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# Richard and Chiquito find a happy home at Dorothy's Place

Submitted by Dorothy's Place

Living in his van behind a big box store in west Salinas, Richard Ferris wasn't looking for a companion. He was doing OK by the current standards of homelessness – he had a vehicle that was livable, he had a “safe spot” behind the store, and he was able to manage his chronic back pain. Richard was working for a dear friend who is disabled. His friend has diabetes and is on dialysis. Her health was getting worse and it was becoming increasingly difficult for her to care for her little dog, a Chihuahua named Chiquito. She needed to find him a new home – and there was Richard, kind, helpful, responsible. Richard sensed that Chiquito, a young 12 years old, knew it was time to move on. So, Chiquito got into the van with Richard and began the adventure of his life.

Richard had “family” dogs growing up. This was different. Chiquito has personality. He became his best friend, almost like a child. He talks to Chiquito and cares for him. Richard knows that Chiquito takes care of him, too.

From a dog's point of view, living with a person in a vehicle can be a nice arrangement. The two of them are together most of the time so there is lots of time for companionship, affection, bonding. Dogs generally enjoy moving, changing scenery. Chiquito met many people and other dogs while living in the van, and there was often a wide variety of food available. It wasn't too bad.

It was difficult for Richard, though. He is a native of the area, grew up in Carmel Valley, and worked for many years in manufacturing, but he developed medical problems, degenerative bone disease in his back, he has had two strokes, and that forced him to leave the workforce. “I'm a good worker,

and when I work, I prove that I want the job by putting in long days and sometimes working seven days a week,” says Richard. After years of struggling with his back and seven surgeries, Richard wound up, at age 63, living in his van with Chiquito.

When the van finally broke down and Richard was unable to pay to repair it, he had a decision to make. He could join the others who are living in tents on the street, in vacant lots, and along the train tracks. He had Chiquito. His best friend. The companion he was responsible for and who was dependent on him. Richard has pride and he might not have asked for help. He may have decided to stay outside, except for Chiquito. Richard and Chiquito decided to ask for housing assistance at Dorothy's Place.

Richard and Chiquito are a pair. They each have dignity and a presence that encourages respect and admiration. Chiquito has lived outside, tangled with other dogs, and even had a scary run-in with two owls in the middle of the night. He is a small dog and might have been an owl's midnight snack if Richard hadn't rescued him. There was also the incident with a wild boar...Now Richard and Chiquito have a room in the peaceful and comfortable residence at House of Peace.

They have support and guidance from the staff, and they have a goal. The staff knows how important Chiquito is to Richard and is supporting Richard as he applies for housing and takes care of his medical needs. Richard appreciates being inside, particularly during the pandemic. It is safe and very comfortable. Chiquito has become a house pet,

the House of Peace mascot. Richard says, “Having Chiquito relieves a lot of the stress of being alone. Making Chiquito happy makes me happy.”



Provided photo of Richard and Chiquito



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# Community solutions required for community problems

By Robin McCrae and Staci Alziebler-Perkins

Community problems require community solutions. Of all the insights that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust into focus, this is the one that we hope will have the greatest impact on people's thinking in the months and years ahead. Top-down, one-size-fits-all solutions will always fall short because they fail to account for the unique circumstances and characteristics of vulnerable populations. In January 2019 the Monterey County homeless census identified 2,422 homeless people, of which 35 percent were female and 25 percent were families. It is widely known that these point-in-time numbers are low given that the unsheltered are transient and often hidden. Another study by Pivot Learning and the National Center for Youth Law found that 9.9% of school-aged youth in Monterey County were homeless, a much higher percentage than San Francisco, Alameda, or Santa Clara Counties. As COVID-19 and the economic downturn increase inequities, homelessness in Monterey County is becoming a deepening humanitarian crisis. The pandemic has shone a spotlight on the fragility of life for the vulnerable in our community. Our two organizations—Gathering for Women and Community Human Services—have joined forces to develop a new model to address this crisis: a new shelter designed to meet the unique needs of homeless women and families.

When it opens in a few weeks, Casa de Noche Buena in Seaside will be the only low-barrier shelter on the Monterey Peninsula serving single women and families with children. The facility will accommodate about 30 people at a time, providing both short-term shelter for the most vulnerable in our community, and long-term solutions—comprehensive case management, housing navigation, access to free basic health care, and referrals to other services. For up to 90 consecutive days, women and families with children at Casa de Noche Buena will benefit from a place to live and supportive services. Reflecting a true community-based approach to addressing this need, the shelter will be managed collaboratively by our two homegrown organizations—Community Human Services (CHS), dedicated to providing people dealing with addiction, mental illness and homelessness with the tools and support to overcome these challenges; and Gathering for Women (GFW), committed to providing homeless and housing insecure women on the Monterey Peninsula with supportive resources and a caring community.; At Casa de Noche Buena, CHS and GFW case managers will provide guests with linkages to education, job training, employment and housing resources, as well as assessment and referrals to mental health, substance abuse and other services depending on their individual needs. The goal in every case will

