difficulties. Glady’s family hopes that her compassionate and dedicated work will be carried on, touching the lives of generations to come. Charlie passed away May 30, 2011. (2008)

**Studio 299 Center for the Arts Foundation** $12,446

Studio 299 - Center for the Arts, located in Willow Creek, CA offers mini-grants between $250-$500 to artists and art educators in the Klamath/Trinity area. Grants are available for visiting artists, community art projects, artists and creative writers in pursuit of educational projects, and for funding of student art and writing programs. For grant application please refer to the website: studio299.tripod.com. (2010)

**Success Through Spelling Fund** $12,238

Leonard McCrigher, a 1978 graduate of Fortuna Union High School, and his wife, Laurie, established this designated endowment fund to help motivate young students to improve their spelling skills. Proper spelling and an extensive vocabulary contribute to a good first impression and lead to greater success in business and life in general. The fund provides cash awards to the winners of the Fortuna Elementary School Spelling Bee. (2001)

**Suicide Prevention Fund**

This fund was established to promote and enhance suicide prevention activities and mental health awareness. Many of us have felt the impact of losing family and friends or may be attempt survivors ourselves. This fund will be used to educate community members on the warning sides of suicide and encourage people to seek help. (2014)

**Garth R. and Linda Sundberg Scholarship Fund** $7,678

Garth & Linda Sundberg, natives of Humboldt County, both graduated from McKinleyville High School. Both Garth & Linda took advantage of the vocational portfolio offering of classes while attending there, and feel part of their success in business was jump started with their high school experience. Garth and Linda are very proud to be able to fund this new scholarship opportunity for 2 students graduating from McKinleyville High School and moving on to a vocational based program in continuing their education. (2014)

**Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Fund** $124,746

Carole Sund always looked for ways to help children whether through foster parenting, CASA, or child abuse prevention programs. The loss of Carole, and her daughter Julie, and their friend Sylvia through a violent act, prompted Francis and Carole Carrington to establish a fund that would enhance efforts to solve crimes and to support victims of violent crimes. This fund helps families caught in the tragedy of a missing or murdered love one to post rewards, which brings public attention to the case and a greater possibility of solving the crime. Providing for the type of work that Carole Sund would always support keeps all three “forever in our hearts.” (1999)

**Sunny Brae Angel Fund**

The Sunny Brae Angel Fund is to assist in making Sunny Brae students and school better. With the input from the outstanding staff at Sunny Brae Middle School grants will be distributed. (2015)

**Sunset School of the ARTS Fund for the Visual and Performing Arts** $25,329

The purpose of this donor advised expendable fund is to support the Visual and Performing Arts curricula at Sunset School of the ARTS. The fund may be used to support expenses such as salaries or stipends for artists, materials and supplies, equipment, fieldtrips, attendance for students at performances, professional development in the arts and art workshops for students. (2004)

**Samuel H. Swanlund Memorial Scholarship Fund** $2,149

Samuel Harper Swanlund was a native of Eureka, born February 9, 1931, to Oscar and Anvilla Swanlund. After attending Eureka schools and UC Santa Barbara, he served in the military as a cryptographer before a tour of duty in Japan. He and his childhood friend, Herb Frahman, purchased Swanlund’s Camera Shop from Sam’s parents, and owned and operated the store for 20 years. Sam also taught photography at CR, HSU and Eureka Adult School. Later, he worked in public relations for the Louisiana Pacific Company. Sam was active in the community, particularly in his church and in Rotary. He painted historical photos of Humboldt County, traveled widely and enjoyed doing community comments for KINS radio. Sam had a love of history and appreciation of art. The Swanlund family established this scholarship fund to honor Sam who died peacefully at home on July 18, 2003. (2003)
William Tamo Memorial Scholarship Fund  $20,508

Rose Marie Tamo created this fund to honor her husband Willie, a Humboldt County native and entrepreneur who helped many local young people get started in business. As a hard-working commercial crab fisherman and the owner of several local businesses, Willie still managed to have a good time with his family and friends. He liked to drive moving vans and other big trucks just for fun, fished for sport, and hosted a poker club, a businessman’s tip club and some fabulous cioppino feeds from his and Rose Marie’s versatile garage in King Salmon. Proceeds from this fund provide scholarships for nursing students who graduate from Fortuna High. (1999)

Harold “Hal” & Dolores Terry Endowment Fund for Animals $3,841

Dolores Terry established this discretionary field of interest fund to honor her husband. The fund will provide support posthumously for local animal rescue and care organizations as well as provide for the care of small domestic animals. (2002)

Bill & Juanita Thompson Fund for Community Benefit $4,048,379

Bill & Juanita Thompson were in business in Eureka and Arcata for over 46 years. They both retired as realtors and were past presidents of the Humboldt County Board of Realtors. They developed Valley West in Arcata and were responsible for several other developments in the area as well. Juanita passed away in 2006 and Bill passed away in 2010. Together, the Thompsons were members of Baywood Golf and Country Club and former members of the Rotary Club of Arcata, the Ingomar Club and the Quota Club. For 20 years, they were also active in several organizations in Fallbrook, California. In 2006, Bill created this advised fund to help several local organizations, including Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Hospice of Humboldt and American Cancer Society. (2006)

Bill & Juanita Thompson Scholarship Fund $147,414

Bill & Juanita created this scholarship fund in 2002 to help outstanding students with financial need to continue their education. (2002)

Tina Fund $10,909

Christina (Tina) Marie Leonardo was born on April 30, 1958, and passed away on February 3, 2005, at the age of 46. Tina was a life-long resident of Ferndale. She graduated from Ferndale Union High School in 1976 and went on to earn a degree in business from College of the Redwoods. She worked for Bank of Loeata and for several years owned and operated “Whats n Store,” selling active wear and t-shirts. Tina was born with cerebral palsy and endured many surgeries and setbacks in her life. She was the 1964 Poster Child for Easter Seals and went on to become a Board member and received their Award for Gallantry in 1987. In adulthood, Tina was an avid supporter of Easter Seals, volunteering many hours to their fundraising events and encouraging others to do so. Until her later years, she could be seen buzzing around town in her wheelchair or zipping along in her Z28 Camaro and later in her Honda, determined to not be held back or miss out on anything. Tina was very outgoing, making many friends along life’s way. (2006)

Titlow Family Memorial Fund

Thomas Titlow arrived in Arcata in 1850 and served on the first City Council. His son, Stuart Titlow, co-founded Seely and Titlow Co. and served as Arcata’s Postmaster. Thomas’ grandson, Robert A. Titlow, was a prominent Arcata merchant and took over Seely & Titlow Co. in 1943. He married Berneice Kane in 1925 at the Arcata Presbyterian Church by Reverend Charles Hessel. Their son, Robert T. Titlow, was born and raised in Arcata, graduated from both Arcata High School and Humboldt State University, and received his Master’s degree from Stanford University. His adult life was committed to education and theatre. He served in the military as a member of the 264th Army Band in Honolulu. In 2005, Berneice Titlow passed away at the age of 104. Her son established this fund to honor his heritage and recognize the contributions of his pioneer family, continue his family’s legacy, and support generations to come. (2009)

Monroe Tobin Family Fund  $402,613

Monroe Tobin established this trust because of his love for Southern Humboldt County. Monroe’s mother, Margaret, was born in 1877 on the Robertson Ranch in Southern Humboldt. His father, Thomas Tobin, moved from Kentucky to Garberville in 1903 and became a successful businessman and community leader, operating the Garberville Mercantile Company and Garberville Inn. Monroe attended high school in Eureka and college in Santa Rosa and Berkeley. He was a manufacturer’s representative in San Francisco before returning to Garberville in 1950 when he established Tobin Properties. He served on many county and local boards and was a charter member of Garberville Rotary Club. His wife of 49 years, Helen, passed away in 1992. She was a great contributor to his success. They raised four children: Patricia, Karen, Thomas and Joanne. Monroe passed away January 8, 2008. The trust is intended to benefit Southern Humboldt needs, particularly youth and seniors. (2001)

Edward & Phyllis Tomich College of the Redwoods Scholarship Fund $12,884

Edward Tomich, a lifelong resident of Eureka, was born in 1922 and died in 1995. He graduated from Eureka High School and Eureka Business College. His first employment was with Bank of Eureka. He entered the army and served as a First Lieutenant in Europe during World War II. Afterward, he was employed in sales administration in the lumber business and later owned two specialty lumber operations in Humboldt and Sonoma Counties. He married Phyllis McKee in 1948 and, when their children were in school, he sent his wife to college. Phyllis attended College of the Redwoods and graduated from Humboldt State University with a business degree. Their children, Matthew Tomich and Mary Tomich Bartlett also received college degrees emphasizing business and they work in that field, as did Phyllis before her retirement. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage students to enter the business field. (2002)
**Tracy Memorial Trust Fund $40,536**

This fund was established by Mary Harriet Tracy DeLong in honor of the children of her grandparents, Joseph and Harriet Morris Tracy. In their own quiet ways, the family of Humboldt pioneers Joseph and Harriet Morris Tracy contributed much to the political, cultural, educational and economic life of Humboldt County. Their children were Edith Tracy Gregory, teacher and historian; Joseph Prince Tracy, botanist and title examiner; Eleanor Ethel Tracy, teacher and naturalist; Harriet Tracy Graham, teacher; and Morris De Haven Tracy, newspaperman and the donor’s father. Because of the Tracy family’s interest in local history, proceeds from this fund support the study of local history in a variety of fields: economic, political, social, and scientific, and must include presentation to the general public. (1996)

**Zabelle Helen G. & Lynn F. Tracy Fund $9,871**

Zabelle Helen Gulesserian Tracy and her husband Lynn Frederick Tracy were residents of Del Norte County from 1947 to 1981, when they moved to a retirement community in Lacey, Washington. Helen was an Armenian born in Aintab, Turkey, who lost many relatives in the infamous Armenian Massacres. Both Helen and Lynn Tracy were intensely interested in the physical and mental development of young people, and enjoyed watching children learn. Helen was California Teacher of the Year in 1973. For over thirty years, the Tracys owned and operated Pacamo Camp for children ages 6 to 16. “Pacamo” is an Esperanto word meaning “love of peace.” This scholarship is awarded to re-entry students with great financial need. (1996)

**Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Fund $95,388**

In 1978 the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (formerly Humboldt North Coast Land Trust) was founded by community volunteers with a vision of protecting the natural beauty and character of the greater Trinidad coastline and public beach access. Today, the Land Trust owns and or manages twenty coastal properties between Moonstone Beach and Patricks Point State Park for public benefits. Current projects include new public trails of state-wide significance, environmental education, property and trail work. This Fund provides monetary resources to help accomplish these goals. Long-term success will be determined by the ability to sustainably manage and maintain these properties in perpetuity. In 2016 the Land Trust initiated a new HAF restricted fund the “Conservation in Perpetuity Land Stewardship Fund” to provide a dedicated savings for costs directly associated with protecting, maintaining and restoring current and future public benefit properties and trails. Please contact the TCLT if you are interested in supporting this work. (2007)

**Trinidad Library Sustaining Fund $43,609**

In 2013, through generous contributions from private donors, the community of Trinidad completed their beautiful new library building. This 2,000 square foot building, incorporating environmentally conscious building technology, provides a permanent center of literacy and education for local residents. The library features reading areas for children and adults, computers and internet access, a local history and meeting room, and hosts family activities. The Trinidad Library Sustaining Fund will support this building and its uses for the future. A portion of the funds is earmarked for needs of the physical building and infrastructure, to be used for unusual and unforeseen building costs unrelated to regular maintenance. The other portion is eligible for community programs and special library projects. Donors are encouraged to contribute to this fund to ensure the protection of the building for coming generations and the continuation of educational programs providing literary and cultural enrichment for all community residents. (2014)

**Trinidad School Education Foundation Fund $47,651**

Trinidad School Education Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Trinidad School, with a specific focus on support of its fine academic and enrichment programs. Trinidad School’s Board of Trustees, together with students, parents and staff, value a rich liberal arts education for students, and it is in support of this effort that Trinidad School Education Foundation has established its fund-raising goals. Programs receiving support from TSEF include visual arts, choral and instructional music, marine education, special education, Gifted And Talented Education, nutrition, sports and fitness, as well as regular classroom instruction in all content areas. The Foundation maintains and builds an endowment for long-term financial stability while also responding to District needs as they evolve each year. Donors may specify areas of interest or contribute to the Foundation’s overall mission, ensuring that Trinidad students are provided with a broad range of enrichment programs. (2009)

**Trinidad Trust Fund $67,165**

Donna and Chi-Wei Lin established this advised, expendable fund to assist the City of Trinidad in providing basic services to residents and fund occasional independent projects. The goal of the fund is to preserve the small village environment Trinidad now offers. The Lins came to Trinidad in 1997. Chi-Wei retired from biomedical research at Harvard and now serves on the Trinidad City Council. Donna was a retired medical device design engineer. They owned and operated a small printing company in Trinidad, Linpress Printing and Studio Arts. In creating this fund Donna observed, “Trinidad is a very special place to live. We hope that this fund will assist our city government in meeting some of the city’s many needs and challenges for the future.” (2003)

**Trinity Scholarship Foundation $2,186,434**

Trinity Scholarship Foundation was established as a non-profit corporation in May 1971. The Foundation is composed of a fifteen-member Board of Directors. The Board Members, Trinity County residents, are dedicated to the purpose of providing meaningful and realistic scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing...
education students of Trinity High School to attend accredited institutions of higher learning and/or vocational schools as full time students. Foundation funds consist of general core and memorial endowment funds as developed over the years. Recipients of each awarded TSF or endowed scholarship must meet the specific criteria established for said named award.

