



Keeping the Trust, Making a Difference

1999-2009

*Ten years of community grantmaking
Serving all the communities of Ventura County*

President's Letter

Community grants address changing needs



Ten years ago, the Ventura County Community Foundation began a concerted effort to raise funds locally to deal with local issues, both to establish a source of sustainable funding through endowed funds at VCCF and to solicit ongoing contributions from local donors.

A decade later, we proudly share the results. More than \$3.2 million in grants have been made to local nonprofits in a wide array of areas – a record that reflects one way we fulfill our mission to improve the community.

Almost one-third of these funds were contributed by funding partners outside Ventura County, leveraging the impact of donor-fund contributions and endowments managed at VCCF. We are very grateful for their willingness to partner with VCCF, and to help address these community priorities.

An indispensable partner to philanthropy in its region, a community foundation is both a repository of charitable funds and a partner dedicated to preserving each

donor's wishes. In the funds entrusted to its care, and in the funds it seeks to address community priorities, the foundation can focus on the highest priorities in the community and, over time, adjust its grantmaking as those priorities evolve.

At its core, a community foundation rests on trust – trust of donors that their wishes are protected, trust of nonprofits and individuals that funds invested on their behalf are managed wisely for the long term, trust of the community that charitable capital for Ventura County is harnessed effectively, thoughtfully, strategically – and for the common good.

We are proud to share in this report the record of the last decade of community grants, many from funds contributed to VCCF to focus on a need, an issue or an opportunity. We look forward to more decades of this good work on behalf of the people of Ventura County.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh J. Ralston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hugh J. Ralston
President & CEO

To promote and enable philanthropy to improve the community for good for ever

— VCCF Mission Statement

Community Grantmaking 1999-2009: Summary by priorities

VCCF's community grantmaking has exceeded \$3.2 million over the past decade, with grants to over 170 local organizations — a tremendous investment in the work of local nonprofits who address a wide variety of issues and needs in Ventura County.

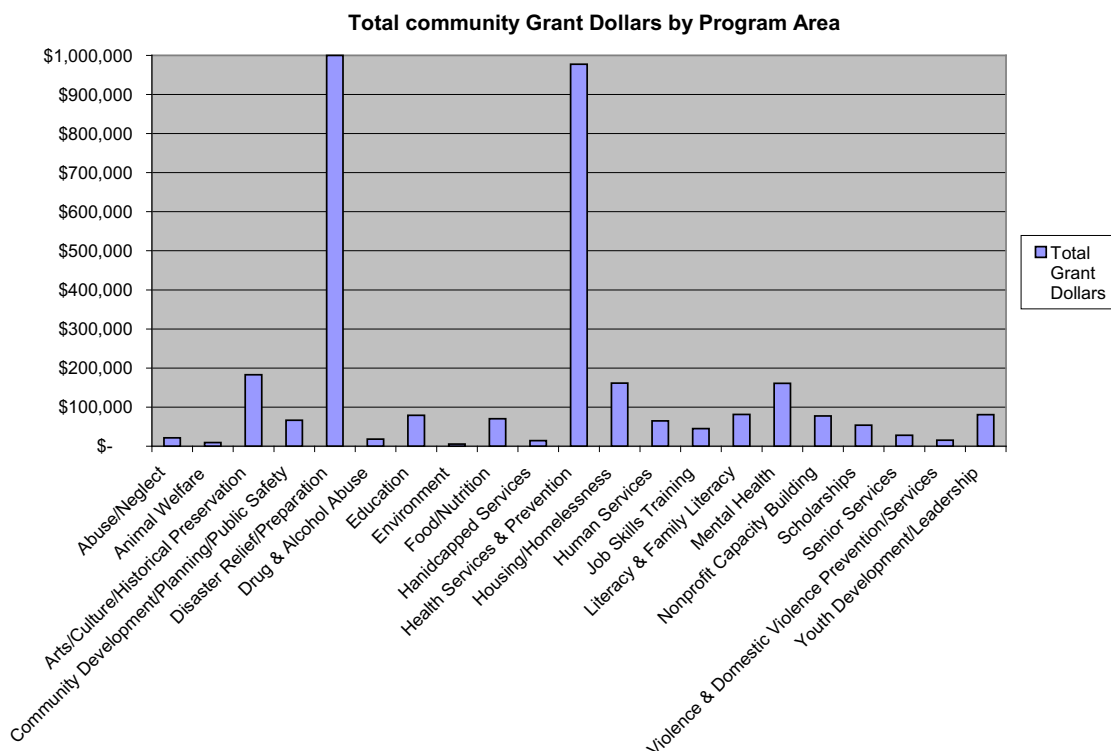
The top five program areas

(In terms of the largest amount of funding)

- Disaster Preparedness & Relief
- Health Services & Prevention Programs
- Arts, Culture & Historical Preservation
- Housing & Homelessness Programs
- Mental Health Services

VCCF Funds that address community needs include:

- The Community Response Fund
- The Special & Urgent Needs (SUN) Fund
- The Mental Health Initiative
- The Community Disaster Fund, and other disaster-preparedness grantmaking
- The Community Health Partnership (2001-2004)



Community Grantmaking Dollar amount by year

2008	\$ 168,986
2007	1,047,607
2006	232,976
2005	321,281
2004	129,900
2003	212,379
2002	311,992
2001	290,266
2000	198,115
1999	297,838
Total	\$3,212,841

Addressing a host of community needs

With the expansion of resources dedicated to community grantmaking and contributions from funding partners, VCCF's community grantmaking has addressed multiple community needs. A significant spike in 2007 reflects the contributions from the Freeze Fund to address the impact of the January 2007 freeze on local agricultural workers.

VCCF is grateful for the support of its community grantmaking from all its contributors, some of whom have designated particular areas of interest and/or support. The above chart highlights certain categories that have enjoyed support from funds established at VCCF, or where ongoing endowment distributions have been expanded and/or extended by additional contributions.

Wide Array of Support for Community Grantmaking

Funding has been provided to a wide variety of organizations working on community priorities from the arts to homelessness to violence prevention. The

following chart provides additional details on program areas for the past 10 years with the sources of funding highlighted.

Program Area	Total Grant Dollars	Primary Support
Environment	\$ 5,255	SUN Fund
Animal Welfare	\$ 9,500	SUN Fund
Handicapped Services	\$ 14,500	SUN Fund
Violence & Domestic Violence Prevention/Services	\$ 15,370	SUN/CRF
Drug & Alcohol Abuse	\$ 18,061	SUN Fund
Abuse & Neglect	\$ 21,328	SUN Fund
Senior Services	\$ 28,000	SUN Irvine
Job Skills Training	\$ 44,996	SUN, Irvine, CRF
Scholarships	\$ 53,579	Cty Arts, Haas
Human Services	\$ 64,556	SUN, CRF, TCE, Roy
Community Development/Planning/Public Safety	\$ 66,550	SUN Fund, CRF
Food & Nutrition	\$ 70,474	SUN Fund, Haas, CRF
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$ 77,620	Haas, CRF
Education	\$ 78,863	SUN, Haas, CRF
Youth Development & Leadership	\$ 80,958	CRF, Haas, Irvine
Literacy & Family Literacy	\$ 81,379	Haas, CRF
Mental Health	\$ 160,730	CRF MHI
Housing & Homelessness	\$ 161,180	CRF, SUN, Haas, Irvine
Arts, Culture & Historical Preservation	\$ 182,820	SUN, CRF, Arts Funds
Health Services & Prevention	\$ 977,295	SUN, Roy, Daily/Livingston, TCE, Irvine
Disaster Relief & Preparation	\$ 999,827	SUN, Disaster, Freeze Fund
TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING	\$ 3,212,841	



Photo by Tina Knight for VCCF

VCCF grantmaking has helped community organizations hold events to educate the public on how to prepare for natural disasters.

Supported by funding partners near and far

Some grantmaking has been supported exclusively by the Special & Urgent Needs (SUN) Fund, which was established by VCCF to provide grants to nonprofits facing an emergency or a special and/or urgent need. Funded originally by donations directly to the SUN Fund, contributions have been allocated to the SUN Fund from unrestricted grantmaking sources since 2007 on an annual basis.

Contributions from other funding partners have been significant over the years, joining local donors to make a difference in specific issue areas. We are very grateful for these contributions, as each gift increases the charitable funds available to serve the needs of Ventura County.

We want to make particular note of several significant investments over the past decade, particularly since \$350,000 was donated by outside funders to the community grantmaking program, and an additional \$650,000 was donated to the Freeze Fund by foundation partners from around the state. These generous partners include:

- **The James Irvine Foundation**, for its pioneering support of VCCF through the *Community Foundations Initiative*;
- **The California Endowment**, for the *Community Health Partnership* regranting funds;
- Donors to the Freeze Fund, including local individuals, companies and regional and statewide foundations, including the **James Irvine Foundation**, **Rosenberg Foundation**, **California Community Foundation**, **Weingart Foundation**, **The California Endowment**, **The California Wellness Foundation**, **Evelyn & Walter Haas Jr. Foundation**, **Walter & Elise Haas Foundation** and the **Packard Foundation**.

- **Haas Automation Foundation** to seed and grow the SUN Fund and VCCF's scholarship program.

Significant regranting resources have been dedicated by **The California Endowment**, through the *Focus Funders Program*, to expand the grantmaking by Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund in areas of access to health care by local Latinos, training and expansion of capacity for local health organizations serving the Latino community and an expansion of capacity for Destino itself.

A significant investment by **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** in the *Partners In Nursing's Future*, a collaboration with CSU Channel Islands, to develop strategies to improve the practice and delivery of nursing care to Ventura County, which will likely result in sizable grants around the issues of diversity in nursing, beginning in FY 2010.