be to provide Casa de Noche Buena guests with a bridge to long-term housing and economic stability. Renovation of the shelter facility is nearly finished thanks to funding from a "Homeless Emergency Assistance Program" grant. This grant will also provide a few months of support for shelter operations, however additional funding will be needed for ongoing operational costs in 2021 and beyond. A special-purpose fund has been established at the Community Foundation for Monterey County (the "Casa Shelter Fund") for contributions from local government, businesses, individual donors and the community at large that support the ongoing sustainability of Casa de Noche Buena. As the only low-barrier shelter in the area serving single women and families with children, Casa de Noche Buena will fill an important void, and while it's just one piece of a larger puzzle, our goal is for Casa de Noche Buena to play a crucial role as a model "housing first" solution for communities everywhere. We welcome the support and partnership of agencies, businesses and individuals who share our deep concern for the most vulnerable members of our Monterey Peninsula community. For more information on Community Human Services, visit [www.chservices.org](http://www.chservices.org). For information on Gathering for Women, visit [www.gatheringforwomen.org](http://www.gatheringforwomen.org).

## Casa de Noche Buena shelter to begin accepting guests in January

Community Human Services (CHS) and Gathering for Women (GFW) are partnering to open Casa de Noche Buena in Seaside in January. The homeless shelter for women and families with children will be the first of its kind on the

Monterey Peninsula. The shelter will initially accommodate 15-18 people, depending on the number and ages of children. This number is expected to double to 30-36 when COVID-19 vaccines are widely available and social distancing

guidelines are eased. Casa de Noche Buena will provide short-term shelter, comprehensive case management, housing navigation, assistance with enrollment in public benefit programs, linkages to medical, mental health, and substance abuse services, and referral to other community supports. The shelter will open in January, later than planned due to construction delays. "We anticipate accepting applications to the shelter after the first of the year," said CHS CEO Robin McCrae. "We won't have an exact opening date until final inspections are done and a certificate of occupancy is issued, but we are confident we will be able to open in January." Gathering for Women's Executive Director Staci Alziebler-Perkins continued, "We're all disappointed we couldn't open before the holidays, but we're happy the women and families will have a warm place during the coming winter months."



### Casa de Noche Buena

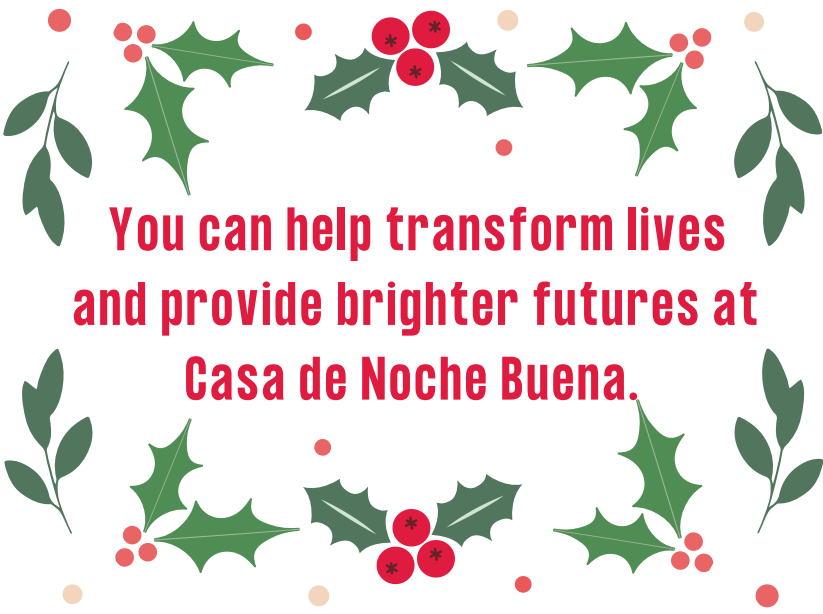
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Accepting Guests in January of 2021



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# Strengthening community health with gifts to Montage Health Foundation



Maria Kocsar, RN, staffs the triage tent at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where contributions to Montage Health Foundation have helped support care during the COVID-19 pandemic. - Provided Photo

After going into labor, Cathryn came to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula to deliver her first child. Though she had taken every precaution, she still worried about COVID-19 and how it could affect the birth and health of her baby.

Less than an hour after she arrived, Cathryn received welcome news: She tested negative for COVID-19. She had peace of mind that her child would be born without exposure to this novel virus, and her healthcare team was able to support her delivery without some of the protective gear required when the level of risk is uncertain.

Cathryn was able to get such fast test results because Community Hospital recently doubled its COVID-19 testing capacity — thanks to community support through Montage Health Foundation's COVID-19 Response and Relief Fund. Adding a second testing device, at a cost of \$400,000, enabled our healthcare team to provide more efficient treatment and timely answers for patients like Cathryn. We're happy to report, that Cathryn and her baby boy went home happy and healthy.