Memorial awards supported by the Trinity Scholarship Foundation endowment:

Dean Addison Scholarship
Ralph Beamer Scholarship
Robert R. Breeden Scholarship
Gilda and Hugh Brown Scholarships
Hugh and Gilda Brown Vocational Scholarship
Virginia Brown-Bebee Scholarship
Leone Irene Costa Scholarship
Frank & Vivian Crawford Scholarships
Herbert W. & Frances Smith Day Scholarship
Eleanor Driskell Music Scholarship
K. C. Forbes Scholarship
Kyle Fields Jepsen Scholarship
Gates – Ludden Shasta CC Scholarship
Ludden Family Scholarships
Adrienne Marceau-Thomas Scholarship
John Stanley Martin Scholarship
Mary T. Meckel Scholarship
Leonard & Florence Morris Scholarship
Mary T. Meckel Scholarship
John & Anita Van Matre Shuford Scholarship
Norma Wilson Shuf Scholarship
THS Alumni Association

Endowment awards in honor and recognition of:
Thomas J. Ludden Leadership Scholarship
Weaverville Lions Club Scholarships (2006)

Amos Tripp Native Leadership Fund $25,316

Humboldt Area Foundation established the Amos Tripp Native Leadership Fund to support leadership in the Native communities of Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte Counties. Amos Tripp was a lawyer, director of United Indian Health Services, Karuk Tribal Councilperson, as well as a respected maker and caretaker of regalia, and dance leader for the Karuk Brushdance Camp. The values that he practiced at ceremony were the same values he lived in all parts of his life and shared widely with family and community. Amos believed that language revitalization, cultural arts (weaving, traditional food preparation, hunting/ﬁshing, regalia making) and cultural ceremonies serve as important steps in rebuilding the resilience and cultural healing that leads to a healthier community. This fund will provide grants to support the development of new leaders working to reclaim their cultural heritage, heal historical wounds and build pathways toward health and wellness for future generations. (2014)

Hank & Mary Trobitz Memorial Fund $4,522

The three Trobitz children created this fund to honor their parents, Hank and Mary, who passed away in 2003 and 2004 respectively, after sixty-three years of happy marriage together. Hank was born in 1916 and graduated in Forestry from UC Berkeley where he distinguished himself as an oarsman for the Varsity Crew. He worked for the Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Experiment Station and served during WWII in the South Atlantic before beginning his 33-year career with Simpson Timber, eventually serving as Simpson’s manager and spokesman for many years. Mary was born in 1919 and graduated before beginning his 33-year career with Simpson Timber, eventually serving as Simpson’s manager and spokesman for many years. Mary was born in 1919 and graduated from Woodbury College in Los Angeles. She and Hank were married in 1940, not long after a first blind date at an ice skating rink. Together they lived a life of service to their community and devotion to their family and friends, never too busy to help others and never expecting anything in return. (2003)

Charlotte Tropp Memorial Fund for RSVP $26,440

Charlotte Tropp was director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Humboldt County from its inception in 1974 until her sudden death of a heart attack at age 53 in 1988 while on sabbatical in London, England. Known affectionately to her friends and family as “Chuckie,” she had a great love of life. She transmitted her zeal and enthusiasm to everyone she knew. Her vision and leadership inspired countless older people to explore creative paths in their lives by volunteering, thereby enriching the community. Under her direction, RSVP grew from a tiny group of 73 volunteers to 680 at her death. Charlotte’s tireless efforts built a strong foundation for RSVP. This fund was established by her husband, Henry Tropp, as a designated endowment fund to support RSVP’s operations. (2001)

True North Organizing Network Sustaining Fund & True North Organizing Network Operating Fund $38,831

The Truth North Organizing Network develops leadership in communities with common values across Tribal Lands, Del Norte, and Humboldt Counties. These funds support families, elders, youth, and individuals of diverse faith traditions, races, cultures, and economic capacities working together for powerful change. United, using power of relationships and a disciplined community organizing model, True North leaders are courageously challenging social, economic, and environmental injustice in our region. (2014)

Vis & Sally Upatisringa Education Fund $45,053

This fund provides educational support in two areas outside Humboldt County. First, it includes grants to eligible institutions in foreign countries like Thailand, Malaysia, and China. Vis attended primary school in Thailand and is a graduate of Chung Ling High School in Penang, Malaysia. Second, it provides scholarships to students who will attend Oregon State University after graduating from Sally’s alma mater, Crater High School, in Central Point, Oregon. Both Vis and Sally are graduates of OSU. Sally has been active in the League of Women Voters and was the...
fundraising coordinator for the Humboldt County Library project. She is a certified lay minister in the United Methodist Church. Vis is a retired professor of mathematics at Humboldt State University. (1997)

**“v du” Prize Fund $12,350**
Dr. Vis Upatisingha established this advised endowment fund to provide mathematics books each semester to students for outstanding performance during their first year of calculus at Humboldt State University. Vis is a retired professor of mathematics at HSU. (2001)

**Jim Van Duzer Memorial Fund $20,930**
Jim Van Duzer, a lifelong resident of Humboldt County, was born in Loleta in 1918. As a young man, Jim traveled the fair circuit showing livestock. He was Humboldt County’s first 4-H All Star. He married his wife, Dorothy, in 1946, and together they had six children. Jim enjoyed a long career as a rancher, including 29 years with L.A. Ford & Sons. He also volunteered for over 30 years on the Humboldt County Junior Livestock Auction Committee. When Jim passed away on June 30, 2000, his family established this fund in his honor to make an annual award to the winner of the Humboldt County Fair 4-H Round Robin competition. A second annual award to the winner of the Redwood Acres Fair 4-H Round Robin competition was added in 2006. (2000)

**Barbara van Putten Memorial Scholarship Fund $22,986**
Barbara was a beloved coach, professor and administrator at Humboldt State University for 30 years. Education was one of her passions. She was the first woman graduate at Hope College in Michigan to major in Physical Education. In 2000, she was inducted into the HSU Hall of Fame. She combined areas of education, physical education and athletics into a lifelong journey. This scholarship is for women students at HSU who plan on a career teaching physical education and/or running recreational activities and youth programs at any K-12 school. It is funded by Dr. Barbara Wallace on behalf of Barbara van Putten who passed away July 12, 2014. (2015)

**VanSpeybroeck Family Fund**
John & Nancy VanSpeybroeck, both physicians here on the North Coast, established this advised expendable fund in 2004. Their two daughters, Katharine and Maggee, will assist them as advisors to the fund. It is the family’s intention to support a variety of charitable causes with an emphasis on health, education, the environment and the fine arts. The VanSpeybroeck family feel fortunate to be living in this area of unsurpassed natural beauty and community spirit. They are hoping that gifts from this trust will continue to enhance life in this unique place. (2004)

**Grace Comstock Van Zee Memorial Scholarship Fund $15,821**
Grace Elizabeth Comstock was born in 1911 and raised on the family ranch near Penngrove, CA. After receiving her A.A. degree in art from Santa Rosa J.C. in 1931, she went on to major in art at U.C. Berkeley and the University of Oregon. Upon graduation she married her husband, Jack Van Zee, and was active in the arts at the community level all her life. Her son, Gordon, has established this scholarship to further the art education of a student graduating from Santa Rosa Junior College and going on to study art at a 4-year college or university. (2007)

**Greg Veach Memorial Fund $4,057**
Gregory Veach showed interest in music at a young age. He started to play piano pieces he heard his two older sisters practicing. Soon after that, his formal piano lessons began a dedication to music that lasted his lifetime. In elementary school, Greg played the string bass in orchestra until his interest in wind instruments evolved and he joined the marching band. Playing the tenor or the alto saxophone with other students in the school band was the best discipline and social

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**Founder of Humboldt Area Foundation**

**Vera P. Vietor Trust**

$3,873,640

Vera Perrott Vietor, a native of Humboldt County, was married to Lynn A. Vietor, who owned and operated Eureka Boiler Works and Acme Foundry Co. After his death in 1972, Mrs. Vietor established the Humboldt Area Foundation. Later in 1972, at the time of her death, she left the family home in Bayside to be used as the Foundation office and headquarters. The Foundation office was opened in June of 1974. The surrounding real property was dedicated in memory of her husband. The Lynn Vietor Nature Trail was completed and opened to the public in 1995. She also bequeathed $2,400,000 in trust for the benefit of the Foundation. Income is available for discretionary purposes. (1972)
Ray Vellutini was born in 1928 in Eureka, and was a resident until his death in 1991. Ray was a third-generation grocer who started Food Mart Stores and ran the company until his retirement in 1987. Ray loved his family, his garden and his community. He was a member of the Ingomar Club and numerous charitable organizations. (1991)

Wayne & Florence Vickers Memorial Fund $1,060,144

Mrs. Vickers died in 1972 and Mr. Vickers in 1988, leaving the residue of his estate to the Foundation in memory of his wife of 50 years and her sister, Margaret Wylie Macpherson. Income benefits health care agencies and the Humane Society. (1988)

The Volunteer Center of the Redwoods Service Fund $10,544

The Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR) was established in 1994 to serve people under 55 who wished to volunteer. VCOR helps volunteers find meaningful assignments in the community. Donations support volunteers in making the North Coast a great place to live. (2002)

Dr. William Joseph and Annette Warren Memorial Endowment Fund $10,172

Professor William J. Warren was born in Eureka, the eldest of three brothers born to Croatian immigrants. While earning his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in electrical engineering, he met Annette Chmielewska, one of 10 children of Polish immigrants. They married in June 1936 and had three children, Nicholas, Mary and Laetitia. After completing his doctorate, he taught at University of Illinois before moving back to California to head the Electrical Engineering Department of Santa Clara University. In this period he also worked for GE. During World War William he worked as a development engineer for Hewlett-Packard Co. and from 1951 to 1971, Dr. Warren was an engineer and supervisor in the Applied Physics Department of Shell Development Company in Emeryville, CA. Dr. Warren greatly enjoyed music and gardening. He died June 26, 1997. Annette passed away November 2, 2007. This fund supports youth and families. (2008)

Coach Brad Warze Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory and to honor Coach Brad Warze who coached and taught for 31 years throughout Humboldt County, this scholarship has been established by Brad’s wife, Geri, and his two daughters, Sarah and Rachel. Brad was an inspiration to all students and athletes from elementary to college age. Brad taught and coached students at St. Bernard’s High School, McKinleyville High School, College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University. He was a masterful coach and an equally successful fundraiser for these schools and programs. It was important to Brad to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth. Brad was able to accomplish this with great dignity, honor and love. This scholarship is for graduates of McKinleyville High School who either played basketball at McKinleyville High or are going to study education with plans to teach or coach. (2007)

Minor & Barbara Waters Memorial Fund $2,847

This fund benefits the HSU Century Club. (1983)

Lynne & Bob Wells Fund for Performing Artists $17,807

Lynne and Bob Wells met and fell in love pursuing their mutual passion, the theater, in Humboldt County. Their love of laughter, art, beauty and the magical personal transformations of live theater has sustained a wonderful partnership that rejoices in giving back to the community the nurturing, the entertainment and the inspiration that this rich region has held for them. In creating this fund in partnership with the North Coast Cultural Trust, Lynne & Bob hope to pass on some good fortune, some financial aid and some encouragement to Humboldt County performing artists who may need it! "With passion and commitment, vision, daring, honesty and trusting the Muse, we can light candles, nay, fireworks in the dark.” (2000)
Les & Mid Westfall Endowment Fund $27,976

This fund was established as a lasting tribute to the local community that Mid and Les loved and served so well for many years. Mid was born into Ferndale’s pioneer Berding family in 1919. After graduating from Eureka schools and UC Davis, she married Lt. Les Westfall in 1944. Les, born in Lisbon, ND in 1917, graduated from the University of Arizona and Hastings School of Law and served in France during WWII. He began his career in the stevedoring business in 1952. The Westfalls dedicated their lives to their family and community. They epitomized community service with each giving of their leadership skills to more than a dozen local and state organizations. Mid and Les celebrated 60 years of marriage shortly before Mid’s passing in 2004. Les passed away December 6, 2008. The fund supports the work of the Humboldt Area Foundation. (2004)

Westhaven Ladies Club Fund $19,343

As one of the original members of the Westhaven Ladies Club, Jeanne Hudspeth has been making blackberry pies to support the Westhaven Fire Department since 1967. She and Florence Couch, who joined the organization in 1985, have worked with other volunteers from Westhaven and McKinleyville to make and sell as many as 2000 pies a year at the annual blackberry festival fundraising event. With the proceeds they’ve helped the Fire Department with equipment, supplies, repairs and even the monthly electric bill. Jeanne and Florence retired as President and Treasurer of the Club in 2007 and created this fund with the money the Club had saved over the years. It will continue to provide annual support to the Westhaven Fire Department for as long as it exists and remains worthy. (2007)

Westside Community Improvement District Fund

Westside Community Improvement Association (WCIA) is a nonprofit formed by neighbors of the formerly abandoned Jefferson School. They have purchased the old school and are in the process of transforming the site into a free, green, public park and a vibrant bustling community center known as the Jefferson Community Center and Park. Every year, WCIA holds an event called Community Created Jefferson where neighbors, families, businesses and groups interested in offering opportunities at Jefferson get together and prioritize the efforts for the upcoming year. At Community Created Jefferson, partnerships are formed, collaborations begin and neighbors and families get to take an active roll in building the future of their community together. More than anything, the Jefferson Community Center and Park is the community commons. It is where we meet, share our cultures, offer opportunities and come up with innovative ideas and plans and build a beautiful, livable, sustainable future together. (2011)

Bud H. Wheat Scholarship Fund $11,227

Income from this fund is used for scholarships for St. Bernard High School graduates. (1982)

Evanne Wheeler/KEET-TV Memorial Fund $14,808

Evanne Wheeler was the Humboldt County Librarian for 12 years, from 1967 to 1979, and a resident of the County for 29 years. Because of her interest and enthusiasm for education, she wished to create an endowment fund to support public television. This fund has been established in her honor by her sister, Adele Hassis. Evanne was a champion of education and used creative and innovative ideas to promote learning for all. A UC Berkeley graduate in library science, her lifelong library career culminated in her service as Humboldt County Librarian. Her memorable achievements included the introduction of the Bookmobile into Humboldt County and the addition of several branch libraries. She planned and promoted a new library building and worked continuously toward its establishment until her death in 1993. The income from her endowment fund is disbursed to KEET-TV to support quality educational programs on North Coast Public Television. (1997)

Jerry & Marguerite Wheeler Children’s Fund $51,543

The Wheeler Children’s Fund primarily provides support for Vector Rehabilitation’s Craniofacial Anomalies Program for children with cleft lip, cleft palate and other craniofacial anomalies. The fund also supports Vector’s Pediatric Occupational Therapy Program and rehabilitation services for low-income adults. Jerry Wheeler M.D., was a founding member of the Vector Craniofacial Anomalies Panel. He served on the panel providing services for children from 1979 until his death in 1993. His wife, Marguerite Wheeler, has served as Chair and Treasurer of Vector’s Board of Trustees and as a member of the Gala Chocolate Party Special Event Committee. Marguerite is a teacher of special needs children. Marguerite and Jerry’s commitment to improving the quality of life for children in our community has made a difference for many children. This endowment fund will help ensure the future of children’s services at Vector. (2001)