And participation with the **James Irvine Foundation's** *Communities Advancing the Arts* initiative, ArtsLIVE in Ventura County, will result in \$240,000 of grants being distributed to local arts organizations and artists, beginning in 2009. This new initiative — which began in FY 2008 with the release of a research report on the scope of the arts in Ventura County — is designed to expand public and private support for the arts in Ventura County, with an emphasis on art produced by, and for, youth, seniors and traditionally underrepresented populations.

For more information on these significant initiatives, and other VCCF grantmaking, please visit www.vccf.org.

FOCUS: THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

The Community Response Fund was established in 1998 to provide capacity building for local nonprofit organizations and to fund important community priorities that are not addressed in other VCCF competitive grantmaking. Funded by distributions from a dedicated endowment, and contributions from other unrestricted grantmaking funds established at VCCF, the Community Response Fund represents the core of VCCF's community grantmaking. Its annual grantmaking budget is often supplemented by other VCCF funds, including distributions from VCCF Donor Advised Funds and contributions from local and community leaders, foundations and companies.

A true cornerstone of VCCF's mission to improve the community, these grants represent an investment in both Ventura County and VCCF's capacity to engage donors and the wider community in charitable solutions to our changing needs.

VCCF's Program & Grants Committee reviews proposals from staff on a regular basis to determine priority needs. The source of these proposals is wide and varied: research and materials highlighting particular needs, donor-expressed

interest and intent around particular community needs, VCCF board input and community input as to priorities. VCCF's president has conducted two rounds of countywide community meetings (*First Fridays* in 2004-2005 and *Open Wednesdays* in 2007-2008) with discussions in each of the County's 10 cities, to gather input and suggestions as to where VCCF might concentrate its community grantmaking, or seek partners to distribute charitable capital.

The Program & Grants Committee puts new initiatives through a rigorous process, which includes reviewing the core objectives and goals, possible collaborative partners, exit strategies, impact on staff time and attention as well as the potential for leveraging additional support from local and regional players. Opportunity costs and evaluation criteria are also examined, as are the impact on other VCCF mission programs and initiatives. The final determination is subject to approval by the VCCF Board of Directors.

In addition to corporate and individual donations, the following VCCF Funds have contributed to the Community Response Fund and other community grantmaking over the past 10 years:

Unrestricted funds

Virginia Faria Baptiste/Faria Family Fund
Ben E. and Joan H. Nordman Fund
Cornerstone Community Needs Response Fund
Gladys Daily Coffman Fund
Bernice Daily Gastl Fund
Bert M. and Mildred O. Dahl Fund
Nellie Daily Fund
VCCF Founders' Fund
Haas Automation Charitable Fund
Dominick & Bridget McGrath Fund
A.A. & Jeanne W. Milligan Fund
Smith-Hobson Foundation CNR Fund

Field of Interest Funds & Their Focus

Community & Folk Arts Endowment Fund- *Arts*
E. Wright Daily Fund- *Health Services*
Ruth Daily Livingston Fund- *Health*
Robert Calder Davis, Jr. Arts Fund- *Arts*
Armand and Gabrielle Dupuis Fund-
(50% Youth, 50% Disadvantaged; e.g. homeless & battered women)
The Irene Morris Endowment Fund-
(Alcohol & Drug Recovery, Abused Women
& Children, Mental Health, Assistance to the Blind)
Douglas Roy III We Care Trust Fund-
(Treatment & Support for Burn Victims
& Their Families, Burn Prevention)

Issues addressed by the Community Response Fund

As noted below in the chart, the Community Response Fund has provided VCCF with the tools to focus on a number of issues, both practical solutions to help the nonprofit sector

and particular issues of community need where assistance to local nonprofits can make a substantive difference in service delivery and sustainability.

1999-2000	Strategic Planning Institute
2001-2003	Capacity building and service delivery
2004	Endowment building support
2005	Start-up and transitional funding for local nonprofits Senior nutrition transition from county to cities/operational support Local county wide convening/conference support
2006-2008	Disaster preparation for vulnerable populations Mental Health Initiative Start-up and transitional funding for local nonprofits Countywide conference support grants
2008	(in addition to the above priorities) Seeded the Community Disaster Fund for future grant distributions Homeless transition support, working with Human Services Agency Strengthening local arts organizations with grants through ArtsLIVE in Ventura County Provided funds to Special & Urgent Needs Fund for regranting

Beyond 2008, Community Response Fund priorities include:

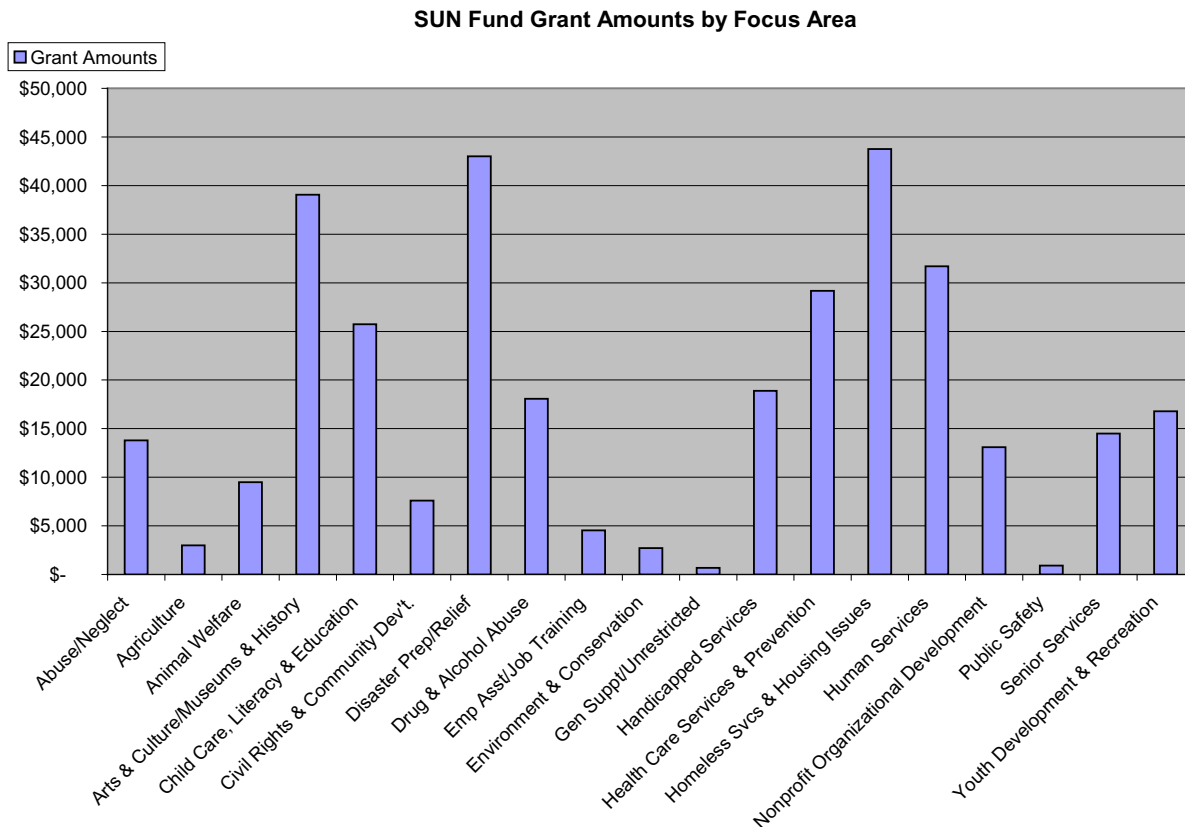
- Support for the arts initiative grantmaking
- Setting aside funds for regranting to strengthen the pipeline of nurses in Ventura County (along with recommendations from the *Partners in Nursing's Future* initiative)
- Additional support for the SUN Fund grants
- Providing additional support for the *Scholarship Fund for Ventura County* and the recently launched *Emerging Artists Scholarship Fund*
- Additional support for a proposed homeless transition fund, to be launched in late FY 09
- Operating support for the *Ventura County Civic Alliance*, with a focus on community research and building civic engagement on issues of sustainable development and workforce education strategies.

For a listing of grants from the Community Response Fund, visit www.vccf.org, and look for report on community grantmaking.

FOCUS: SPECIAL AND URGENT NEEDS.

The SUN Fund was established in 1999 to meet emergency needs of local nonprofit organizations or to allow them to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities. Funding focuses on projects that were not anticipated and for which there are no other funding sources available. During the past

10 years, the SUN Fund has awarded a total of \$342,434.31 to over 100 different local nonprofits. A full listing of SUN Fund grants is available on request. The following chart lists grant totals by focus area of the organization for all SUN Fund grantees.



A sampling of nonprofits helped by the SUN Fund

- \$3,750 to **Turning Point Foundation** to replace the heater at the **Our Place Shelter** in Ventura and to perform work needed to bring the installation up to code.
- \$4,852 to provide structural pest control fumigation to eliminate termites and fungus/dry rot at the **Safe Journey Transitional Shelter** and to perform repairs needed due to termite damage.
- \$4,000 to **Santa Paula Theater Center** to replace an outdated lighting dimmer and control panels that presented a fire hazard to the theater.
- \$5,000 to **Boys & Girls Club of Ventura** to repair plumbing damage, sewer pipes, carpet and tile at the **Robert Addison Center**.
- \$3,000 to **Teen Challenge of Southern California** to repair flood damage at the **Ventura County Women's Residential Facility**.
- \$2,198.63 to **Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association** to purchase a special needs car seat for pediatric clients.

