Friends of the Foundation Fund

Support the work behind the impact.

Your gift to the Friends of the Foundation Fund supports the work we do every day, side-by-side with local donors and nonprofits to tackle the most important challenges Santa Cruz County faces.

What we do:



Philanthropic Advising

- Strategic giving methods personalized for donors
- Trusted knowledge of local nonprofits to advise giving



Support for Local Nonprofits

 Invest in, and partner with, nonprofits through grantmaking, loans, capacity building, and more



Community Leadership

 Convene conversations on urgent community needs to inspire collective action



Create Lasting Impact

 Build endowments to provide permanent resources for our community

The actions we take:

- Give and rally timely flexible resources
- Generate wise and durable solutions to our community's most pressing problems
- Respond to crises together

By supporting your Community Foundation, you are a part of building a stronger, more resilient, and interconnected Santa Cruz County—a place where all people can thrive, now and in the future.





Be a Friend. Fuel the Work.





"There is no one else in Santa Cruz County that does what the Foundation does—caring for our community today while ensuring we can care for it in the future."

 Gayle Ortiz, donor, with teens from Salud y Monarca, a Live Oak based girls empowerment program

"I'm proud to be a part of 'OUR' Community Foundation, which listens, acts, and advocates for local nonprofits. You're a model for how philanthropy can be a truly responsive and collaborative partner."

 Jacob Martinez, Founder and CEO of Digital NEST