

A Gift That Keeps On Giving

Endowed Funds with Community Foundation Santa Cruz County

At the Community Foundation, we're here to help you put your generosity to work. If you want to make a lasting impact for generations to come, the Foundation offers endowments to support many causes.

What is an endowment?

An endowment is a fund invested to grow over time while continually generating earnings to support charitable causes. The Community Foundation invests the fund in long-term investment portfolios and grants a portion of the generated earnings annually. The original gift is preserved, ensuring a permanent source of funding for the community. It's designed to exist forever—a gift that keeps on giving.

Foundation Forever Endowment

Ensures the ongoing legacy of the work of the Foundation in bringing people together to tackle community problems that are too big to solve alone

Santa Cruz County Endowment

Serves our county's most critical needs as they emerge—in perpetuity—encompassing a broad range of areas, such as health and human services, economic and community development, education, the arts, and the environment

Santa Cruz County Scholarship Endowment

Supports the higher education dreams of students throughout Santa Cruz County through financial scholarships for college and skilled trades training programs

Animal Welfare Fund

Fosters the welfare of domestic animals and wildlife

The Community Development Fund

Promotes civic participation, improves economic health, and facilitates leadership development in our community

Disaster Response Support Endowment

Invests perpetual resources to allow the Foundation to respond immediately in the wake of a natural disaster, ensuring resources do not dwindle after the immediate crisis fades

Diversity Partnership Fund

Strengthens alliances, promotes respect, and enhances services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) community in Santa Cruz County, all vital to creating a more welcoming and diverse county

Fund for Arts, History & Culture

Supports our community's vibrant artistic and cultural life

Fund for Education & Youth

Promotes academic achievement and positive youth development beyond the school setting

Fund for the Great Outdoors

Supports access to nature and the protections of our special environment; ensures children participate in environmental education

Fund for Human Services

Helps families, children, the unhoused, and seniors alike in obtaining basic services and access to care; promotes self-reliance and wellbeing

Fund for Women and Girls

Provides resources to nonprofits that support girls in education, their wellbeing, and their opportunities to form a positive self-image

Historic Preservation Fund

Preserves history and supports programs that educate about the diverse history of our community

Rise Forever Endowment

Creates opportunities for upward economic mobility; celebrates, preserves, and perpetuates stories and culture; promotes anti-racist policy, and delivers essential services to allow for improved wellbeing and prosperity

Santa Cruz County Climate Action Endowment

Ensures perpetual support to a wide range of climate-related concerns and climate-change-affected areas of our community

Shoebox for Kids Fund

Supports a broad range of services for children, particularly enrichment activities for those in low-income communities

Community Investment Revolving Fund

Another tool for accelerating ongoing positive social outcomes in Santa Cruz County is our Community Investment Revolving Fund, designed to provide capital investment in social impact projects such as housing and economic development, making Santa Cruz County a better, more equitable place to live. As this capital gets deployed to address social issues affecting our community, the interest payments from these loans and the eventual repayment “revolve” into new loans, thereby creating a perpetual source of capital.

Explore your giving options.

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