FY 1999-2009 Community Grants by Category

Highlighted Fund Support (in \$)

2001 September 11th Fund	3,620	
2003 Wildfire Victims	4,610	
2005 La Conchita Mudslides & Flooding	77,846	
2005 Katrina Relief	18,645	
2007 Crop Freeze/Freeze Fund	763,070	
Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations	79,680	
World Disaster Fund	18,796	
Disaster Support		966,267
Community Health Partnership	453,542	
Roy Fund - Burn Victims	228,323	
VC Aids Partnership Daily/Livingston	39,483	
Mental Health Initiative	148,730	
Health & Human Services		870,128
Davis Fund	15,598	
Baptiste	75,000	
Community & Folk Arts	12,860	
Arts Support		103,458
Dupuis Fund/Haas Funds	51,055	
Scholarships		51,055
Community Response Fund	413,203	
Irvine Community Needs Fund	121,000	
SUN Fund	342,434	
Haas Fund	314,854	
General Nonprofit Support		1,191,491
County Wide Conference Support	7,300	

FOCUS: THE FREEZE FUND 2007-08

By far the largest of VCCF's disaster-relief programs was our response to the 2007 crop freeze. Ventura County, along with several other counties in California, was hit by a severe four-day freeze in January of 2007, which caused more than \$280 million in local crop loss and resulted in unemployment for several thousand local farm workers.

Ventura County's farm worker population struggles at, or below, the poverty level, often living paycheck to paycheck. The large scale freeze and severe nature of the crop damage caused long-term unemployment that put these vulnerable farm workers further at risk of food insecurity and eviction, with few alternatives to make up lost income. Given the magnitude and immediacy of the need for local families, nonprofits with case management and rental assistance programs stepped up to provide much needed assistance to farm workers during this crisis.

Assisted by CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy), the **Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF)** and the **United Way of Ventura County (UWVC)** convened a Freeze Advisory Committee to respond to the disaster. UWVC and VCCF each contributed \$20,000 (for a total of \$40,000) to seed the *Community Disaster-Freeze Fund* to support grants to nonprofit agencies providing direct relief to farm workers and their families. The first grants were distributed within the first week. Over the next several months, local businesses, community members and statewide foundation funders contributed additional funding, for a total of \$763,070. This allowed the Freeze Fund to provide rental, utility and food assistance to unemployed and underemployed farm workers throughout 2007, serving close to 2,000 farmworkers/families with rent, utility and/or grocery store gift cards and providing food directly to over 13,000 households.

Special Award For Community Collaboration



The Freeze Advisory Committee received the Gold Award from the California Emergency Services Association in recognition of the high level of partnership, inclusion of farm worker advocacy groups and consensus model used to make funding decisions. A special thanks to all who served on the Freeze Advisory Committee.

The Role of VCCF Field of Interest Funds

In addition to VCCF's Community Grantmaking funds, the foundation also has expanded its focus to specific areas of interest to donors, who have established funds to address issues in our communities that include the needs of women

and girls, the Latino population, safe, affordable and decent housing for the region's agricultural employees and the importance of preserving and protecting the county's history and heritage.

Unrestricted Grantmaking	\$3,212,840
VCCF Field of Interest	\$1,676,880
Destino: Hispanic Legacy	695,633
Fund for Farmworker Housing	228,500
Women's Legacy Fund	688,233
Heritage Fund	64,514
Total Unrestricted & Field of Interest	\$4,910,720

The chart below compares how grantmaking for 1999-2008 from these four field of interest funds at VCCF have addressed local issues similar to those addressed by VCCF's community grantmaking.

Comparison by Issue	VCCF FOI	Community Grantmaking
Abuse/Neglect	\$142,465	\$54,759
Adult Education/Vocational Training	\$10,000	
Arts & Culture	\$8,950	\$182,820
Civil Rights	\$2,000	
Comm./Neighborhood Development	\$16,500	\$158,925
Community Colleges & Universities	\$44,881	
Employment Assistance/Job Training	\$198,764	\$44,996
Financial Literacy	\$28,745	
Health Care Services & Prevention	\$286,120	\$977,295
Historical Preservation/Museums	\$64,514	
Homeless Services	\$28,000	\$161,180
Housing	\$260,300	
Human Services	\$126,381	\$177,530
Leadership Development	\$54,950	\$80,958
Literacy & Libraries	\$36,117	\$81,379
Mental Health	\$32,880	\$160,730
Outside Scholarship Program Support	\$13,000	\$53,579
Primary & Secondary Education	\$44,244	\$78,863
Science/Technology	\$7,000	
Self-esteem/Employment	\$52,600	
Transportation Services	\$5,000	
Youth Development	\$213,469	
Disaster & Relief		\$999,827
Total FOI Grants	\$1,676,880	\$3,212,841

Generous contributions to these four FOI funds from funding partners included \$553,385 from the **James Irvine Foundation**, the **California Endowment**, **Edison International/Southern California Edison**, **Kaiser Healthcare Foun-**

ation, **Pacific Health Care Foundation**, the **Scripps Howard Foundation**, **Washington Mutual** and **Verizon**. These additional funds provided leverage for VCCF endowment funds and local contributions to this important work.