The COVID-19 Response and Relief fund is just one way that Montage Health Foundation helps enhance and improve the health of our entire community. Through philanthropic partnerships with passionate community members and like-minded organizations, the foundation provides grants and volunteer support for a broad range of health programs, services, and initiatives within five major focus areas:

**COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION:** Through initiatives like the Pediatric Wellness Program, the foundation provides free support to reduce diabetes and improve the nutrition of young people.

**CLINICAL INNOVATION:** Montage Health Foundation continuously looks for opportunities to enhance care through innovation, such as helping to fund Community Hospital's

robotic-assisted surgery program.

**CLINICAL EXCELLENCE:** Programs to recruit and retain the best and brightest physicians help expand access and improve care for our entire community. With foundation support, Montage Medical Group added 12 new healthcare providers in 2020, including seven primary care doctors.

**PATIENT EXPERIENCE:** From healing art to volunteer services to hospice care, the foundation oversees numerous efforts to enhance the experience of patients and their families.

**EMERGING NEEDS:** The foundation responds to emerging needs facing the community's patients, Montage Health's healthcare team, and the community in general. The COVID-19 relief fund was established in response to some of those emerging needs.

To prepare for and rapidly respond to the pandemic, Montage Health initially dramatically suspended or reduced non-urgent services. Scaling back these services reduced transmission risk and ensured additional hospital beds were available if needed. But it also caused revenue to drop significantly. At the same time, costs for protective equipment, emergency supplies, and critical-care staffing have escalated.

The community has responded with strong support, enabling the purchase of equipment like the testing device, an ultraviolet cleaning system to reuse valuable N95 masks, and additional protective gear to keep healthcare workers safe.

"While we anticipate and prepare for emergencies, the worldwide spread of COVID-19 is unparalleled in our lifetimes," said Steven Packer, president/CEO of Montage Health. "Having the community join us in the fight against this pandemic is an incredible boost in morale for our dedicated healthcare providers and staff."

While responding to the pandemic, Montage Health has

continued to provide its broad range of services aimed at keeping the community healthy — with community support through gifts to the foundation. In 2020, the foundation's goal is to grant \$7.5 million to support important health initiatives for our community.

"Gifts to the foundation take healthcare to the homeless, build mental health programs for young people, recruit primary care doctors and specialists, teach kids to eat better and exercise more, sustain a hospital that sustains the community, and much more," says Kevin Causey, vice president/chief development officer. "Our healthcare team and I are so grateful for the community's continued commitment to strengthening the health and well-being of our community. Your support and generosity enable us to continue to provide exceptional care, in moments of crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond."



This newborn's mother was relieved to get a negative COVID-19 test result before she gave birth - Provided Photo

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# Natividad Foundation and Natividad recognized for COVID-19 response



Dr. Erika Romero, a family medicine resident at Natividad, presents COVID-19 education to essential agricultural workers in Moss Landing. – Provided photo

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged health care systems worldwide to meet the needs of their patients, communities and hospital staff. Critical shortages of ventilators, personal protection equipment (PPE), testing kits and overworked hospital staff are some of the obstacles faced this year by healthcare providers. Additionally, many urban and rural hospitals had an added challenge of disseminating vital COVID-19 information and resources to those whose native language isn't English.

Disadvantaged communities and communities of color are disproportionately affected by the disease with higher infection and death rates. According to the CDC, hospitalization rates for Latinos are 4.5 times the rate among whites. They also face the most barriers to receive accurate, timely information about the disease and prevention.

There are an estimated 30,000 people in Monterey County who speak a rare or indigenous language and may not be able to understand local news reports. Many are Mexican and Central American immigrants who previously lived in villages so isolated they speak very little to no Spanish.

During the COVID-19 health crisis, Natividad refocused its resources on providing education and outreach to help prevent the disease's spread within the community. The hospital launched communications efforts about the virus, targeting essential agricultural workers and other high-risk populations in Monterey County. It also created partnerships with the three other hospitals in the county, the Monterey County Health Department, activists, coalitions, and business organizations to better serve the vulnerable population.

One of the first outreach initiatives launched was a series of indigenous language videos about COVID-19 and the evolving shelter-in-place orders in Monterey County. Natividad and Natividad Foundation produced public service announcements in Triqui, Mixteco, Spanish, Zapoteco and English, available at [www.natividad.com](http://www.natividad.com).

"Everyone should have access to information that helps them stay healthy, especially during this uncertain time. We are so fortunate to have a team of indigenous language interpreters who are helping us connect with all members of our community," said Natividad Chief Medical Officer Dr. Craig Walls. "The Indigenous Interpreting+ program at Natividad Foundation helps us realize Natividad's mission of providing high-quality health care to all, including the vulnerable."

