

Greatest Needs Fund

Flexible Funding to Meet Emerging Needs



Children at Pajaro Valley Shelter Services' transitional housing—an organization supported by the Greatest Needs Fund—enjoy playtime while their parents participate in a financial literacy workshop.

Join us in making an immediate impact on our community's most pressing challenges.

Our Greatest Needs Fund gives community members a simple, powerful way to support urgent needs as they arise—quickly and effectively.

Thanks to local generosity, grants we're making to address emergent issues in health and human services, economic and community development, education, the arts, and the environment.

Your gift to the Greatest Needs Fund allows us to respond rapidly and strategically, getting resources to trusted nonprofit partners who are doing the most good—right now.





Give Where It's Needed Most



Flexible funding is invaluable for an organization like ours. It allows us to adapt to the community's needs as they arise—like during the pandemic and, the Pajaro flood."

– Ashley Bridges, Executive Director, Pajaro Valley Loaves & Fishes, Greatest Needs Fund grantee



How fortunate that Community Foundation Santa Cruz County focuses on ensuring that our community thrives today and in the future. And, I am grateful for the Greatest Need Fund, to support and connect to the local solutions urgently needed right now."

— Martina O'Sullivan, Greatest Needs Fund Donor



The Community Foundation is a proven organization with an excellent reputation. It has years of expertise in grantmaking that has already identified the most pressing needs of the moment. I appreciate the focus on issues of equity, education, healthcare, and housing."

- Kathleen Condon, Greatest Needs Fund Donor