FOCUS: MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE (2006-2008)

Developed in 2006, the Mental Health Initiative was established to respond to the needs of the community and increase awareness of mental-health issues, leverage field of interest grant funds to generate a positive impact in the area of mental health through private philanthropy, strengthen nonprofit organizations serving individuals with mental- health disabilities through effective grant making, encourage partnerships

and establish a vehicle for planned giving options for families with mental illness.

\$148,730 was distributed over the course of the initiative. Funds contributing to the Mental Health Initiative include: The **Irene Morris Endowment Fund**, **Ruth Daily Livingston Fund**, **E. Wright Daily Fund**, the **Ben E. and Joan H. Nordman Fund**, and other corporate and individual donations.

Results

One outcome of the initiative was the successful development of a curriculum for paraprofessional mental health training; students are now enrolled at Ventura College, expanding the capacity of the county to help its own mentally ill.

FOCUS: COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (2001-2004)

The Community Health Partnership was developed in 2001 with the assistance of a grant from The California Endowment. This grant allowed VCCF to create a community grantmaking program focusing on health services and prevention programs. Over the four years of the CHP program, a total of \$453,542 was awarded to 26 different agencies.

Examples of CHP grants include:

- \$8,770 to **Catholic Charities** to continue the *Healthy Smiles Program*. Grants paid for dental screening of 700 and referral of 55 first graders to receive dental care subsidies. The continuation grant provided direct dental coverage for those students who did not qualify for other forms of dental coverage.
- \$15,000 to **City Impact Inc.** for its Student Assistance/Leadership support groups, which serve extremely high-risk youth. These groups provided counseling with both counselors and law enforcement officials to address issues such as forming positive relationships, achieving good grades, coping with anger, fear and depression, taking personal responsibility, setting goals, decision making skills, home life, values, loneliness and change-making.
- \$24,861 to **Kids and Families Together** to identify full-time relative caregivers (most often grandparents) within the county and to educate and connect them to health and human service resources available for the children (i.e. medical, dental, mental health, nutrition services).

Credit Where It's Due

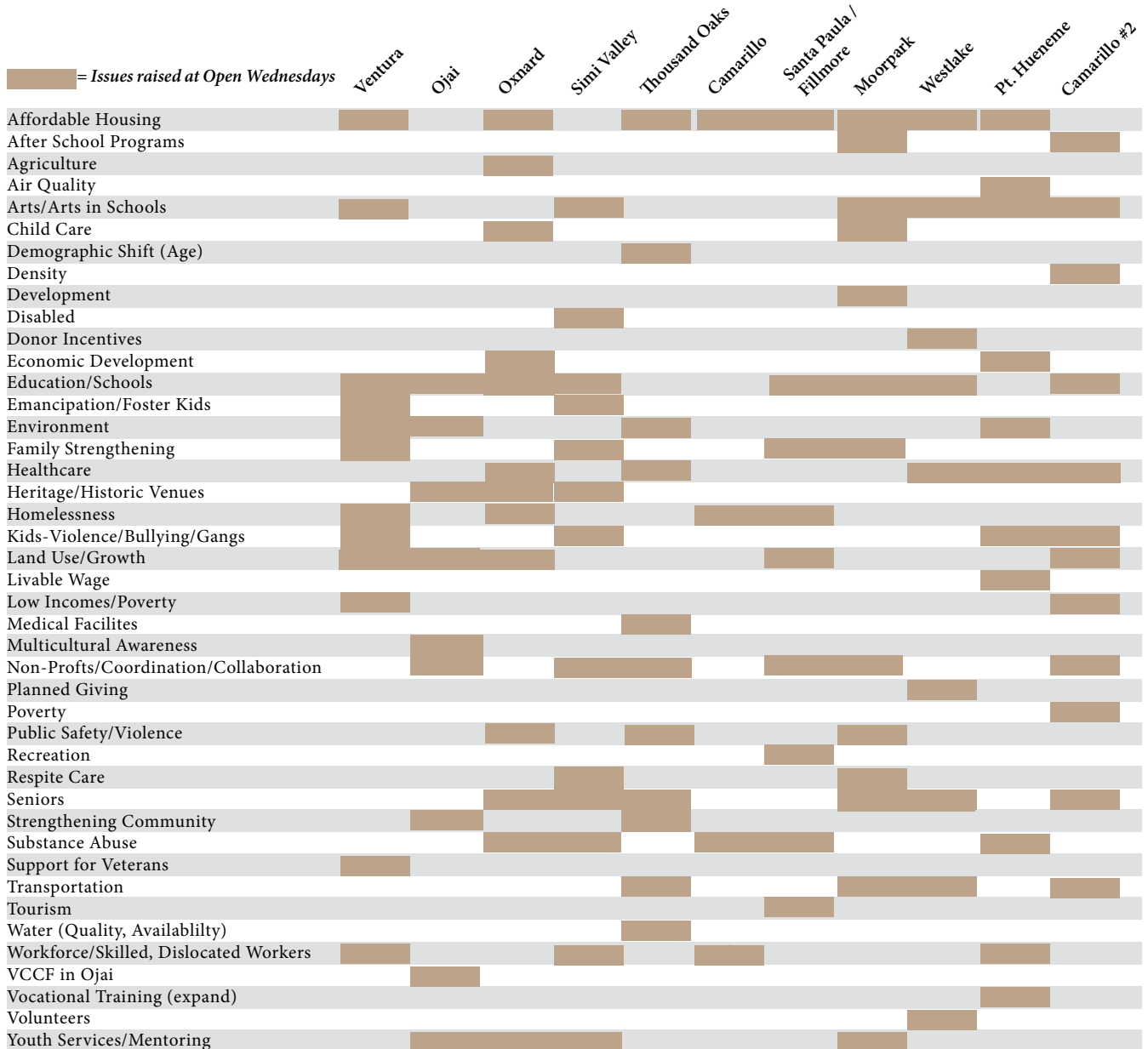
The following VCCF funds contributed to the Community Health Partnership Initiative: Ruth Daily Livingston Fund, E. Wright Daily Fund, The Irene Morris Endowment Fund, Haas Automation Charitable Fund and the Doug Roy III We Care Trust Fund.