This month, the California Association of Public Hospitals (CAPH) and the California Health care Safety Net Institute (SNI) recognized Natividad with the prestigious 2020 CAPH/SNI Quality Leaders Award.

The hospital's entry, titled Natividad's Action Plan for Caring for Communities in Crises & Beyond: Meeting Underserved and Vulnerable Populations Where They Are During the COVID-19 Pandemic, won in the Special Recognition — COVID-19 Response category. This is a new category created to recognize systems that made outstanding contributions to their communities with their COVID-19 response.

"I am so proud of our Natividad team — and all of the other public hospitals in California — that have risen to the challenge that COVID-19 presents, particularly for the most vulnerable patients that we serve," said Hillary Fish, Natividad director of marketing and community relations. "We are incredibly honored to be recognized with the 2020 CAPH/SNI Quality Leaders award."

Since the hospital's COVID-19 awareness initiative began in February 2020, it has touched thousands of agricultural workers and hundreds of thousands of people in Monterey County directly, plus millions more nationally through media coverage.

"The judging panel was extremely impressed by the extensive outreach and patient engagement Natividad Medical Center undertook to care for and prevent COVID-19 transmission among the most vulnerable in their community," said Giovanna Giuliani, executive director of the California Health Care Safety Net Institute. "To address the emerging pandemic, Natividad Medical Center moved quickly to cultivate innovative partner-

ships and developed numerous and creative ways to reach the community. Congratulations to you and your team for your exceptional work!"

"A" Safety Grade and Recognition for Pandemic Heroism

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety, awarded Natividad Medical Center an 'A' in the fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

The grade is based on a hospital's performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harms to patients in their care. Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

This year, the hospital also received special recognition from Leapfrog for Pandemic Heroism. Early on in the pandemic, the hospital, along with hospitals throughout Monterey County, had to enforce strict visitor policies. Natividad's doctors and nurses understood that connection is vital in the healing process and can have an incredibly positive effect on a patient's prognosis. They became concerned that patients would feel isolated without their families being able to visit.

As a safety net hospital that treats all patients, many of the families Natividad serves do not have the resources to maintain regular contact with their loved ones virtually. The hospital partnered with Natividad Foundation, the 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports and strengthens Natividad, to bring in iPad tablets to hospitalized patients without smart devices so they could visit with their loved ones through video conferencing.

"It's a very emotional experience for patients to be away from their loved ones during this difficult and complicated time," said Natividad Medical-Surgical Nurse Amber Oliveira. "Patients are missing support; it puts a lot of pressure on nurses to be more supportive so that patients know they are not alone. We understand that you can't trade nursing support for family support."

Donors to Natividad Foundation's COVID-19 Relief & Resiliency Fund helped purchase tablets, which were provided to patients in need. Each tablet included access to communication applications such as FaceTime, Skype and Zoom. Natividad Foundation also purchased an assortment of chargers that were distributed to patients who did have smartphones or tablets, but who had forgotten their chargers at home.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has required hospitals and people who work in hospitals to sacrifice and lead as never before. We are honored to give special recognition to Natividad for their heroism during the pandemic," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We

thank them for their profound service to their community and their powerful example for all Americans."

More Global Recognition from Renowned Health Care Leaders

As part of Natividad Foundation's Annual Donor & Hero Award Celebration, the foundation has recognized the Natividad "Family" as its 2020 Heroes. The "Hero" Award was established in 2008 to recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward fulfilling Natividad's mission to provide essential health care services for everyone in Monterey County.

"We've seen the important work Natividad does for our community for years and years, but this year was different," said Natividad Foundation President & CEO Jennifer Williams. "The planning, preparation and care the hospital staff has delivered during the pandemic has been remarkable."

In a video montage unveiled during the Foundation's Annual Donor & Hero Award Celebration on Thursday, October 29, world, national and local leaders and celebrities expressed their gratitude for the hospital's essential workers.

Health care leaders such as Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez congratulate the hospital and its staff for their COVID-19 response. In addition to video messages from renowned individuals and organizations, Natividad also received a congratulatory letter from Dr. Robert R. Redfield, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In their address, Dr. Tedros and Dr. Fauci focus on the challenges Natividad has overcome related to preventing COVID-19 in a diverse farmworker population that often speaks languages other than English, including indigenous languages from Mexico.

"As we continue to contend with this historic pandemic that has upended so many facets of our lives, I am delighted to have this opportunity to thank the special frontline health care workers at Natividad hospital," said Dr. Anthony Fauci. "At great risk to your own health, you bravely do your job day after day, caring for patients with COVID-19. It has been an extraordinary demonstration of selflessness and compassion."