Frances E. Whitehead Memorial Scholarship Fund

Frances Evelyn (Gilmore) Whitehead was born in Louisiana in 1932 and passed away at home in Fortuna in 2012. Frances was beautiful yet simple, warm and full of spirit, who always found a way to make the most of difficult situations. Since Frances was a Humboldt County foster parent for almost 35 years and received the Humboldt County Foster Parent of the Year Award on September 15, 1987, this scholarship fund is the most perfect memorial to honor her dedication to helping the youth in Humboldt County who are having problems in their home setting. The annual scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Humboldt County senior who is living in a foster care home at the time of their application. (2013)
Walt Whitman Endowment Fund $36,083
Established with a donation from Ivor Kraft, this fund focuses special attention on the needs of ethnic and other minorities, including the handicapped, within the lesbian and gay communities, and will address cultural and health issues. (1994)

Alan E. & Barbara C. Wilkinson Charitable Remainder Unitrust $46,413
Alan Wilkinson and Barbara Dolan-Wilkinson established a charitable remainder trust in 1999, with the net income to be dedicated to supporting the arts by promoting local artists whose work celebrates the beauty of nature and programs that enhance, protect and interpret the environment. (1999)

Willow Creek China Flat Museum Scholarship Fund $20,175
Established with a donation from Ivor Kraft, this fund focuses special attention on the needs of ethnic and other minorities, including the handicapped, within the lesbian and gay communities, and will address cultural and health issues. (1994)

Elizabeth “Betsy” Wilson Memorial Fund $16,481
This fund was established by the Wilson family to honor Betsy, who died in an accident in 1976. The income from this fund is used for special needs at Sequoia Park Zoo. Betsy’s mother, Jackie Wilson, passed away on October 10, 2003. Betsy’s father, Jack Wilson, passed away on July 20, 2014. (1985)

George Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund $118,919
The Wilson family created this fund in memory of their brother, George, who was killed in action, at the age of 20 years, on July 21, 1944 in a crash of a b-17 on his seventh mission over Germany during WW II. George graduated from Ferndale High School in 1942. George was, perhaps, the most adventurous of the Wilson children. He made many friends in his short life. He was one of 59 grandchildren of Edward Christen, all born in the Eel River Valley, and therefore the family still has many friends and relatives in the Humboldt County Area. Staff Sergeant George E. Wilson was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal posthumously. His remains are interred in the Cambridge American Cemetery, England. (2006)

Julie Willows Memorial Fund $548,739
Julie Mae Willows was born in Maine on June 17, 1912. After her father and sister died in 1918 during the flu epidemic, Julie moved to New York to live with her aunt, as her mother didn’t have the means to raise four children. Julie went to church with a neighbor and Christian Science became her way of life. Julie met Chet Willows and they married in 1935. Chet, an ex-marine, served in the Air Force in WWII. After the war, they opened a restaurant called “Julie’s” in Carmichael, California. In 1959, they bought the Hartsook Inn in Piercy, enduring the 1964 flood and a fire. Julie was a member of the 1st Church of Christian Science and Soroptomist International of the Redwoods in Garberville. Chet died in 1973 and Julie operated the Hartsook Inn until 1984. She moved to Eureka in May 2009 and died March 7, 2011. (2011)

Steve P. Wilson, D.V.M. Memorial Scholarship Fund $2,255
Steve P. Wilson was born in Birmingham, AL and was raised on his family’s farm. Steve earned a certificate in horseshoeing and horsemanship from Cal Poly in 1968 and then returned to Alabama where he worked as a farrier to supplement his income while completing his degree in Veterinary Medicine. After serving as an Air Force Captain, Steve began his veterinary career in the race horse industry in southern California. In 1980, Steve began Sandy Prairie Large Animal Clinic in Fortuna. Steve always appreciated a good farrier because he knew what it was like nailing on horseshoes all day long. This fund was created in his memory to give back to the community that he was a part of, and will award a horseshoeing scholarship annually to a Humboldt, Del Norte or Trinity County student since he thought it was “hell to find a good shoer.”(2007)

Catherine Wilson-Lewis Memorial Fund $26,683
In her 26 years, Catherine touched and gave joy to many people. As a talented violinist, music held a predominant place in her life. She was also an avid equestrian, spending much time with her beloved Arabian horses. This fund was established by her parents, Mary and Wayne Wilson, and her grandparents, Freida Maxon and Eula Wilson, to provide nursing scholarships. (1985)

Alicia Shurkin Wilutis Memorial Fund $2,839
Alicia loved backpacking, surfing, dancing with the Grateful Dead, and traveling on long summer road trips which transported her to 49 states, Canada, and many areas of Mexico. Yet her true passion was teaching History. She earned her Master’s degree and teaching credentials from Humboldt State University, which enabled her to teach Social Studies with Eureka City Schools. Requesting to teach at Alternative Education schools, Alicia taught most of her career at the TOP Program and Zoe Barnum High School. Alicia’s colleagues, friends, and family generously donated to this fund to support a deserving graduate from Zoe Barnum High School who will receive a scholarship to continue their education and search for truth. (2013)

Flora N. Winzler Memorial Endowment Fund $24,290
Flora N. Winzler, a lifelong resident of Eureka, graduated from St. Bernard’s Elementary School and Eureka High School and then attended Humboldt State College. Married for 46 years to John Winzler of Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers, homemaking was her career and being a wife, mother and grandmother was her greatest pride. She was an avid golfer and longtime member of the Baywood Golf & Country Club, Humboldt
Sponsors, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Sons of Italy. Because of Flora’s interest in the culture of the North Coast, the proceeds of this fund are used to support the Clarke Memorial Museum. (1997)

**Women & Children’s Fund** $241,120

The local Young Women’s Christian Association dissolved in 1989. Through the sale of its historic property at H and 8th Streets in Eureka, it was able to establish this fund, which provides income for programs benefiting women and/or women with children. (1989)

**Kayla A. Wood Girls’ Soccer Memorial Fund** $16,070

Erich F. Schimps created this fund in memory of his twelve year-old granddaughter Kayla, a beautiful and talented young woman, lost to the Trinity River in May 2002. Kayla had traveled widely. She spoke two languages, played several instruments and enjoyed soccer, basketball, snorkeling, abalone diving, hiking, snowboarding, reading, writing, science and the arts. Kayla learned to appreciate soccer from an early age. Her grandfather, aka “Nanu,” was a Viennese soccer fanatic and her stepfather, Brian Collingwood, who learned the game in Scotland, coached her from age 6 onward. She was a natural with a soccer ball and made some of her best friendships on the field. Her idol was Mia Hamm of US Olympics fame. To honor Kayla’s free spirit and her love of the game of soccer, this fund supports young girls who need financial assistance in order to play soccer with the Humboldt County soccer leagues. (2002)

**Woody’s Scholarship Fund** $39,143

Woodrow “Woody” Thompson was a native of Humboldt County. He graduated from Fortuna High School and Humboldt State College. Woody’s life was music. His mother started him on the violin at a young age. He later moved on to his major instrument, the trombone. He played in the US Army Band during his service years and toured the country in several “Big Bands” during the 1930s and 40s. Woody’s musical activities here in Humboldt County included teaching music at Arcata High School for 24 years, a director and arranger for the Eureka Brass, director of the Humboldt Kitchens, member of the Scotia Band, HSU Symphony, All Seasons Orchestra and the Ray Bullock Band where he played trombone as well as arranged some of the music. Lloyd Kipp created and established this fund with the purpose of distributing scholarships to Arcata High School graduating seniors who have above average music grades and played in the band for four years. Thank you Woody for being the wonderful person you were. (2007)

**Joseph Sidney Woolford Fund** see page 84

**Worker Bees Fund** $9,935

Lois Leskinen retired from Humboldt Area Foundation in 2001 to move to Oregon with her husband, Arne. Born and raised in Humboldt County, Lois graduated from Eureka High School and Clarke Secretarial College. Her first job was as a long distance telephone operator during WWII, where she enjoyed talking to “all of the guys calling home.” For 32 years, Lois worked as office manager for the California State Automobile Association. She volunteered locally at Alice Birney and Lincoln schools and the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop. Lois established the Worker Bees Fund with an initial gift from Humboldt Area Foundation board member, Mary Ann Spencer. Lois and HAF staff will serve as advisors to this expendable fund, intended to support a variety of charitable purposes in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, primarily those that improve the lives of children, youth and their families. The Strope family contributed gifts made in memory of Gladys Strope to this fund in 2006. Lois Leskinen passed away March 19, 2012. (2001)

**Carl & Ellen Wright Memorial Fund** $740,185

Lifelong residents of the Eureka area, the Wrights had a great interest in the environment and the protection of wildlife. So great was their interest that Mrs. Wright bequeathed to the Foundation her home and surrounding acreage, with an endowment to maintain the property as a wildlife refuge and provide grants to other wildlife protection projects in the area. The Foundation is working with HSU Department of Wildlife to operate an Urban Wildlife Field Station in the Ryan Slough area known as the “Wright Wildlife Refuge,” providing an educational experience for local school children. (1989)

**Steve Wright Memorial Fund** $8,254

This is an advised expendable fund. The fund advisors have not yet established the parameters. (2001)

**Jean & Harold Wyckoff Memorial Fund** $68,928

The income from this fund is used by the Easter Seals Society to reflect the Wyckoffs’ shared interest in aiding the handicapped. (1982)

**Ginny Wythe Memorial Fund** $11,219

Virginia “Ginny” Marie Wythe was a very special person. Her work with students of all ages in Eureka City Schools was a real joy to her. Ginny started as a volunteer in the classroom while her children were in school, and was active in PTA and on site councils for several years. She received much recognition for her volunteer efforts. Her volunteerism led to Ginny’s going to work as the librarian at Washington Elementary School where her library program became the standard for all the schools. Ginny next worked in the Eureka High School Counseling Office, and set up the educational mentoring program. Ginny’s husband Bert Wythe and children Amy and Aaron, along with the Eureka High School Counseling Office established this fund to honor Ginny and her...
Carolyn K. Yanke Charitable Remainder Trust

The charitable remainder of Katy Yanke’s charitable remainder unitrust is intended to benefit several local organizations whose purposes are for improved health care in our community, enhancement of and access to the natural beauty in our region, and for youth art and music programs. (2007)

Barbara Ann Young Memorial Scholarship Fund

Barbara Ann Young was a woman of great faith, love and compassion who set a shining example of how best to face adversity. She contracted polio as a young child and spent several years in treatment. She caught up academically with her classmates though, and graduated from Regis High School with honors. She went on to graduate from Immaculate Conception College with a degree in English literature. Barbara was an avid music and movie fan who came to work in her father’s advertising business in 1969. She served on numerous boards and was active in such organizations as the Easter Seals Society, Boy Scouts of America, St. Bernard’s Parish, Humboldt County Library, Rotary, Redwoods United, the Area 1 Agency on Aging and Humboldt Access Project. Edie Young established this fund in memory of her daughter, Barbara, to benefit students who need financial assistance attending St. Bernard Elementary School. (2000)

Jack Young Memorial Fund $13,038

John “Jack” Sharp Young headed a local advertising and public relations firm, Young Ideas Advertising, until his death in 1989. Jack’s beloved wife Edie, passed away in 2003. She had established this fund to help carry on some of his lifelong interests. Income is used for library projects and Rotary Club of Eureka Scholarships. (1989)

Youth Equestrian Fund $15,231

The income from this fund benefits youth equestrian projects. (1979)

Youth Leadership Fund $10,300

Developing youth leadership skills and abilities is essential in preparing future leaders for active and meaningful participation in their local communities as well as regional, state, national and world contexts. The Youth Leadership Development Fund was established by Sally and Rick Botzler after observing Eoclub programs for developing youth leadership during service as Peace Corps Mexico volunteers (2009-2011). Upon their return, the Botzlers worked with the McKinleyville Union School District to create the Bilingual McKinleyville Eoclub, focusing on projects that promote community and environmental responsibility and sustainability. The Youth Leadership Fund provides grants to support the work and development of Eoclubs in North Coast California school districts as well as youth leadership components in other school or community organizations. Grants may be used for youth leadership development related to community and environmental projects, workshops, conferences, and regional meetings, and for supplies, travel and consultation. (2015)

Young Women in Technology Fund $7,416

This fund has been established by Humboldt County’s homegrown company StreamGuys, a leading international streaming media company based in Bayside. Since its inception, the original funds have been matched by Nylex.net, a local Eureka business specializing in communications technology. The fund was created to encourage young women in high school to pursue online training in the field of computer technology. The mission of the fund is to engage and encourage stronger diversification in the field of computer technologies, and to focus young minds on the current and future job demand of many companies in the Humboldt County area. Jonathan Speaker, Jason Osburn and Kiriki Delany of Streamguys and Moshin Aziz of Nylex.net have made it a priority to help establish and grow the technology field in the area which will bring higher paying jobs, family and home ownership to the community. (2015)

Virginia Zacharias-Eastman Fund

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Dorothy A. Ziegenfuss Memorial Fund $7,105

After coming to Eureka in 1962, Dorothy A. Ziegenfuss was employed by the City of Eureka as Deputy City Clerk and later became executive secretary at the old General Hospital. There, Mrs. Ziegenfuss became interested in medical education, especially after she was stricken with multiple sclerosis. At the time of her death on July 21, 1980, funds were donated in her memory. This fund, established to award scholarships to health occupation students at College of the Redwoods, is administered with the aid of the Rotary Club of Eureka. (1981)
All Children Read and Succeed Fund $23,192

The All Children Read and Succeed Fund, established in 2012 by Jim and Gail Griggs, supports early childhood literacy in Del Norte County. The vision and inspiration is that every child in Del Norte County will be proficient readers. The fund targets tutoring programs to all children who are not at proficient levels for English Language Arts in the first, second and third grades. (2012)

Ed and Barbara Brattain Memorial Fund $45,138

Ed and Barbara believed that sometimes a little financial help could assist someone to achieve a life-changing goal that would enrich their life or improve their personal or family’s well-being. Thus, this fund is intended to benefit those in Curry and Del Norte County who may need that little extra amount to successfully complete a goal and is specifically for those who demonstrate that they have worked hard and are committed to obtaining their specific goal, but need extra support to successfully accomplish it. (2010)