Community Priorities — The next cycle?

Beginning in 2004, and repeated in 2007-08, VCCF conducted a series of open community meetings in each of the 10 cities in the county, soliciting from donors, nonprofit staff and board and community leaders what the priorities of need were in our communities, a barometer that would help guide VCCF's community grantmaking in the years to come. A wide variety of comments helped us appreciate the breadth of change sweeping through our region, and the important work that community organizations and local nonprofits are tasked to address year in and year out. Below is a summary of the issues identified at the most recent *Open Wednesday* meetings, organized by city.

After our series, several things were clear: communities are concerned about many issues that relate to their neighbors, and many appreciate that some issues cross the municipal boundaries. Of particular note, some issues had traction throughout the county, many of them reflecting how best to address the challenges arising from our fast moving pace, from changes in our neighborhoods and from those who are being left aside or behind in these troubled times.

VCCF will continue to digest the input from our donors, our colleagues in the nonprofit sector, our community leaders and our neighbors, as we harness the power of Ventura County philanthropy to improve our community for good for ever.



Community Partners : VCCF Community Grantmaking

The following nonprofits received community Grants from VCCF (1998-2009)

AG Innovations Network
Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation
Alma Via of Camarillo
ALS Association - Greater Los Angeles Chapter
Alzheimers Association California Central Coast Chapter, Inc.
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross of Ventura County
ARC Ventura County
Area Housing Authority
Arts for Action
Assistance League of Ventura County
Association of Fundraising Professionals
Barbareno Chumash Council
Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Ventura County
Blanchard Community Library
Boy Scouts of America, Ventura County Council
Boys & Girls Club of Conejo & Las Virgenes
Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark
Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley
Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley
Boys & Girls Club of Ventura
Buenaventura Art Assoc.
Cabrillo Economic Development Corp.
California Coastal Horse Rescue
California Lutheran University
California State University Channel Islands
California Youth Authority
Camarillo Arts Center
CAREGIVERS
Carnegie Art Museum Cornerstones
Casa Latina, V.C.H.C.
Casa Pacifica
Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities Regional
CAUSE
Channel Islands YMCA-Ventura Family Branch
Chapel Lane Housing, Inc
Child Development Resources
Children's Burn Foundation
Children's Services Auxiliary
Circle of Care Foundation
City Impact
City of Oxnard
City of Santa Paula
City of Ventura
Clinicas del Camino Real
Coalition to End Family Violence
Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters (CARD)
Community Access Partners of San Buenaventura (CAPS-TV)
Community Action of Ventura County, Inc.
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
Conejo Creek Homeowners Assoc. Resource Center
Conejo Free Clinic
Conejo Valley Senior Concerns
County of Ventura Human Services Agency
De Colores Art Group
Direct Relief International
Earnest Lawrence Trauma Center of LAISPS
Easter Seals California Tri-Counties
EDC-VC
El Centrito Family Learning Centers
El Concilio del Condado de Ventura
Fillmore Senior Center
Focus On the Masters
FOOD Share, Inc.
Foundation for the Mid-South
Friends of the Ray D. Prueter Library, Port Hueneme
Future Leaders of America
Goodwill Industries
Grossman Burn Center
Gull Wings Children's Museum
Harrington Family Centers
Help of Ojai
Historical Society of Southern California
Independent Sector
Interface Children Family Services
International Community Foundation
Juanamaria Parent Teacher Association
K-9 Foundation
KCLU
Khepera Recovery House
Kids & Families Together
Kids to Kids
La Conchita Community Organization
Las Islas Medical Group
LEARN (Life Enhancement & Addiction Recovery)
Lighthouse Women & Children's Mission
Lincoln Elementary School
Livingston Memorial, VNA
Loma Vista School

Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.
 Lutheran Social Services of Southern California/VC Area
 Many Mansions
 Matilija Environmental Science Area Society (MESAS)
 Miracle House, Inc.
 Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project, (MICOP)
 Moorpark Active Adult Center
 Moorpark College
 Moorpark College Foundation
 Moorpark Woman's Fortnightly Club
 Moss Beach Homes, Inc.
 Museum of Ventura County
 NAMI Ventura County
 New West Symphony Association
 Ojai Music Festival
 Ojai Valley Birth Resource Family Center
 Ojai Valley Family Shelter
 Operation W.O.R.K.
 ORCA
 Oxnard Elementary School District Foundation
 Oxnard Police Department
 Partnership for Safe Families & Communities
 Performance Theater for Young Artists
 Performances to Grow On
 Planned Giving Council of Ventura County
 Poinsettia Pavilion (Ventura Women's Center, A Trust)
 Project Understanding at San Buenaventura
 Promotoras y Promotores Foundation
 Prototypes Centers
 RAIN Communities, Inc.
 Rebuild Ventura County
 Rescue Mission Alliance
 Rio School District - Special Populations Educational Support
 Salvation Army-Oxnard
 Salvation Army-Simi Valley
 Salvation Army-Ventura
 Samaritan Center - Simi Valley
 Santa Clara Valley Hospice
 Santa Paula Elementary School District
 Santa Paula Rotary Club
 Santa Paula Theater Center
 SBVC Dental Care Foundation
 Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation
 Simi Valley Hospital
 Smart Start Child Development Centers
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles, Inc.
 Southern California Grantmakers
 St. John's Health Ministries
 St. John's Healthcare Foundation, Oxnard & Pleasant Valley
 St. Joseph's Health & Retirement Center Foundation
 Support
 Teen Challenge of Southern California
 The C.R.E.W.
 The Girls' Empowerment Center
 The Greater New Orleans Community Foundation
 The Salvation Army - TLC
 The Wellness Community Valley/Ventura Inc.
 Tri-Counties Labor Foundation
 Tri-Counties Regional Center
 Tri-County GLAD
 Turning Point Foundation
 United Parents for Families in Crisis
 United Way of Ventura County
 V.C. Commission On Nutrition/Meals on Wheels
 V.C. Community Foundation
 V.C. Discovery Center
 V.C. Jewish Family Services
 V.C. Leadership Academy
 V.C. Rescue Mission
 VCCF - Community Disaster Fund
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 VCCF - Ventura County Civic Alliance
 VCCF - World Disaster Fund
 VCCF Center for Nonprofit Leadership
 VCCF Erickson Family Fund
 VCCF Scholarship Fund for Ventura County
 VCSD-Fillmore Unified
 Ventura County AIDS Partnership
 Ventura County Arts Council
 Ventura County Behavioral Health Department
 Ventura County Homeless & Housing Coalition
 Ventura County Human Services Agency
 Ventura County Maritime Museum
 Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation
 Ventura County Public Health
 Ventura County Rainbow Alliance
 Ventura County Special Olympics
 Ventura Music Festival
 Westminster Free Clinic
 Westside Cultural Center
 Work Training Programs, Inc.
 YMCA - Camarillo



Ventura County Community Foundation

The **Ventura County Community Foundation** was founded in 1987 with the express intent to build long term charitable capital to benefit Ventura County. Its 450+ endowed and other funds focus on a number of key donor and community priorities, including:

- donor advised funds
- donor designated and agency endowments for local nonprofits
- scholarship funds for higher education and training the current workforce
- field of interest funds, including Women's Legacy Fund, Destino: Hispanic Legacy Fund, Heritage Fund and the Fund for Farmworker Housing, as well as donor designated field of interest funds
- Community grantmaking to address the changing and evolving needs of the communities in Ventura County
- Cornerstone administrative funds, to sustain the mission of the community foundation
- The Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Foundation, a VCCF supporting organization

In addition, VCCF runs the Center for Nonprofit Leadership, with initiatives on technology, board leadership and the expansion of planned and deferred giving, as well as the *Library for Nonprofit Management*, the *VC Funders Forum*, the *Nonprofit Leadership Council* and a full array of workshops for local nonprofit leaders.

The Ventura County Civic Alliance, a VCCF Initiative, has released an update to its innovative *State of the Region* report and is working through several initiatives, including the Compact for A Sustainable Ventura County, Livable Communities and developing strategies for workforce education.

Current program initiatives include:

- *Partners in Nursing's Future*, a collaboration with The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that involves developing strategies to enhance the future of the region's nursing workforce, partnering with CSU Channel Islands
- ArtsLIVE in Ventura County, a multitrack effort to strengthen the arts in Ventura County that is a partnership with the James Irvine Foundation's *Communities Advancing the Arts* initiative.

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