**Natividad hospital staff received additional video recognition from:**

- Fiona the Hippo of the Cincinnati Zoo
- Food Network's Chef Duff Goldman
- Gabe Kapler, Manager of the San Francisco Giants
- San Francisco 49ers Fullback Kyle Juszczyk
- Chef Richard Blais of Bravo's Top Chef
- Actress Danica McKellar
- Actress Melora Hardin
- Salinas Valley Chamber Board Chair Andrea Bailey
- San Francisco 4ers Assistant Offensive Coach Katie Sowers
- Cory Chalmers, Host of A&E's Hoarders
- Robert DeLuca, Immediate Past President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
- Paul Farmer, Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School
- Andy Leach, Senior Director of Museum and Archival Collections at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Deepak Chopra, Alternative Medicine Advocate and Meditation Guru
- American Journalist Chris Hansen

"Receiving recognition from extraordinary people like Dr. Tedros, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Redfield and our Congressman is humbling," said Natividad CEO Dr. Gary R. Gray. "Our hospital team is just doing what we know how to do: provide the best possible care to a very diverse population. We don't think of ourselves as heroes, so it's quite an honor to receive these messages."

As the pandemic continues to impact health systems globally, Natividad remains committed to providing excellent patient care and safety.



Natividad Foundation Indigenous Interpreter Israel De Jesus records public service announcements about COVID-19 in Triqui, a language spoken in parts of southern Mexico. – Provided photo





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# First Night celebrations to ring in the New Year across the country

Ring in the New Year with a First Night first. This special program for New Year's Eve will bring you around the country and feature music, art, dance, and poetry from Florida to Illinois and onward to California. First Nights are coming together, virtually and free, to showcase local performers. Built around the four pillars of First Night (Art, Celebration, Community, and New Year's Eve), this will be a historic event for the entire family to enjoy. First Night Monterey will feature performers that are also streamed from Springfield, IL and St. Petersburg, FL.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, communities are unable to come together in the traditional way that brings joy to so many. But, we can come together to share the holiday, make our resolutions for the New Year, and ring in 2021 with the hope, unity, and optimism we are all ready to embrace.

To enjoy all of the family fun, plan to attend virtually. The event premieres and airs only on December 31, 2020, from 6 pm -Midnight PST.

Kids' Night Out activities begin at 3 pm PST. Premiering on YouTube.com/FirstNight-Monterey.

This virtual First Night event is free and is all about community and you can access the link to the event on the website. Receive this year's button by making a donation! For more information and daily updates visit [www.firstnightmonterey.org](http://www.firstnightmonterey.org) or call 831-233-2092.

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# Village Project urges African Americans to Take the Shot

By Mel Mason. Executive Director/Clinical Director



Web photo of Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, one of the scientists credited with developing the Covid-19 vaccine.

The Village Project, Inc. will be forever grateful for the years of dedicated support we have received from so many great-hearted people in our community. Without your support, many of our accomplishments would not have been possible. As we come to the end of this calendar year, we humbly request your support once again in the form of generous donations to keep us providing much-needed services to children and families in our community.

Despite the challenges presented by the Coronavirus Pandemic, The Village Project has continued to realize successes in each of our programs. Converting from in-person therapy sessions to telehealth therapy (by phone) was a process that seamlessly continued ongoing mental health treatment for individual adults,

children and families. Our Afterschool Academy – the Mae C. Johnson Education and Cultural Enrichment Academy – continues to provide effective academic support for students grades 1-12. A number of students from the earlier cohorts of the academy are now in college, one of whom is a second-year student at historic Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Others are in community college and other 4-year universities. Despite having to attend the academy virtually, our students are still thriving and doing well, academically, which is a tribute to our staff, students and parents. Our prison re-entry program “Nyumbani” –Kiswahili for “Returning Home” – has been successful in assisting returnees with various types of assistance to include counseling and referrals for other treatment services. A number of Returnees were able to find employment as a result of being in this program. Our Equine-assisted program, a still-new program with four horses lodged at a ranch in Carmel Valley – is an increasingly sought-after program for both children and adults. Watching the psychotherapeutic dynamics between the horses and humans continue to amaze us. Our Emanyatta African Heritage Saturday School for children of African Ancestry is still striving as well being held virtually every Saturday.

Our groups continue to function, albeit virtually. The group “One Circle” made up of numbers of youth who were once street rivals which serves to keep our streets and campuses peaceful, remains in great demand as does our girls'/young women's group Young Ladies of Empowerment, made up of young women ages 12-17. These young women have received mentoring by women who are leaders in the fields of social work, education, business ownership, and corporate management. Groups for adults such as our Grief and Loss group and Emotional Emancipation Circles are being organized. A “Community Warm Line” for people to call for support in coping with the pandemic is still in operation. In addition, we are proud recipients of Foundation and federal funding to assist families in our community with emergency food and shelter needs.

This is a sampling of the activities that continue to take place at The Village Project. Your wonderful donations can be sent to us at The Village Project, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Seaside, CA, 93955, or through the donation button on our website at [www.thevillageprojectinc.org](http://www.thevillageprojectinc.org). We thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and caring.