Brattain Family Student Enrichment Fund $45,214

The Brattain Family Student Enrichment fund is intended for K-12 public school students in Curry and Del Norte Counties. The fund objective is to supplement a student’s school-sponsored activities by assisting with the payment of fees and costs. The target student is one with the desire to excel in a school program or activity, but who does not have the financial means to participate. Examples of this could be fees or uniform costs for a sport activity; travel expenses for a school-sponsored event that the student is involved in; fees for additional educational materials to enrich the student’s knowledge and education, etc. (2007)

Toni Brixey Memorial Scholarship Fund $13,575

A life-long resident of Del Norte County and a 30-year employee of Seaside and Sutter Coast Hospitals in nursing and administration, Toni Brixey was passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. She had an uncanny ability to make every situation better and to inspire others to do the same. When she unexpectedly passed away in 2010, her family, friends, co-workers and community were able to channel the love she had engendered in the community by establishing a memorial scholarship fund in her honor. Toni’s memory will live on forever, supporting the region’s health. (2011)

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Wild Rivers Community Foundation promotes and encourages generosity, leadership, and inclusion to strengthen our communities.
On July 29, 2016, a Cal-Ore Life Flight air medical plane crashed in northern California while transporting a patient to care. There were no survivors. In addition to the patient, there were three Cal-Ore Life Flight personnel on board: Pilot Larry Mills, Flight Nurse Deborah Kroon, RN, CCRN, and Certified Flight Paramedic Michelle Tarwater, FP-C, NREMT-P. To honor the fallen crew members, who gave their lives being of service to others, a memorial scholarship fund has been established to support education for aviation, flight nursing, and flight paramedics in Curry and Del Norte Counties. (2016)

Kevin Caldwell and Donna Sund-Caldwell moved to Crescent City from southern California in 1984. Both family physicians, they decided that Del Norte County was a great place to live and to raise their three children, Marisa, Dylan and Connor, who have now all successfully moved on to college educations. Kevin and Donna continue to operate their own family medicine practice, Redwood Medical Offices. Throughout the years, they have been involved in the local community in innumerable ways, with a focus on providing cultural and academic opportunities that create a nurturing environment for their own children as well as all children of the area. This fund has been created to ensure financial stability. (2006)

The counties’ citizens are getting older and their loved one’s want a beautiful resting place for them. The Crescent City Cemetery has at times been in disrepair due to poor funding for maintenance. There are four organizations that are operating at the cemetery – Catholic Church, Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge and the Del Norte Veterans. All donations go toward maintaining the appearance of the whole cemetery as needed. (2016)

Dean Cantwell grew up in Iowa and moved to Crescent City in 1992. He retired from a career as a contractor building major subdivisions in the Monterey and Santa Cruz area during the housing development boom. After spending years working in relatively affluent communities as a laborer, albeit a successful one, Dean developed a passion for helping young people improve themselves through education. Dean began contributing each year to Rotary’s annual Third Grade Dictionary Program whereby each third grader in Del Norte County is given their own dictionary made possible by Rotary’s annual award of scholarship monies to deserving high school students. As the years passed, Dean developed a dream to create a four-year scholarship award to one deserving young person from Del Norte. Tommy and Donna Sparrow have fulfilled Dean’s most precious wish by making this scholarship a reality. (2013)

John and Barbara Cary moved to Curry County from southern California in January 2000 for work. They met their sophomore year of college at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. Both were working in food service at the time. Coming full circle upon their retirement, both became active volunteers and board members at the Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Food Bank. Barb pursued her Master Gardener training, sharing her knowledge and love of growing vegetables with food bank clients. John and Barb built raised beds on food bank property to enhance the food bank fresh offerings and as a demonstration/learning tool. Seeds are available each spring for clients to try their hand at growing their own food. The Cary Family Fund was established to support charitable organizations within Curry County with an emphasis on food insecurity. (2015)

Casa – Del Norte Endowment Fund $6,497

Established as an independent program in 2002 to be a powerful voice for the abused and neglected children of Del Norte County. Their mission is to support and assist children in the juvenile dependency program by providing well-trained volunteers to advocate objectively in the child’s best interest. Casa Advocates provide a consistent and important one-on-one advocacy, which can make a lifetime difference to each child. Casa Advocates work with the child, the family, juvenile court and supporting agencies to
ensure each child is placed in a safe, permanent and loving home where they have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. In 2005, CASA of Del Norte received an anonymous donation to open an endowment fund. The purpose of the fund is to support ongoing recruitment, screening and operation in the form of daily support to the CASA volunteer advocates. (2005)

Wayne Roberts & Kevin Hartwick Catch It Fund $3,050

The "Catch It" Fund, established by local rodeo enthusiasts with the vision of enhancing and expanding programs and opportunities within the region for youth and their families, this fund is intended to support and benefit local youth activities and agricultural pursuits directly or indirectly related to the Del Norte County Fair. (2006)

Circle of Change Endowment and Expendable Funds $21,213

Women of the Wild Rivers region have come together to form a giving circle with combined resources in order to support local charitable causes and enrich the lives of the members of our community by contributing funds to build and grow cultural, economic and educational programs within the region. The endowment fund is intended to provide a perpetual annual gift to the region for various projects and programs including those providing support to women, children, seniors, the arts and economic development. The expendable fund will support regional programs and projects as chosen by the members of the circle throughout the year. The expendable fund focuses on issues affecting women, children, seniors, the arts and economic development (2008)

Coulson Family Fund $11,874

The Coulson Family Fund was established in 2013 by Betty and Walter Coulson and their children. Walter got his start in logging and loved the industry. The Coulson Family Fund supports charitable work in our region by addressing changing needs as they arise. (2013)

Curry Health Network Equipment Fund $6,378

Curry Health Network consists of their hospital, Curry General Hospital, and a series of clinics in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford, OR. It also includes their well-equipped new clinic setting at Curry Medical Center in Brookings. This fund has been set up to support the procurement of new equipment for the hospital and its outlying clinics. (2012)

Del Norte Area Fund $36,856

Del Norte Area Fund was established in 1988 with an initial gift provided by the late George and Millie Merriman. It was their hope that a foundation patterned after Humboldt Area Foundation could be established for Del Norte County. Fund income is designated for projects in the Del Norte area. (1988)

Del Norte Area Youth Fund $54,556

This advised endowment fund, a component fund of the Del Norte Area Fund, was established with proceeds from the Kid Town Project in Crescent City. It is intended to provide support for projects related to youth throughout Del Norte County. (2001)

Del Norte Child Care Council Fund $14,872

The Del Norte Child Care Council is a private non-profit corporation established in 1980. Its mission is to provide and support services that promote and encourage quality care, education, healthy growth and development of all children and families in the Wild Rivers Community. The agency provides childcare, referrals to services, childcare training, school age and preschool child care centers, traffic safety, car seat training, supervised visitation, and other child abuse prevention activities. The Council is governed by a volunteer board of directors and audited annually. Contributions to this fund will assist the Council in expanding and supporting its activities and services to the children of the Wild Rivers Community. (2005)

Del Norte County Historical Society Fund $29,325

Del Norte County Historical Society was established in 1951 by a group of citizens who wanted to record the rich history of Crescent City and Del Norte County. In 1965 the Society opened its museum in downtown Crescent City and took over operation and maintenance of Battery Point Lighthouse for the County through an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard. The board of the Historical Society set up a fund with Wild Rivers Community Foundation in 2006 to bolster support for these and related efforts. The fund provides support for the museum’s research facility and the ongoing operations of both the museum and the lighthouse. Other financial support for the Society’s efforts comes in the form of volunteer labor, memberships, entrance fees and sales of books and other items at both facilities. (2006)

Del Norte County Public Library Discretionary Fund $5,970

The Del Norte County Public Library Discretionary Fund provides general support to the Library to enhance learning and ensure access to information throughout the Library’s service area. This fund was established to enable the Board of Directors for the Library, as fund advisors, to explore new ways to advance the Library’s mission. (2006)

Del Norte Library Foundation Fund $166,922

The Foundation was established in 1997 to ensure that the Del Norte Library will continue to meet the needs of the community in the future. Income from this endowment directly supports the library by purchasing needed items and enhancing library services. (1997)
Del Norte School and Community Garden Fund

Our school and community gardens beautify our neighborhoods, teach our children how to grow, cook, and enjoy healthy foods, provide space for families to grow their own food, and increase the self-sufficiency of our communities. Gardens provide spaces for healthy physical activity for the whole family. In many communities, gardens have been shown to increase property values and decrease crime in the surrounding neighborhood. Gardens also have financial needs. Tools break, soil needs amending and mulching, and water bills need to be paid. New gardens need fences, hoses, raised beds, and more. This fund will support existing school and community gardens and provide start-up funds for new gardens to enhance the health and well-being of the community. (2015)

Del Norte Senior Center Endowment Fund $26,613

The Del Norte Senior Center Endowment Fund was established as a means of supplementing the funds received by the Del Norte Senior Center from Federal and State grants in order to carry out its programs for Del Norte County seniors. The ultimate goal of the Endowment Fund is to ensure the long-term continuation and expansion of the many life enriching and supporting programs for seniors through the Senior Center. The programs involve the three essential elements of healthy living for seniors: nutrition, health maintenance and socialization. This planned giving program will support the Senior Center in providing these services for generations to come. (2005)

Maritess Faith Demoret Memorial Fund $25,649

Originally from Pensacola, FL, Tess moved to Gasquet, CA in 2009 with her husband Robert Sewell. A deeply spiritual person, she had a strong connection with the natural world and a profound impact on the lives of the many people who loved her. Tess planned on returning to school to earn her MSW before she passed away in an auto accident at the age of 31. It was her dream to help children who are abused and create a kinder more loving world. This fund was established to carry on her dreams and protect the children who cannot protect themselves. Please help us honor her memory and carry on her dreams by helping this very righteous cause. (2011)

Duncan Family Fund $26,965

The Duncan Family Fund, established in 2005 by Anne Marie and Gregory Duncan, benefits children by supporting programs and projects in the Wild Rivers region. (2005)

Education For Life HMong Scholarship Fund $5,996

"It takes a whole community for a student to achieve education for life," shared the Rev. Dr. Paul Joseph T. Khamdy Yang. With that vision, in honor of Dr. Yang, to bridge the Hmong-American community and larger communities, and to support our Del Norte County Unified School District students’ future in higher education, HMong American National Development Services (HANDS) established the Education for Life HMong Scholarship on May 12, 2014. With the magnificent support of many community members, HANDS was founded by three Del Norte High School students: Jeremiah Yang, Jonathan Yang, and Destiny Yang. The Education for Life HMong Scholarship is to be given to one recipient of HMong decent and one out of the two recipients must be female. This Fund is thankful for the communities extravagant generosity that will support the children now and into the future. Education for life. (2015)

G. Russell Field Scholarship Trust Fund $129,831

G. Russell “Russ” Field, a photographer for the US. Navy and a longtime resident of Smith River died on February 10, 1998, leaving his estate to Humboldt Area Foundation for the creation of the G. Russell Field Scholarship Trust Fund. A memorial endowment fund, the annual net income provides scholarship awards to graduating seniors of Del Norte High School planning to attend four-year accredited colleges or universities and pursue courses of study in fields other than theology and chiropractic medicine. His trustee, Joan Field, confirmed that Russ denied himself a great deal in order to be able to create this fund to help young people, “our hope for the future.” (1999)

Friends of Brookings-Harbor Aquatic Center Fund $3,390

Friends of the Brookings-Harbor Aquatic Center is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the development of a sustainable community aquatic center to enhance access to year-round fitness and recreational programming that will promote wellness and improve quality of life for every member of the community regardless of age, fitness level, or physical capabilities. They believe an indoor aquatic center offering active recreation and fitness programs affords countless avenues to address community wellness needs. These include concerns about health (obesity and chronic diseases), the economy (job creation), and society in general (after-school activities and opportunities for the disabled and seniors to remain active despite physical limitations). (2011)

Friends of the Del Norte County Fair Fund $6,094

This fund was the long-term vision of community partners and the 41st District Agricultural Association Board. The fund’s purpose is to finance special projects which will ultimately enhance the community’s overall use of our fairgrounds and support current and future projects and activities at the Del Norte County Fair. (2006)
What is Building Healthy Communities?

Building Healthy Communities (BHC) is a 10-year, statewide initiative funded by the California Endowment and dedicated to advance statewide policy by transforming 14 of California’s communities most devastated by health inequities into places where all people have an opportunity to thrive. Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands was one of 14 communities selected in 2009 to participate in the initiative through the Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

Youth Have Access to New Opportunities and Parents Have a Voice.

After five years, the initiative is now at the halfway point, and results are showing. Over the course of BHC’s involvement in Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands, hundreds of youth have gained meaningful career exposure, community service opportunities, and leadership training. Children have access to free breakfast and lunch throughout the summer and are able to obtain healthy salad and fresh drinking water in every school. Parents and families also now have new opportunities to have their voices heard through community organizing.

Classroom Management and Student Behavior Has Improved

The schools have seen a major improvement in student behavior and improved classroom management. Through the implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) – a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success – this new behavior program has greatly contributed to the dramatic reduction in suspension rates and absentees in Del Norte County Schools.

Uninsured Resident Rates Have Dropped

In local Health4All efforts, the percentage of Del Norte’s uninsured residents was reduced to about 18%, with the 0-17 age group reducing to only 4.2% uninsured. These efforts brought Del Norte up to match the average numbers for the State of California as a whole.

Residents Are Developing a More Powerful Voice

There has been an emphasis in growing local leaders, developing youth voices, and improving the experiences of the residents living in the community. Organizations such as True North Organizing Network (community grassroots organizing network) and Redwood Voice (youth media program) are working to amplify the voices of local residents of all ages and empower them to advocate for the changes they want to see in their community.

Through local voter registration and community organizing, young people have helped engage residents as voters in Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands. From school board to county board and tribal council elections, youth are taking civic engagement to a higher level working in partnership with county officials.

Photos by: Bryant Anderson III
Friends of the Family Resource Center Fund $2,861

The first Family Resource Center (FRC) in Del Norte County was established in Crescent City to provide a warm, inviting and accessible place where families can enjoy variety of enriching activities and connect with many support services from community resource and referral services to school readiness programs. Centrally located in a neighborhood near schools and outdoor play fields, the FRC provides a safe, neutral and supportive environment that offers family fun activities, birthing classes, playgroups, parent support groups, nutrition education, early developmental screenings, books, games, and resources for check-out, parents and educator trainings, meeting space for partners, a children’s garden, story times, movement and music, art and science activities, and parent education classes. The FRC is so valuable that First 5 Del Norte has committed $2,861 to this fund. The Wonder Bus will be able to serve more children and to provide new books and educational programs to Del Norte children. (2014)

Vivian & Leonard Goodwin Endowment Fund $10,533

The Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery is a non-profit ecological project working to increase and perpetuate the native runs of steelhead and chinook salmon in the Smith River, which is the last free-flowing river in California. The Fish Hatchery was built in 1968 entirely with donated funds, labor and materials. The property was donated and the hatchery sits at the confluence of Dominie and Rowdy Creek. The Vivian & Leonard Goodwin Endowment Fund was established to benefit the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery. Mr. Goodwin, who founded the fund, passed away on August 16, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Vivian. (2006)

Green Diamond Resource Company Fund $15,837

The Green Diamond Resource Company Fund, established in 2005, will consider grant requests for fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration, forestry/habitat education and research. (2005)

Richard Hanson and Bonnie Cushman Memorial Fund $101,596

Richard Hanson and his sister, Bonnie (Hanson) Cushman, were life-long residents of Fort Dick. They both loved people and served the community in their own ways. Bonnie was always very proud of Richard’s many years of service as chief of the Fort Dick Volunteer Fire Department. This fund was set up in their honor to continue lifting up the community they loved by supporting the bravery and dedication of the Fort Dick Volunteer Fire Department. The fund will aid them in acquiring new machinery and equipment, maintaining their buildings, and other such needs that arise. (2016)

Gil & Ann H. Hess Memorial Fund $2,859,283

When Gilhard Hess was 19 years old he moved from Iowa to Oakland, CA. Though Gil had only completed one quarter of college before taking a job as a welder for a sheet metal manufacturing business, he became the owner and built the business from a few people to over 150 employees. Another of Gil Hess’ innovative achievements is his patented design of the baggage carousel, which is still used today in airports around the world. Married for 55 years, Gil and Ann H. Hess enjoyed great success in life and in business. In 1970, Gil and Ann retired to Del Norte County. Gil felt strongly about supporting students who may not shine in an academic setting, but share his visionary thinking and entrepreneurial spirit. Therefore, the Gil & Ann H. Hess Memorial Fund is primarily dedicated to supporting innovation and entrepreneurship in Del Norte students. (2013)

Dr. Janis C. Heuser Feline Fund $12,401

The Dr. Janis C. Heuser Feline Fund was established in 2014, to support the total, loving care and keeping of cats and kittens including medical care, spay, neuter, a permanent shelter for abandoned cats
and a retirement center. This endowment fund will support the work in Gold Beach and Central Curry County for providing complete and loving care and keeping of cats and kittens. Dr. Janis C. Heuser has been serving the needs of cats and kittens in Curry County for over 27 years. The endowment fund will continue her work now and in the future to provide ongoing support for cats and kittens in Curry County. (2014)

Amy Kaufmann Memorial Fund $12,468

Amy Kaufmann loved life. She enjoyed hiking, wilderness camping, snowboarding, mushroom hunting, fishing, rafting the Smith River, traveling, and playing softball and she loved her job working at Dr. Peter Tardiff’s veterinary office. Amy loved all animals, especially her dog, “Green.” Amy was very concerned about the welfare of family pets and the alarming rate of unwanted and uncontrolled pet population. Part of the problem can be attributed to the limited financial resources of some pet owners. The Amy Kaufmann Memorial Fund was established after Amy’s life was tragically taken on January 25, 2010 at the age of 26. Amy was very actively involved in the free spay and neuter clinics in Crescent City and the Del Norte Humane Society’s K9 Olympics fundraiser. Amy’s Fund was created to be used in perpetuity for the spaying and neutering of Del Norte County cats and dogs. (2010)

Noel & Margaret LaCombe Fund $655,683

Mr. and Mrs. LaCombe, long-time residents of Crescent City, established this fund to provide scholarships to Del Norte High School graduating seniors. Noel and Margaret did not have the opportunity to further their education. Mr. LaCombe passed away in 1992 and Mrs. LaCombe, in January 1998. (1991)

Let the Music Play Fund

The Let the Music Play Fund was established in 2014 to support charitable work in the region with an emphasis on music and the arts for middle school students. Specifically, Act 1 of Let the Music Play Fund helped to support the purchasing of musical instruments for the music program at Smith River School. This fund will continue to serve as a vehicle to support music and the arts for our middle school students throughout Del Norte County and Adjacent Tribal Lands. (2014)

Lighthouse Repertory Theatre Performing Arts Center Building Fund $16,876

The Lighthouse Repertory Theatre (LRT) Performing Arts Center Building Fund will provide the theater group the home it needs and a community arts center available for public use. Since LRT was founded in 1978, it has performed dozens of musicals, dramas and comedies for thousands of people in a school auditorium. The LRT is organized to foster and produce the best obtainable and most adaptable plays of the living theatre for the entertainment and benefit of the community. (2005)

Martinelli Family Trust Fund $5,605

The Martinelli Family Trust was set up in 2005 by Thomas and Robin Martinelli. It was their intention to have this trust focus on the needs of children, the elderly and the disadvantaged of our community. Their initial funding of the trust will be used to help those in need of temporary housing, food, and on occasion, emergency pharmaceutical assistance. Hopefully, future funding will target various projects in the Wild Rivers Community. (2005)

Maureen McHugh Martinelli Spirit of Buona Ventura Memorial Endowment Fund $17,462


No Hungry Kids – Wild Rivers Coast $6,528

No hungry kids is the goal of this fund. Set up with the assistance of community partners, children’s nutritional needs will be addressed by providing meals and improving food security for children, primarily during the summer. This is to be accomplished through the coordination and facilitation of existing resources and contributions. (2008)

North Jetty Cats Plus Endowment Fund $11,414

The North Jetty Cats Plus Endowment Fund was established in 2005 to provide for the total care and keeping of cats and kittens in Curry County, OR including medical care, spaying, neutering and shelter. As an endowment fund, the capital will remain intact and the interest income will provide on-going support to North Jetty Cats Plus. Over the past thirteen years North Jetty Cats Plus has medically treated, spayed/neutered and adopted into loving homes nearly four thousand cats and kittens. This fund was established by Ursula Elliot and Janis C. Heuser, DVM to financially guarantee the medical and loving care demonstrated in the past will continue and expand in the future. Long-term goals include providing on-going support for a feline retirement center, shelter, boarding facilities, and a cat cemetery where cats can be laid to rest with gratitude and love. (2005)
Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Curry County Fund $48,899
In response to physician shortages, the Wild Rivers Community Foundation established the Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Curry County Fund. The fund helps recruit medical doctors by offering a medical school loan repayment plan, in yearly increments for each year served in Curry County, up to a maximum of four years. Applicants must serve in a needed field of medicine in Curry County for at least two years to qualify. (2004)

Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Del Norte Fund $280,932
In response to physician shortages the Wild Rivers Community Foundation established the Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Del Norte Fund. The fund helps recruit medical doctors by offering a medical school loan repayment plan, in yearly increments for each year served in Del Norte County, up to a maximum of four years. Applicants must serve in a needed field of medicine in Del Norte County for at least two years to qualify. (2007)

Physicians of Sutter Coast Hospital Fund $138,162
Income from the Physicians of Sutter Coast Hospital Fund, an advised fund, is available for distribution to North Coast non-profit organizations to serve humanitarian, cultural, educational or charitable purposes. (1995)

Ray “Buck” Rosendahl Pet Assistance Fund $5,178
In 2004, Buck and his bride Tracie began an amazing and life changing journey together in beautiful Gold Beach, Oregon. There they opened and developed Woof’s Dog Bakery and Pet Supplies, a Holistic Pet Nutrition Center. With two locations on the Southern Oregon Coast, they touched many lives while making meaningful friendships along the way. Ray “Buck” Rosendahl left this earth on February 17, 2016 at his home with family and friends by his side after battling cancer. He was 71 years young. “Buck” will not be forgotten. The Ray “Buck” Rosendahl Memorial Pet Assistance Fund was established in 2016 in his honor to provide support for the total care of animals in Curry County, Oregon. (2016)

R. Baird & Jane Rumiano Family Fund $54,622
Baird and Jane Rumiano have lived in Crescent City for most of their adult lives. They raised their two boys, Joby and Tony, in Del Norte. Both attended local school and completed their college education at Humboldt State University. Del Norte and Humboldt Counties have been good to the Rumianos. They wish to give back to the community by way of this fund intended to build financial stability, community participation and enrichment by supporting athletics, scholarships, training for volunteers and volunteerism and other programs supporting self-sufficiency in the people, the natural resources and the beauty of the local area. Baird is owner of Rumiano Cheese Company and Jane has been a high school tennis coach and instructor for over 30 years and still continues her love of the game. (2009)

Philip & Beth Schafer Fund $36,628
Longtime residents of Del Norte County Philip and Beth Schafer have been avid supporters of the community and have established a fund to support the mission of a variety of charitable organizations in Del Norte County, i.e. the Scholarship Foundation, the Del Norte Library Foundation, Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery, the Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness (DNACA), St. Joseph’s Catholic School, CASA, Sutter Coast Hospital’s philanthropic fund and Lighthouse Repertory Theatre’s building fund. (2008)

Search & Rescue Endowment Fund $14,894
A young child with autism, Colin Buchanan was lost along the North Fork of the Smith River in 2004, while hiking and fishing with his father. When the Del Norte County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue received the call, they immediately recognized the severity of the situation for Colin, who is non-verbal and unable to call out for help. Search and Rescue responded quickly and the child was picked up by a helicopter 30 minutes before nightfall. Colin Buchanan’s family established this fund to provide on-going support to Search and Rescue for everyone in Del Norte County. They are a skilled team of committed community volunteers, providing ground searches, technical rescues, swift water rescues and dive rescues in coordination with the Del Norte County Sheriff’s Office. As the fund advisors, the Search and Rescue Board of Directors makes recommendations for expenditures. (2005)

Smith River Salmon and Steelhead Habitat Restoration Fund $9,827
This fund supports habitat restoration projects and related planning and education within the Smith River watershed. The Smith River is legendary for its native salmon and steelhead. These fish have always been a part of the culture and human habitation within the watershed -beginning with Native Americans thousands of years ago to the local community and tourists visiting the watershed today. This fund represents the collaboration of three entities: Green Diamond Resource Company, Del Norte County’s largest private landowner, Smith River Alliance, a watershed organization founded in 1980 that is active in river and fish restoration projects, and Smith River Advisory Council, an independent group of representatives from public and private entities with a shared interest in watershed habitat restoration projects. (2005)

Eileen A. Tardiff Memorial Fund $14,525
Eileen Tardiff was a loving wife and mother of nine children. She was active in her local community before her diagnosis and struggle with dementia that resulted in her death in 2005. Through her illness, her family learned of the pressing need in the community for assistance in matters involving senior citizens. They established this Field of Interest Fund in her memory to help ensure that seniors in our community receive the assistance they need. (2004)
Dustin Weber Memorial Fund

Dustin was twenty-five years old, adventurous, had a dazzling smile and was loved by all. He enjoyed hiking with his dad and riding his mountain bike. He was a graduate of Mountain View High School in Bend, OR. Dustin moved to Klamath, CA in February of 2011 to fix up a house that was given to him by his grandmother on Requa Hill. On March 11, 2011, Dustin and some friends went down to the Mouth of the Klamath to take pictures of the waves from the tsunami. Dustin was hit by a large surge wave while his back was turned and was swept out to sea. His body was removed in April, four hundred miles north in Astoria, Oregon. He may be gone but never forgotten. October 5, 1985 – March 11, 2011. (2012)

Wild Rivers Community Fund $16,360

The Wild Rivers Community Foundation promotes and encourages generosity, leadership, and inclusion to strengthen our communities. It works to keep local capital within the Wild Rivers region. This fund was established to provide opportunities for general discretionary giving to support the Wild Rivers region. (2005)

Wild Rivers Health Forever Fund $19,551

As physicians who have raised their families in Del Norte County, they believe quality, accessible healthcare is essential to the future of the wild rivers coast of Northern California and Southern Oregon. The Wild Rivers Health Forever Fund is dedicated to preserving, improving and expanding healthcare services for the residents and visitors of the region. Fund goals include the addition of chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, cardiology, primary and specialty care physicians, nurses, and physician assistants. Simply, the commitment is to helping local residents receive quality, affordable healthcare without having to leave the area. (2013)

MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED TO HONOR PILOT AND MEDICAL CREW LOST IN CAL-ORE LIFE FLIGHT N661TC ACCIDENT

Cal-Ore

CAL-ORE LIFE FLIGHT N661TC FLIGHT TEAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

On July 29, 2016, a Cal-Ore Life Flight air medical plane crashed north of McKinleyville, CA. In addition to the patient, three Cal-Ore Life Flight personnel were on board: Pilot Larry Mills; Flight Nurse Deborah Kroon, RN, CCRN; and Certified Flight Paramedic Michelle Tarwater, FP-C, NREMT-P. There were no survivors.

Pilot Larry Mills, a man of few words and many smiles, was a volunteer firefighter for 12 years in his hometown in Illinois. Larry was an exceptional pilot with more than 20 years of flying experience. He said it was the only job in the world where he could do something he loved while being of service to others. Larry had been with Cal-Ore Life Flight since April of this year.

Flight Nurse Deborah Kroon came to this country from New Zealand. She spent 25 years as a critical care nurse working in hospitals across the U.S. When she arrived in Del Norte County in Northern California she fell in love with the area. She had been with Cal-Ore since October of 2014.

Certified Flight Paramedic Michelle Tarwater loved her noble work. She was especially proud to be one of the first in the region to receive National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic (NREMT-P) certification. Her mother said she knew Michelle would be a caregiver from the day she was born. Michelle had been with Cal-Ore since 2011.

This fund supports education for aviation, flight nursing, and flight paramedics in Curry and Del Norte Counties. Donations may be made online at hafoundation.org/cal-ore, or sent to Wild Rivers Community Foundation, 990 Front Street, Crescent City CA 95531.
Jim and Gail Griggs, who care deeply about supporting their communities, were among the first to recognize the importance of our salmon and steelhead fisheries, creating the local Friends of the North Coast Fisheries Derby more than 35 years ago which helps to fundraise for local fish hatcheries.