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- ❖ Nyumbani Prison Rentry Program



# Chris and Sabu J.R. Shake team up with Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula

Raised funds to buy turkeys for families in need



Provided photos of volunteers distributing turkeys

A big thank you is in order to our generous community for helping families in need this Thanksgiving. Chris Shake and Sabu J.R. Shake teamed up with The Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula to help raise money to buy turkeys for families in need on Thanksgiving. This year, there were 2000 turkeys purchased and donated via donations of \$41,000. Over 7,000 family members enjoyed a turkey dinner thanks to this very special program.

The owners of Old Fisherman's Grotto, Scales Seafood & Steaks, The Fish Hopper on Cannery Row and The Fish Hopper in Kona, Hawaii in their Pacific Restaurant Group, Chris and Sabu J.R. Shake raised \$32,150 to purchase over 1,606 turkeys in 2019.

The Sabu Shake, Sr. Good Samaritan Center distributes the turkeys to families in need each year.

In addition, Sabu's Safari held a virtual fundraising campaign which raised \$176,000 in donations in November 2020.

The Shakes held an additional Salvation Army fundraising drive starting December 5. Anyone can drop off a donation check to the businesses, Old Fisherman's Grotto, Scales Seafood & Steaks, and The Fish Hopper or call 831-372-2406 to use a credit card to make a donation.

Sabu J.R. Shake said, "We want to sincerely thank our community for its generosity - especially this year - for stepping up the size of their donations for our families in need. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you to the community for making a difference this holiday season!"

*A record-breaking 2000 turkeys were provided to local families this year!*

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Dirty Cello close up - Provided photo



Yvette Gonzales- Provided photo

## SABU SHAKE, SR. MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE SALVATION ARMY - MONTEREY PENINSULA CORPS

Our Family kicked off our annual Christmas Drive on December 5th, 2020 in remembrance of Sabu Shake Sr., marking the 22nd anniversary of his passing. We will continue our drive throughout the Holiday Season with all proceeds to benefit The Salvation Army-Monterey Peninsula Corps. It is our hope and goal to raise \$150,000. In order to do this, we need your help and support. Would you please consider donating our Christmas Drive?

Sabu Shake embraced the values of compassion and generosity. Your donation will be a very wonderful way to remember such a giving and caring man.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH \$150,000!

All donations add up to a truly tremendous amount at the end of the fund drive. Sponsor levels are provided to all of our donors so that they can participate at a higher amount. By donating at the Sponsor level, you will be recognized at a private dinner.

## SPONSOR LEVELS

**EMERALD .... \$10,000.00**

Provides daily childcare and two meals for 1 child for entire year

**DIAMOND .... \$5,000.00**

Provides emergency rental assistance to 8 families

**PLATINUM .... \$2,500.00**

Provides 60 food boxes to the needy

**GOLD .... \$1,500.00**

Provides 300 meals for the homeless

**SILVER .... \$1,000.00**

Provides emergency shelter for two families for 10 nights

**BRONZE .... \$500.00**

Provides utility assistance to two families

To make a donation, drop off a check at Old Fisherman's Grotto or mail it, made payable to The Salvation Army c/o Old Fisherman's Grotto, P.O. Box 2289, Monterey, CA 93942. All proceeds donated go to the Salvation Army. If you would like to make a donation by credit card, please contact Karen Rodriguez at Old Fisherman's Grotto Executive Offices – 645-9124. Make a donation in the memory of a loved one.

**All advertising and mailing costs are paid by the Shake Family.**

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON - THE SHAKE FAMILY**

Call in Your Donations Now - 831-645-9124  
or Mail to: Sabu Shake Sr. Holiday Drive, PO Box 2289, Monterey, CA 93942

**TO DONATE NOW CALL (831) 645-9124**



# Tackle these four New Year’s resolutions with one trip to Goodwill

Among Americans who are making New Year’s resolutions, the most common ones are: exercising more (50 percent), saving money (49 percent), eating more healthily (43 percent), and losing weight (37 percent).

If you see yourself in this list, the obvious first step is to find a Goodwill Central Coast store near you. We can help you unearth some fitness-friendly finds at prices that won’t break the bank. In short, shopping at Goodwill can take care of all of these resolutions in one trip.

Most of us know that exercise is one of the best things we can do to stay in shape, but staying physically active also acts as a natural stress reliever. That’s right — exercise is great for both body and mind.

Despite its many benefits, exercise doesn’t become a priority for many people. One possible reason? Not having the right workout gear. Merely wearing comfortable, well-fitted athletic clothes can provide a boost of confidence in our fitness abilities and motivate us to work out.

Fortunately, there’s no need to buy expensive, new workout gear to enjoy the many benefits of exercise. At Goodwill Central Coast stores you can find fitness clothes, yoga mats, shoes and equipment for a fraction of the retail price.

### Skip the gym membership

For the short term, at least, the safest place to work out is at home. Due to restrictions left by the pandemic, creating a home workout station is a smart idea.

Shop at Goodwill for light hand weights, kettlebells or small pieces of exercise equipment such as jump ropes or stability balls. Goodwill also offers great deals on DVDs. Look for box sets of fitness classes ranging from kick-boxing to Zumba to yoga! You can also find gently-used sporting goods for less on Goodwill’s online auction site, [shopgoodwill.com](http://shopgoodwill.com), including tennis rackets, golf clubs, and even roller skates.

Remember, sometimes the best exercise is just walking through the front door and down the street, or through a park, or even up a mountain. Getting outdoors is great medicine, and Goodwill can help you find the right shoes, the proper windbreaker even headphones to help create the perfect Zen moment.

### Keep an eye out for brand names

Savvy shoppers find hidden gems at Goodwill all the time. Just a short browse can turn up brand-name workout clothes, often with the tags still attached. Sometimes people get the wrong size and don’t return it, or they buy a size too small hoping they’ll lose weight. No matter what the reason, their loss is your gain!

Our stores are frequently stocked with workout staples like stretchy shorts, leggings, T-shirts, and tank tops — many of which are brand names — to make your next workout more comfortable and fashion-forward. So instead of spending \$30–\$100 on a pair of workout pants, you typically spend about \$4.99–\$8.99 on the same pair at Goodwill. We’re talking serious savings! Instead of \$40 for a pair of wind pants/warm-up pants you can often find them for less than \$10.

### Find the tools to eat better

As far as nutritional gear, shoppers can always find juicers, blenders, and food processors at Goodwill. Some are even in the original box, unopened. A quality juicer can cost well over \$150, but you can grab one for 10 percent of that price at Goodwill Central Coast stores. The same goes for blenders for your protein shakes.

Remember, you’re more apt to eat a carrot if you have a proper peeler. You’re more inclined to eat a healthy winter soup if you have a slow-cooker on hand to make the job easier. Reaching your goals requires motivation, sure, but find ways to make it easier (and cheaper) to get there!

### Look and feel great when you shop Goodwill

There are plenty of reasons to make Goodwill Central Coast your headquarters for inexpensive workout clothes and products. No matter what type of exercise you try, Goodwill is the place to find a variety of trendy workout gear at budget-friendly prices.

Best of all, by shopping at your local Goodwill store, you’re getting more than a great deal; you’re also funding job placement and training programs for individuals facing obstacles in your community. When you bring home a Goodwill find, you give your entire community a reason to celebrate. Now that’s retail therapy you can feel great about!



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# Out with the old — and hope begins anew.

From clutter find simplicity... and joy in helping others through Goodwill’s job training and education.



[ccgoodwill.org](http://ccgoodwill.org)



## Gathering for Women - Monterey



### Providing unhoused and housing insecure women with supportive resources and a caring community

Our Day Center provides case management, hot meals, showers, clothes, masks and hand sanitizers, and referrals to outside services.

Now we are adding a focused housing navigation team to help unhoused and housing insecure women access community and government opportunities.

[gatheringforwomen.org](http://gatheringforwomen.org) · 831.241.6154  
147 El Dorado St., Monterey, CA, 93940  
[montereycountygives.com/gathering](http://montereycountygives.com/gathering)

MONTEREY COUNTY



**IT'S  
CHRISTMAS.**

**PEOPLE ARE  
HUNGRY...**

**RESTAURANTS  
MAY FAIL...**

**YOU CAN  
HELP:**

- **Enjoy To-Go meals from Carmel's great culinary options.**
- **Buy last-minute stocking stuffers from your local retailers.**

• **Simply donate at [www.CARMELGIVES.org](http://www.CARMELGIVES.org)**

Carmel Gives is partnering with local restaurants to produce and distribute meals to those in need. This \$100,000 Win/Win project will help our local businesses survive and assist surrounding communities.

**Working together we can step up to make a difference.**

*A fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County*



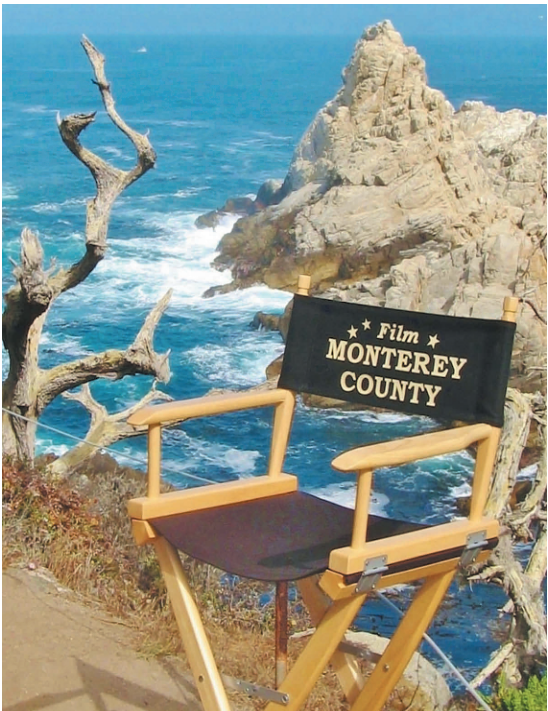
“We oughta be in Pictures....”