Through lifelong love and commitment to the community, the Griggs faced an even greater challenge as they started down a pathway to help children locally. Based on a study sponsored by the Griggs, the All Children Read and Succeed Fund was established to provide trained tutors for children. There were some gains made, but it unearthed how widespread the issue of education and literacy was for Del Norte. Their hope was that by taking the lead in funding this work, they would encourage others to invest earlier in a child’s life. Unbeknownst to them, their dedication and commitment would lead to inspiring an entire community to embrace literacy; and so began a community-wide initiative titled “3 Read 23.”

The Griggs, in collaboration with a School Systems Implementation Team (SSIT) – which included school administrators, educators, and business leaders – decided to make literacy for third graders their focus. They learned 50 percent of third graders were reading at third grade level, and only 1 in 3 students were kindergarten ready. Being able to read at grade level by grade 3 is the point at which children begin reading to learn, a key factor in future success in school and adulthood.

Improving Children’s literacy is now a cornerstone strategy in the Building Healthy Communities Strategy, funded through the California Endowment.
Gina Zottola, Director of Wild Rivers Community Foundation was among the seven women chosen as “Women of the Year” by Sen. Mike McGuire in recognition of Women’s History Month. Awardees were nominated based off their hard work and extraordinary accomplishments throughout Northern California.

Gina was honored at a luncheon in March in Santa Rosa with the other women awarded from the state’s Senate District 2. A separate North Coast ceremony was held in honor of Gina in Del Norte as well as Kelli Grant and Connie Stewart of Trinity and Humboldt counties.
TRINITY TRUST FUNDS

Gilbert Henry Gates
C.R.U. Trust of 1993  $303,317
Gilbert F. and Helen J. Gates, longtime residents of San Francisco and Trinity County, created this unitrust ultimately for the benefit of Trinity County. The Gates family was drawn to the Trinity Alps in the 1920s. Joe Joseph, Helen’s father, purchased the Trinity property in the 1920s. From age 12, Hank Gates enjoyed summers with his mother, his sister, Joan, and father, Gilbert, in the Trinity area. The Trust will eventually benefit such charities as Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Trinity County Free Library and Trinity County Historical Society. (1993)

Gilbert F. Gates Charitable Remainder Unitrust of 1998  $1,027,228
This trust was created by Gilbert F. and Helen J. Gates and transferred to HAF by their son Gilbert Henry Gates in 2001. This fund will eventually benefit several charities within Trinity County. (2001)

Gates Family Endowment Fund  $248,649
This is a component fund of the Trinity Trust, established as a testamentary gift from the estate of Helen J. Gates who passed away on October 24, 2002. Helen, along with her two children, Hank and Joan, was a graduate of UC Berkeley. Her father was a self-made mining engineer. He began working at a young age, and walked several miles each way, to save street car fare, to work at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco. He also knew future President Herbert Hoover in his mining days. Helen visited the Trinity Alps as much as she could in the 1920s and 1930s. Gilbert F. left UC Berkeley early to work and support his family. The fund supports charitable organizations in and for Trinity County in accordance with the spirit and the wording of prior planned gifts arranged by the Gates family. The Trinity Trust Steering Committee makes all funding recommendations for this discretionary fund. (2003)

Giles F. Hornuy, Jr., Fund  $297,079
Giles was a caring man who had a passion for cars and his community. He lived in Trinity County where he served on the Trinity Trust. He was interested in mechanics, body shops and even towing companies. He was known for helping young people and rescuing dogs. This fund will be used to support charitable work in the Trinity region. (2012)

Trinity County Affiliate
THE TRINITY TRUST
Humboldt Area Foundation supports philanthropic work in Trinity County through The Trinity Trust as well as through the generous neighbors who have established funds in the Trinity region. The Trinity Trust’s mission is to inspire and encourage charitable giving to support Trinity County now and in perpetuity.

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Giles F. Horney, Jr., Fund in Memory of Tom J. McCoy, Steven James Smith and Helen A. Moxey and Giles and Harriet Horney, Bill and Marlys Hall and Al and Marne Wilkins $57,619
This fund will provide scholarships to support students attending college or vocational school. Giles wanted students with passing grades and a strong interest to be given a helping hand in continuing their education. (2012)

**Trinity Trust Endowment Fund** $45,434
The Trinity Trust is a permanent endowment for the exclusive use of Trinity County residents. This fund was created with a gift from Trinity County residents, with additional funds provided by Reverend Charles H. Baldwin and an anonymous donor. (1998)

**Trinity Trust Expendable Fund** $8,565
Thanks to the generosity of local donors, Trinity Trust was able to establish an expendable fund to respond to important needs throughout Trinity County, such as helping deserving young people experience summer camp. (2005)

**Weaverville Cemeteries Endowment Fund** $35,038
The Weaverville Cemeteries Endowment Fund was established in 2007 to help support and preserve the 150 year-old Weaverville Cemetery and potentially other public historic cemeteries in the area of Weaverville. The County of Trinity no longer maintains these. Initial endowment gifts were contributed by reflective, good-hearted and thoughtful individuals, families, businesses, community advocacy groups and service organizations. The Weaverville Cemeteries Endowment will annually and in perpetuity provide funding for such purposes as replacement of deteriorating headstones, maintenance, care and beautification of public cemetery areas and education of the community regarding the cemeteries’ pioneer history. (2007)

**Young Family Trust** $896,172
The Young Family Trust honors the Young Family heritage with roots deep in Trinity County history. The Trust supports the work of the Young Family Ranch (YFR), a 3-acre community-trust farmstead in the heart of Weaverville’s historic district. YFR is the perfect venue for free educational programs on gardening, sustainable small-farm practices, foods, home-craft and natural resources conservation. With garden areas, fruit trees, pastures, barn, paddocks and farmhouse, YFR was deeded for community benefit and is guided by a volunteer board. It hosts an annual summer day camp, community plant and seed exchange, fiber and textile arts fair and free learning events for all ages. YFR serves the 4-H Youth Development Program with space for livestock, poultry and learning. Its ranch house is available for community groups, workshops and trainings. Proximity to Weaverville Community Forest and the trail system add to YFR’s appeal as a learning center. (2001)

**Mary Baldwin Memorial Fund** $60,315
This fund was created by the Reverend Charles H. Baldwin to honor Mary Baldwin, his wife of 38 years. The fund is to be used to provide scholarships to deserving college students from Trinity County, enabling them to continue their vocational and higher educations at accredited colleges and universities and to assist Trinity County pre K-12 students who are enrolled in accredited Christian schools. (1999)

**Virgil C. & Lorrayne DeLapp Vocational Education Fund** $7,759
Virgil C. DeLapp was born in Burbank, CA in 1922. He grew up in southern California and graduated from Long Beach State College as an industrial arts teacher. He and his wife Lorrayne moved from Blue Jay to Trinity County in 1956. Virgil worked as an electrical superintendent for Funderburg Electric during the construction of Trinity Dam. For many years he was self-employed as a builder of custom homes and was in partnership with Dr. Robert Breeden in the NicNac Shack. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps. At age 79, Virgil died in November 2001, after a construction accident. His family established this endowment fund as a component fund of the Trinity Trust to honor his memory. Income will provide assistance for young adults in vocational education in Trinity County. (2001)

**S. Jack & Marjorie U. Hellman Memorial Fund** $318,263
The family of this loving and generous couple wishes to honor them by providing funding to cultural, educational, civic and environmental organizations or projects in Trinity County. Their daughter serves as advisor for this fund. (2005)

**Daniel Holthaus Memorial Fund** $28,439
Born in Hyampom, CA in 1971, Daniel Holthaus was raised in Trinity County, graduating from Trinity High School in 1990. He excelled in athletics, receiving many awards and accolades for his efforts. He loved exploring the wilderness and trekked hundreds of miles in the Trinity and Sierra mountains. Daniel’s interest in the geology of the North State led him to a degree in Geoscience from Chico State University. He taught science at Hayfork High School for a brief period of time before he became ill. A loving and sensitive man, he made instant friends with everyone he met. His huge smile, infectious sense of humor, and zest for the challenges in life made him a popular and unforgettable person. Daniel passed away after a short illness in 2005. His family established this fund in his memory to provide support to projects that serve youth in Trinity County. (2006)

**Human Response Network Endowment Fund** $458,704
This organizational endowment fund supports the ongoing work and perpetual growth of the Human Response Network. Dedicated to protecting each person’s right to live in safety with dignity, the Human
TRINITY COUNTY FUNDS (continued)

Response Network was established in 1980 to provide support to women and children in Trinity County who have been victims of domestic violence, abuse, or sexual assault. Today, while maintaining victim assistance programs, it also serves the community with youth services and teen centers, emergency homeless assistance, childcare resources, child abuse prevention, mentoring, in-home parent aides, and state preschools. This endowment fund also provides an annual scholarship to a Trinity County student pursuing a degree in social services or child development, who intends to join the workforce in Trinity County. (2002)

Human Response Network
Ellie Driskell Lewiston Music Fund $438,866
This program is part of the Human Response Network Endowment Fund. The music fund was provided by the estate of Ellie (Eleanor) Driskell. Ellie was an accomplished violinist and lover of music. It was her wish to pass this love of music on to the children in the Lewiston area by providing the opportunity for them to be engaged in a music program. (2012)

Sarah Ingersoll Memorial Scholarship $2,315
This fund was established in loving memory of Sarah Rosalie Ingersoll who died in August 1999 while backpacking in the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area.

Sarah was a life-long resident of Hayfork in Trinity County. She had a love for the natural beauty of Trinity County and for the people who live there. Sarah graduated from Hayfork High School, was married for 24 years and had two children. She was a dedicated Christian mother who shared her belief in the virtues of motherhood with others. Her passion for the arts, as expressed through her photography, was known in Trinity County and beyond. The Sarah Ingersoll Memorial Scholarship was established to encourage students of the Mountain Valley Unified School District to pursue their passion for the arts in an accredited arts program. (1999)

Marilouise Montgomery Scholarship Fund $31,952
Marilouise Montgomery met her husband Lee while attending UC Berkeley. She subsequently received her teaching credential from San Francisco State. Since 1947, she has spent a great deal of time in Trinity County, finally making it her home in 1965. This endowment fund provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of Hayfork Valley High. Mrs. Montgomery said, “I am pleased that I can help Valley High graduates, having known several students there who have overcome great obstacles to pursue their education and obtain their goals in life.” (2002)

Mountain Valley Youth Fund $31,553
The Mountain Valley Youth Fund, an expendable fund within the Trinity Trust, was established created with an initial gift from Barbara L. Stokely, a resident of Pebble Beach, CA to serve the health, educational and / or welfare needs of youth birth to age 18 who live within the Mountain Valley Unified School District. The fund was. She has a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who live in Hayfork, within the School District. Barbara holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from USC. Before her retirement she was an educational psychologist and a marriage and family therapist. (1997)

Mountain Valley Youth Endowment Fund $94,991
The Mountain Valley Youth Endowment Fund was created in 1999 through two major gifts. An anonymous donor visited Hayfork, and impressed by the urgency of the need and the efficiency of the already-established Mountain Valley Youth Fund, gave the first gift to create this endowment. Marion and Victor Payse, Barbara Stokely’s sister and brother-in-law, donated a matching gift of $5,000. The idea of an endowment to ensure funds in perpetuity for needy children in the area appealed to the Payses. They are both retired educators who have contributed not only money over the years, but also their time, energies and talents to enhance the community where they live. Although they have no children of their own, they decided to help the children of Hayfork, knowing that the need was great. A significant anonymous contribution was made by a local resident. The fund has now reached a level that supports its annual budget. (1998)

Trinity County Historical Society Endowment Fund $43,876
The Trinity County Historical Society Endowment Fund, managed by the Trinity Trust, is designed to financially support future projects of the Trinity County Historical Society. These projects preserve and disseminate the history of Trinity County through the J.J. Jackson Museum, Hal Goodyear History Park, and Alice Jones History Center by procuring, preserving, displaying and sharing artifacts and information for the enrichment, enjoyment, and education of residents, tourists, and schoolchildren. (2014)

Trinity County Library Benefit Fund $11,658
Two funds were established in 2004 in response to drastic reductions to the county library budget. To ensure the survival of the three public libraries serving Trinity County, the funds are administered by a steering committee of the Trinity County Friends of the Library. Donations may be made to both funds. The library’s immediate needs will be served by the Trinity County Library Benefit Fund, including regular contributions from library supporters and proceeds from fundraising benefits. Present unmet library needs, such as building the library’s database and providing substitute staff to keep facilities open, are being subsidized from this fund. The Friends continue to raise additional funds to spend directly on books, subscriptions, equipment and supplies. (2004)

Trinity County Library Benefit Endowment Fund $29,951
This fund is intended to provide a supplemental income to address the library’s present and future needs such as keeping basic programs functioning during low budget periods and supporting outreach and enrichment programs. (2004)
Trinity High School Athletics Pledge for the Pack Fund $5,085
This fund was created to enhance the athletic program offerings at Trinity High School while helping to offset the annual operating costs of the Athletic Department. Expenditures from the fund will are made for such items as athletic equipment, and uniforms, officials’ and tournament entry fees, and league dues. The fund allows Trinity High School to continue to offer a wide variety of athletic programs, serving a diverse population of students, fostering an environment that encourages individual growth, cooperation, and leadership. All donations will directly benefit the THS Athletic Department and the students it serves. (2009)

Rich Velasquez Fund $20,504
Rich Velasquez established this fund to promote athletics in Trinity County at the elementary school level. His intent was to offer young people a way to direct their energy in a positive manner. This fund will be used towards team sports and yoga, tumbling, gymnastics, and other alternative activities. Teams and individuals alike that may not have the means to be a participant are eligible for this fund. Rich believes all young people should have the opportunity to develop their physical abilities and also to experience what it is to be a team player. No one should be left out. (2014)

A GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT PROVIDING YOUTH WITH VOCATIONAL AND CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Dream Quest

TRINITY TRUST SUMMER YOUTH MINI-GRA NT PROGRAM

This Summers Dream Quest (DQ) included:
• Swim lessons to maximum enrollment
• DQ Swim Club
• Water safety reinforced at the annual River Safety Day
• The Outdoor Youth Empowerment Program led youth on adventures
• “Aspiring thespians” participated in Drama Club and a five-day Drama Camp
• Dream Quest StepUp Program trained fourteen teens in paid work

AND MUCH MORE!

TRINITY TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BACK ROW (from left): Richard Lorenz, Dick Murray, John Letton, Michael Regan, Tom Ludden, Duane Heryford
FRONT ROW (from left): Steve Ryber, Connor Nixon, Charlene Dunaetz, Pat Hamilton
NOT PICTURED: Wendy Drake, Keith Crane, Mary Scott Hamilton
The mission of ULHF, a supporting organization of Humboldt Area Foundation, is to improve the health and well-being of the residents and communities of Humboldt County. The original Union Labor Hospital, later known as General Hospital, was established in Eureka in 1906 by newly unionized timber and mill workers as a charitable nonprofit organization. After ninety years of service in the field, Union Labor Hospital Association established the Foundation in 1997 with proceeds from the sale of the hospital. The fund balance reflects the original endowment and contributions made to the Foundation by community members. (1997)

The Angel Fund

The Angel Fund provides fast financial assistance to Humboldt County families for health and medical needs. Donations made to this fund are added to the Angel Fund grant making budget, with 100% of the donation going directly to support people in need. The Angel Fund committee meets weekly to consider grant requests made on behalf of an individual or family, serving all ages, from infants to seniors. (1998)

The Dental Angel Fund

Donations made to this fund provide financial assistance to Humboldt County children up to the age of 19 for dental needs. All new donations are added to the Dental Angel Fund grant making budget, with 100% of the dollars helping youth access dental care. The Fund assists children that are in pain due to poor oral health, are uninsured or financially unable to obtain specific dental services or who may need to travel out of the area to obtain services not provided locally. (2002)

The Ted Loring Angel Endowment Fund $9,385

In 2003 following the death of Dr. Ted Loring, a well-respected and admired OB/GYN, his family established this fund to honor his contributions to Union Labor Hospital and his vision of creating the Angel Fund. Donations go directly to the endowment. Each year 4.5% of the endowment is allocated to the Angel Fund program for distribution through grants to local individuals and families. (2003)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
363 Indianola Rd. • Bayside, CA 95524
(707) 442-2417 • ulhf.org
End of life care is a difficult topic for most families to discuss. Deep emotion and pain tend to take over and decisions are often hard to make. Healthcare professionals are responsible for facilitating these conversations, which require a great amount of empathy, wisdom and skill.

ResolutionCare Fund, located in Eureka, is a local lead nonprofit educational project sponsored by Community Initiatives of San Francisco to support families along this journey. ResolutionCare Fund is a licensed affiliate of Project ECHO, a program based out of the University of New Mexico which utilizes a knowledge-sharing model to improve quality and expertise in basic palliative care in a diversity of practice settings.

Their team uses videoconferencing technology to bring palliative care skills and support to healthcare professionals across the nation and globe so they can assist their patients in making the best possible choices.

The goal of palliative care medicine is to improve the quality of life for patients, as well as their families, by providing relief from symptoms, pain and stress. The care team includes a physician, nurse and other specialists, all working together with a patient’s own doctor for an extra layer of support.

Last Fall, with a grant from Union Labor Health Foundation, ResolutionCare Fund launched a seven-month, twelve-session training program which included providers from several local medical practices, including United Indian Health Services, K’ima:w Medical Center, Six Rivers Medical Center, Arcata Community Life, Redwoods Rural Health Center, and Redwood Coast in Gualala.

These care teams are now equipped with the tools necessary to incorporate palliative care into their practices. This has allowed them to better manage symptoms among seriously ill and aging patients, while addressing advance care planning opportunities and helping providers participate in shared decision making from a patient-centered perspective.

ResolutionCare clinical staff lead the Primary Palliative Care ECHO from the ResolutionCare video conferencing studio.
Initiated in 2000, the Native Cultures Fund (NCF) supports the cultural revitalization of Native art, artists, culture, and inter-generational mentorship among Native people throughout much of Native California. Since its inception, it has awarded more than $1 million in direct grant support to over 285 projects in 52 counties.

Thanks to the generosity of Eunice Nielsen, whose gift established the Jack Montoya Memorial Fund for the Preservation of Native Cultures, the Native Cultures Fund is looking at expanding its role and its grantmaking. A committee consisting of Humboldt Area Foundation Native American Board and staff are in the process of having conversations and gathering input from the Native community as part of its strategic planning. In the meantime, the Fund continues with its traditional grant rounds and focus.

CURRENT HAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

RYAN MARCUS JOSEPH SOTELO
Aspiring Horticulturist
Chico State University

“I love feeding people. The joy that a fresh apple can bring someone is something that no iPhone or tablet can provide. It is a joy that you get to see in people of all ages and all races.”

Hometown: Eureka (Humboldt County)

Hobbies/Interests: I love farming and working the land. There is a satisfaction that I get from a hard day’s work, and a sense of accomplishment when harvesting something I grew from a seed and have watched grow before my eyes.

The impact of higher education: My experience at Chico State University thus far has been a blast. The teachers bring in a new way of thinking and while there is a lot of work to be done, it is completely manageable. I never imagined I would also be employed on the Chico farm my first year, and that it would be an organic project.
Cascadia Center for Leadership offers a 10-day leadership training program and year-round workshops at Humboldt Area Foundation’s Community Center.

Whether you are an established or emerging leader or work in business, government, education, or public service, Cascadia is dedicated to invigorating and strengthening your intention and ability to make a positive difference in your world.

For more information about Cascadia visit cascadialeadership.org

“CASCADIA BLEW MY MIND! I LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT MYSELF, ABOUT AFFECTING CHANGE, AND OUR COMMUNITY. CANNOT RECOMMEND IT ENOUGH.”

PEGGY METZGER
Director of Financial Aid
Humboldt State University

MEETING ROOMS
Book a Humboldt Area Foundation room for your next meeting by calling (707) 442-2993

This year over 225 meetings and events were held by local nonprofits, community groups, educators and government agencies. A total of 5,313 guests came together in this space!
The True North Organizing Network supports leadership in communities with common values across Tribal Lands, Del Norte, and Humboldt Counties. True North supports families, elders, youth, and individuals of diverse faith traditions, races, cultures, and economic capacities working together for powerful change. United, using the power of relationships and a disciplined community organizing model, True North leaders are courageously working toward social, economic and environmental justice throughout our region.

2015 / 2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

**Klamath Education Action**

Over one-hundred people came together to support a quality education system for the children of Del Norte. Parents, elected officials, teachers, and tribal leaders committed to creating a process and timeline for a better parent engagement strategy. True North leaders have since formed a Del Norte Education and Parent Engagement team, and have been working closely with educators and the School Board to improve parent engagement in the Del Norte Unified School District.

**Regional Immigration Summit**

Two hundred immigrant leaders and allies were joined by the PICO National Immigration Campaign (LaRED) Director, Eddie Carmona, to highlight the struggle of immigrant communities on the North Coast.

**Yurok Tribal Candidate Forum**

True North hosted a non-partisan Tribal Chair and Vice-Chair candidate forum for the runoff election. The event was led by members of the True North Klamath Local Organizing Committee (KLOC), and featured questions in regard to how the tribe can help alleviate and address the struggles of their membership.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On April 23rd, 2016, True North elected its first Board of Directors. The True North Board is a diverse and visionary group of volunteer community leaders who have participated in on the ground organizing work, and in local organizing committees across the region.

HILLARIE BEYER  
McKinleyville Organizing Committee

MARCHE HINES  
McKinleyville Organizing Committee

MARIANA NAVA  
True North Immigration Team

PAT BLACK  
True North Del Norte

ALLIE HOSTLER  
Eastern Humboldt LOC

MARGO ROBBINS  
Eastern Humboldt LOC

JASON CSEH  
True North Elders’ Caucus

LACEY JACKSON  
Eastern Humboldt LOC

ERIN TAYLOR  
Eureka Congregations LOC

AMBER GENSAY  
Klamath Local Organizing Committee

BRYAN JESSUP  
True North Elders’ Caucus

RON WHITE  
True North Elders’ Caucus

TRUE NORTH STAFF

FROM LEFT: Terry Supahan, True North Executive Director; Chrystal Helton, Klamath Community Organizer; Grecia Rojas, Del Norte Community Organizer; Julia Lerma, Lead Organizer; Fernando Paz, Humboldt Community Organizer; Kelly Boehms, Internal Organizer

NOT PICTURED: Thomas H. Joseph II, Eastern Humboldt Community Organizer
Grants listed on these pages represent stories that demonstrate the increasing strength and resilience of the region. Through the people and projects that take place here every day, we are reminded of the power there is in numbers and the impact that is possible when neighbors come together.

Thank you for making these grants possible and supporting important projects and causes in our region.

**ARTS, HUMANITIES, & CULTURE**

**American River Natural History Association**  
Richard & Carol Laursen . . . . . . $24,500

**Arcata High School**  
VanSpeybroeck Family Fund . . . . . . $300

**Azalea Middle School**  
Brattain Family Student Enrichment Fund . . . . . . $500

**Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria**  
Dorothy Coeur Memorial Fund . . . . . . $1,500

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
VanSpeybroeck Family Fund . . . . . . $800

**Clarke Historical Museum**  
Sandra Nancy Corcoran  
Memorial Fund . . . . . . $1,671  
Tini Daly Clarke Memorial Museum Fund . . . . . . $300  
PG&E Community Fund . . . . . . $500  
Tracy Memorial Trust Fund . . . . . . $1,640  
Flora N. Wintzer Memorial Endowment Fund . . . . . . $940

**Creative Sanctuary**  
Tom & Stephanie Perrett  
Community Fund . . . . . . $2,500

**Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness**  
Caldwell & Sund Family Trust . . . . . $1,000  
Del Norte Area Fund . . . . . . $1,000  
Physicians of Sutter Coast Hospital Fund . . . . . . $2,000

**Del Norte High School**  
Gil H. & Ann Hess Memorial Fund . . . . . $4,200

**Del Norte Historical Society**  
Caldwell & Sund Family Trust . . . . . $1,000

**Dell’ Arte, Inc.**  
Wesley & Cindy Chesbro  
Community Fund . . . . . . $275  
Nancy Jacobs Larenz  
Memorial Scholarship Fund . . . . . $1,050

**Eagle Prairie Arts District**  
Vera P. Vietor Trust . . . . . . $2,760  
Jean & Harold Wyckoff  
Memorial Fund . . . . . . $4,240

**Elk Valley Artisans**  
Circle of Change Expendable Fund . . . . . $500

**Eureka City Schools**  
Melodiers Dance Band Endowment Fund . . . . . $1,000

**Eureka High School**  
MikkiMoves Fund . . . . . . $500

**Eureka Symphony**  
McKinleyville Area - Ingebritson Arts & Recreation Fund . . . . . . $500  
Edward L. & Joan Nilsen Fund . . . . . $1,000

**Ferndale Repertory Theatre**  
MiaBo Foundation Fund . . . . . . $1,000  
James & Elva Shaw Memorial Fund . . . . . $1,770

**Friends of the Redwood Libraries**  
Monroe Tobin Family Fund . . . . . . $1,200

**Friends of the Rio Dell Library**  
Parker Youth Fund . . . . . . $104

**HCAR**  
Cooperative Community Fund . . . . . $750

**HSU Music Department**  
Robert L. Richards Memorial Fund . . . . . $450

**Humboldt Arts Council**  
Romano Gabriel  
Sculpture Garden Fund . . . . . . $1,060
### Humboldt County Library

- Bauriedel Family Fund: $2,500
- William Foley DeBoice Memorial Fund: $450
- The Estate of Elisabeth Dreittinger: $2,294
- Stephen Scott Hensell Memorial Fund: $800
- The Knowledge Fund/Humboldt Library Foundation Fund: $1,670
- Jim & Betty Mills Library Endowment Fund: $2,980
- Lillian & John Norman Henderson Memorial Fund: $15,660
- Trinidad Library Sustaining Fund: $465
- Jack Young Memorial Fund: $250
- Virginia Zacharias-Eastman Fund: $1,260

### Humboldt Library Foundation

- Sandra Nancy Corcoran Memorial Fund: $1,671

### Humboldt Sponsors

- John F. Machen Memorial Fund: $7,000

### Ink People Center for the Arts

- Arcata Foundation Fund: $1,000
- Carranza Family Fund: $3,000
- Ivy Erene Hughes & Carl G. Lundgren Fund: $2,160
- MikkiMoves Fund: $1,000
- Carl Nielsen Memorial Fund: $2,840
- Agnes & Kenneth Ogilvie Memorial Fund: $7,000

### KEET-TV, Redwood Empire Public Television

- Evanne Wheeler/KEET-TV Memorial Fund: $590

### KMUD Community Radio

- Rick Foundation: $150

### McKinleyville Community Choir

- McKinleyville Area - Ingebritson Arts & Recreation Fund: $1,000

### McKinleyville Middle School

- McKinleyville Area - Ingebritson Arts & Recreation Fund: $1,725

### McKinleyville Union School District

- Ivy Erene Hughes & Carl G. Lundgren Fund: $1,670

### Native Cultures Fund

- Silicon Valley Nelson Fund: $7,000
- Vera R. Vietor Trust: $8,000

### No Limits Jazz & Tap Studio

- Nicole Quigley Memorial Fund for Dance & Youth Activities: $400

### Playhouse Arts

- Footprint Fund: $20,000
- Curtis Gillis Trust: $1,680
- Robert M. Lothie Memorial Fund: $500
- Carl Nielsen Memorial Fund: $3,320
- Walt Whitman Endowment Fund: $250

### Redwood Coast Music Festivals

- Maffia Family Fund: $1,000

### Redwood Community Theater

- Monroe Tobin Family Fund: $1,550

### Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.

- Schulze-Kronenberg Memorial Fund: $15,000

### Shelter Cove Arts & Recreation Foundation

- Curtis Gillis Trust: $1,500
- Redwood Empire Quilters Guild Fund: $500

### The Trinity Players, Inc.

- Curtis Gillis Trust: $3,300

### Tolowa Nation

- Wild Rivers Summer Youth Program: $500

### Trinidad Coastal Land Trust

- Trinidad Library Sustaining Fund: $2,750

### Trinidad Museum Society

- Premier Foundation Fund: $500
- Trinidad Trust Fund: $500

### Trinity County Library Benefit Endowment Fund

- Anonymous Fund: $10,000

### Trinity County Library Benefit Fund

- Anonymous Fund: $10,000

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1381

- Circle of Change Expendable Fund: $500

### Wild Rivers Community Foundation

- Wild Rivers Holiday Funding Partnership: $500

### Grants to Individuals Were Made from the Following Funds

- Curtis Gillis Trust: $2,500
- Ivy Erene Hughes & Carl G. Lundgren Fund: $4,920
- Ruth Marcus Memorial Writing Scholarship Fund: $450
- Peter E. Palmquist Memorial Fund for Historical Photographic Research: $6,000
- Redwood Empire Quilters Guild Fund: $2,000
- Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund: $30,000
- Lynne & Bob Wells Fund for Performing Artists: $690

### Total Arts, Humanities & Culture

$257,455

### Community

#### Amateur Union of the United States Inc.

- PG&E Community Fund: $2,500

#### Arcata Fire Protection District

- Gifts Given in Honor of George Wilson: $255

#### Arcata House Partnership

- Don & Bettie Albright Endowment Fund: $500

#### Arcata Volunteer Fire Department

- The Estate of Elisabeth Dreittinger: $2,294

#### Area 1 Agency on Aging

- North Coast Grantmaking Partnership: $10,000
- Silicon Valley Nelson Fund: $5,000

#### Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #1934

- Wild Rivers Holiday Funding Partnership: $1,000
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Creek Days Environmental Education Fair is a multi-day event hosted by the Eel River Watershed Group with the aid of the Americorps Watershed Stewards Program. In collaboration with the California State Parks, Creek Days 2016 was held at the Bull Creek area of Humboldt Redwoods State Park in May. The event consisted of docent-led tours along the forest trails, featuring a series of staffed booths where students were introduced to various concepts regarding native salmonids and stream ecosystems. Booths also covered topics such as soils, macroinvertebrates, local wildlife and sustainable living. This hands-on learning opportunity engaged over 360 local first through sixth graders, allowing them to discover and explore in the great outdoors.

**Supporters:**

- **Gerald O. and Susan Hansen Family Fund**
- **Archie Bernardi Memorial Fund**

**Grant Information:**

- **Eel River Watershed Improvement Group**
  - Archie Bernardi Memorial Fund: $500
  - Gerald O. & Susan Hansen Family Fund: $750

- **Friends of the Dunes**
  - Arcata Foundation Fund: $1,500
  - Humboldt Bay Habitats Enhancement Fund: $1,030
  - Humboldt Bay Recreation Enhancement & Water Quality Fund: $2,710

- **HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation**
  - Carl & Ellen Wright Memorial Fund: $25,000

- **Humboldt Area Foundation**
  - Wild Rivers Community Fund: $787

- **Humboldt Botanical Garden Foundation**
  - PG&E Community Fund: $500

- **Humboldt Plan It Green**
  - Cooperative Community Fund: $850

- **Jacoby Creek Land Trust**
  - Jacoby Creek Land Trust Stewardship Fund: $1,000

- **Keep Eureka Beautiful**
  - Keep Eureka Beautiful Fund: $8,508

- **Klamath Communities Fund**
  - William F. & Ruby M. Kennedy Fund: $10,000

- **Mid Klamath Watershed Council**
  - Grantmakers’ Fund: $8,300
  - Handicapped Persons Assistance Fund: $1,700

- **North Coast Environmental History Resource Recovery & Preservation Fund**
  - Jill Irvine Memorial Fund: $5,000
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- **Northcoast Environmental Center**
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Edward J. Hartley
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John L. & Marian Ledgerwood
  Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,500
Marie Raleigh Memorial Fund . . . . . . $800

Buddy & Angel’s Animal Rescue
Sandra Nancy Corcoran
  Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $500
Edward J. Hartley for Animals . . . . . . $500

Companion Animal Foundation
James C. Davis Memorial Fund . . . . . . $410

Del Norte Humane Society
Amy Kaufmann Memorial Fund . . . . . . $944
North Jety Cats Plus
  Endowment Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $400
R. Baird & Jane Rumiano
  Family Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,000
Wild Rivers
  Community Foundation . . . . . . . . . . $1,964

For All Time Cat Haven
John L. & Marian Ledgerwood
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Andrew & Bertha Pon
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Marie Raleigh Memorial Fund . . . . . . $2,000

Greyhound Adoption League of Texas
Brockhoff Family Fund . . . . . . . . . . $5,000

Hospice of Humboldt
Edward J. Hartley Fund for Animals . . . . $600

Humane Society of Del Norte
Circle of Change
  Expendable Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,500
Edward J. Hartley
  Fund for Animals . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $3,500
Marie Raleigh Memorial Fund . . . . . . $4,000

Humboldt Animal Rescue Team
Marie Raleigh Memorial Fund . . . . . . $1,000
Richard D. (Dick) Spadoni
  Endowment Fund for Dogs . . . . . . . . $2,350

Humboldt Dog Obedience
Frances Angelina & Anton J. Ondracek
  Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1,289

Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network
Charlene Lundblade & Sons Fund . . . . . $800
McAlister Family Fund . . . . . . . . . . $1,090
MikkilMoves Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $100
Marie Raleigh Memorial Fund . . . . . . $4,210
Richard D. (Dick) Spadoni
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Monroe Tobin Family Fund . . . . . . $1,100

Mendocino Spay Neuter Assistance Program
McGraw Fund for the Protection of Small Animals . . . . . $24,000

Miranda’s Rescue
O.H. Bass Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . $325
George Eastman & Hally Pixley Trust . . . . . $1,092

Redwood Pals Rescue
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John L. & Marian Ledgerwood
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Andrew & Bertha Pon
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Robert L. Richards Memorial Fund . . . . . $1,615
Richard D. (Dick) Spadoni
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Sequoia Humane Society
Harry J. & Hazel S. Adorni
  Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2,800
O.H. Bass Memorial Fund . . . . . . . . . $325
Tini Daly Humane Society Fund . . . . . $300
Irene E. Finney Memorial Fund . . . . . $2,620
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Wayne & Florence Vickers
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The Greyhound Alliance
Brockhoff Family Fund . . . . . . . . . . $5,000

Humboldt County Spay & Neuter Programs
Ernest & May Freeman
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Total Humane Animal Care
$266,364

YOUTH & FAMILY

41st District Agricultural Association
Gil H. & Ann Hess Memorial Fund . . . . . $7,000

4-H Program UC Cooperative Extension, Humboldt County
Cooperative Community Fund . . . . . . $730

4-H Trail
Youth Equestrian Fund . . . . . . . . . . $610

Adoption Branch, Department of Social Services for State of California
Jane Irene Mishica Memorial Fund . . . . . $1,402

Arcata Christian School
Fox Family Fund . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $400

Arcata Community Pool
Summer Youth Program Partnership . . . . . $1,500

Arcata High School
Arcata High 50’s Fund . . . . . . . . . . . $1,150
Nelo Dal Porto Memorial Fund . . . . . . $500
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Mr. C Wrestling Fund . . . . . . . . . . . $620

Arcata Little League
Joseph P. Cruz Memorial Fund . . . . . . $750

Arcata Tigers Scholarship Fund
The Estate of Elisabeth Dreittinger . . . . . $2,294

Author Festival
Schulze-Kronenberg Memorial Fund . . . . . $4,200
I had the pleasure of riding along with the Healy Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program last spring. I have always been impressed with this program that delivers healthy food directly to the home of seniors living in rural remote regions of Southern Humboldt. However, what I learned that day showed me that the vital services they provide go well beyond delivery of delicious and nutritious meals.

Each of the seniors we met expressed gratitude for the hot meals they received and also praised the trusted volunteers who regularly came into their homes and visited while delivering their meals. These volunteers are often the only friendly faces they will see all week. This program offers much more than the nourishment the meals provide.

Living longer means many years are spent with the struggles that accompany aging. Two of the seniors we visited were in wheelchairs. The isolation that many seniors experience as they grow older can diminish their quality of life and living in a rural community brings additional challenges for seniors, especially those with disabilities and mobility challenges.

One of the meal recipients was a fellow who had been living on the margins in our community for decades. It warmed my heart to know that these kind and compassionate volunteers were checking in on him and bringing him a week’s worth of frozen meals, and I was glad to know that he was not hungry and alone.

Even the most active among us may experience a decline in our mobility or health and need some assistance. We can all be proud to know that Humboldt Area Foundation has awarded this well-deserved funding to the Healy Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels program to support our aging neighbors so they can live independently and age with dignity.

"...THE VITAL SERVICES THEY PROVIDE GO WELL BEYOND DELIVERY OF DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS."

Kathryn Lobato
Southern Humboldt Community Member & Humboldt Area Foundation Board Member

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PHOTO TOP: Healy Senior Center staff packing meals for delivery.
PHOTO ABOVE: Healy Senior Center Volunteers and Kathryn Lobato delivering meals to seniors’ homes.
SUBMITTED STORY

A WORLD OF BEAUTY, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS IN A RURAL REGION

MY JOURNEY ALONG THE KLAMATH RIVER

Nausea was just below some unknown threshold during the drive to Johnsons, CA. The community rests within the serene Yurok Reservation along the Klamath River, the west turn at junction of Highways 96 and 169 and still 20 miles along a barely one to one and one-half lane road. At one point we waited several minutes for road clearance from – what we thought was – road construction. We were corrected. The Johnsons community was soon to have electricity for the first time.

Rose Sylvia greeted us coastal city folks with a warm smile and welcome. A neighbor found us wandering through the wrong church in search of Rose, she waiting for us just up the hill at the Indian Shaker Church. Rose has a tremendous amount of energy and dedication to help her community realize their vision; rebuild the now dilapidated Shaker Church dining hall to “celebrate life in every form”. She identified the dining hall as a place to help “reunite and reinvigorate the community”, an identified need given the remoteness of the area, lack of community facilities and the tragic losses of several Yurok community members to suicide.

It is the remoteness that also serves as the strength of the community through spirituality and teamwork. In addition to the funding from Humboldt Area Foundation, the Johnsons community will receive work support paid for by numerous tribal and private organizations.

Along the same narrow and windy road we traveled back-and-forth looking for the turn-off to find the Golden Eagle Freestyle Wrestling Team. In spite of our best city-folk navigation senses we weren’t able to find the turn-off. Fortunately, the program thrives in providing an emotional and physical outlet for local youth learning wrestling skills, discipline, and sportsman leadership skills.

Last stop, still along a windy road was Orleans. There we met the good folks of the Mid Klamath Watershed Council. For the past 15 years they have been meeting with the community to learn the hopes, dreams, desires and needs within beautiful Orleans and the surrounding area. They turned an old grocery store into a meeting place, a day care, and kitchen to support a community space for fun, thinking, planning, and community making.

Resilient, committed, perseverant, and beautiful. These are the people of the mid Klamath River region. During our short visit, I learned much about the community and their dedication to their home.

Dorina Espinoza
Humboldt Area Foundation
Resources Group Committee Member
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When I got the call I was receiving the Victor Jacoby Award, I felt as if I were floating on air. It is not an exaggeration to say that my world changed in that moment. Thankfully, I am more grounded as the year has progressed but the thrill has not worn off.

Through my ceramic pieces I enjoy sharing narratives that compel me and ideas that resonate as well as mystify me. Before receiving the Victor Jacoby Award, I was needing to make work to sell so I could afford to make more work and pay to have it fired. The push to sell was not always healthy for me given significant physical limitations that have forced me to pare back my life. One of the main changes this Award has made is that I can now afford to approach my work on a much deeper, more satisfying level at a pace that is right for me. The Victor Jacoby Award has allowed me to slow down, follow my curiosity, find inspiration and play.

The project I envisioned when I applied for the grant has blossomed into a much longer exploration than I had expected. It has allowed me to befriend an odd new group of people — artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries who were ground breakers of their time. I am delving into their lives and communing with them and their art. These people were largely unknown to me — some are unknown to most folks. It has led me to discover fierce individuals who were compelled to make art that reflected their beliefs and lives which weren’t broadly accepted by society at the time. I have frolicked in bookstores, looking for my people, uncovering treasures. I have found them in galleries and museums, making my heart sing. I have spent days on the Internet, like a detective letting one thread lead to another, furiously writing notes and planning future pieces of my own in communion with these new friends. In short, I am alive with inspiration every day. I then take that inspiration and meld it with my ceramics. It is my belief that the time spent with these innovative people will profoundly inform my art and the way I experience the world long after this project is finished.

The concrete gifts this Award has given me are the tools to create and fire my work at my own speed in a home studio that is adapted to my needs. It forces me to take complete responsibility for the work from beginning to end. My new electric kiln (named Victor) is a tool that brings with it a learning curve to be sure. Every piece I make is a test piece — test bottles, test cups, test teapots — new glazes, firing, clay. The learning is endless. The process is much slower than I had imagined. Instead of letting it overwhelm me, I am letting Victor Jacoby lead the way — letting the process be as fun and exciting as the end result. Victor is one of the artists who inspires me, and I am so grateful for his and Rosalind Novick’s generosity. Thank you to the panel of folks who chose me for this award. Your support and recognition has given me a new found confidence that feeds my heart and my work.

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Partnering with the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, Humboldt Baykeeper provides kayaks, wetsuits, lifejackets, paddling lessons, and safety training by certified guides. Motorboat tours are led by trained docents in partnership with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District. Bay tours for teens are coordinated with the City of Eureka Parks and Recreation Department. Humboldt Baykeeper also leads boat-based trash cleanups with the Wiyot Tribe, and hosts school groups aboard the Madaket, the historic ferryboat owned and operated by the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum. Coastal Trail tours are led along the Hikshari’ Trail in Eureka in conjunction with Elk River kayak tours.
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This June, Humboldt Area Foundation was selected as one of the honorees in California as an exceptional nonprofit organization, and we were awarded a plaque by Assembly Member Jim Wood. HAF Executive Director, Patrick Cleary attended California Nonprofits Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

“Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California, but too often nonprofits are hidden in plain sight. The Humboldt Area Foundation has been a tremendous force for good in Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte Counties for over 40 years, I am proud to call them one of ours.”

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Assemblyman Jim Wood and Humboldt Area Foundation Executive Director, Patrick Cleary
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BY THE NUMBERS

$1,916,648

2015 – 2016
1.9%

LAST 3 YEARS
6.1%

INVESTMENT RETURNS

GRANT INCOME

14%

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENSE

HAF audited financial statements and tax returns are available on our website at hafoundation.org or by request.
$104,399,419  TOTAL ASSETS

$14,829,303  AGENCY FUNDS HELD ON BEHALF OF NONPROFITS

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11% INCREASE IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED

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