The nonprofit Monterey County Film Commission works to boost the local economy through the film industry.

★ **\$118 million** came to local communities since our creation by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987.

★ **“Big Little Lies,” “Ratched,”** and more than 200 movie scenes filmed on-location here.

★ **Support our efforts**—donate at FilmMonterey.org and list on our online Resources Guide.



831-646-0910 ★ FilmMonterey.org

“Lights...camera...  
economic action for  
Monterey County!”

- ★ More than \$118 million has come into local communities from on location film production since the film commission was established.
- ★ Filming here benefits local crew, businesses and services as productions need to hire or purchase goods. Locals can list for free on MCFC’s online Resources Guide.
- ★ MCFC thanks the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for major support. MCFC is a 501c3 nonprofit and welcomes your contributions to support their efforts.



Donate at FilmMonterey.org.

Put a smile on a child’s  
face by sending a gift  
to those with life-  
threatening conditions

Every holiday season, local nonprofit Partnership for Children provides holiday gifts for more than 175 children with life-threatening conditions living in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties and their siblings. Help is needed from the community to get gifts to these kids — part of the Miles of Smiles Holiday Giving Program for 2020. Wish lists are located on Amazon (<https://a.co/9W9dQh8>) and Target (<tgt.gifts/partnershipforchildren>) websites. Please shop from these wish lists to help bring joy to children living with serious illness and their siblings. Wish lists range from boys' and girls' pajamas and educational toy sets to toys and arts & crafts sets, with prices ranging from \$5 to \$30. Or, purchase a gift card from \$5 to \$1,000 so kids and their families can choose their own gifts! Over 175 children and their families are served on the Central Coast each year, receiving transportation to medical care, financial support, practical support, as well as holiday and recreational opportunities. These services help children to live as healthy a life as possible and help to reduce stress for families. Please help us put a smile on a kid’s face this holiday season by joining our holiday giving program. Purchased gifts should be delivered directly to Partnership for Children at 342 Pajaro Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Visit [www.partnerforkids.org](http://www.partnerforkids.org) to learn more.



**Put a Smile on a Kid’s Face!**  
**You Can Help Us Get Christmas Gifts to Kids  
With Life-Threatening Conditions**


The nonprofit Partnership for Children has launched its **Miles of Smiles Holiday Giving Program for 2020**, and we need your help in getting Christmas gifts to the children we serve. We have wish lists on both **Amazon** (<https://a.co/9W9dQh8>) and **Target** (<tgt.gifts/partnershipforchildren>) websites. Please shop from our wish lists to help bring joy to children living with serious illness and their siblings this holiday season.

Please help us put a smile on a kid’s face this holiday season by joining our holiday giving program.


(831) 422-3002



partnerforkids.org



**THANK YOU**  
to our community!



**During COVID-19**

20,530 hot meals served

797 households- financial assistance

121 households- rental assistance

31 households- emergency shelter

35 households- transitional housing

12 households- permanent housing

For more information visit  
**MONTEREYPENINSULA.SALVATIONARMY.ORG**

Help local students in  
need



Education is more important than ever, which is why the Arts Council for Monterey County has been selected for this year’s Monterey County Gives! program. The Arts Council will focus on providing scholarships to local high school seniors who wish to pursue studying the arts in college. With many local families struggling to support themselves during this most difficult year, the Arts Council wants to make sure students still have the funds they need to pursue their dreams of studying a creative field such as design, digital arts, literature, visual arts, or performing arts. Thanks to the efforts of Monterey County Weekly Community Fund, the Community Foundation for Monterey County, and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, a portion of every donation is matched, which means every dollar goes further in the efforts to enrich the lives of community members through the arts. We are running out of time to help more students than ever, with this campaign ending on Thursday, December 31. One of last year’s recipients, Vanessa Berumen of Seaside High School, Class of 2020, recently shared, “The Arts Council for Monterey County made it possible for me to expand my creative knowledge and build confidence in my work. Young artists are important because these individuals are the future, they are the next illustrators for medical books, the next graphic designers for the latest technology, they are the next fashion designers.” Vanessa is a first-generation college student who is one step further to receiving a college degree thanks to this scholarship. There are countless other students like Vanessa that need your support to pursue a higher education. A college education is a gift that lasts a lifetime, and the Arts Council is asking community members to share hope this holiday season with local high school students in need by making a donation to the College Arts Scholarship program through Monterey County Gives! Vanessa shared, “Financial and emotional support are factors that remind struggling young artists that they are not alone.” Show students like Vanessa that they are not alone in their pursuit of an education with a gift to the College Arts Scholarship program by making a donation at [montereycountygives.com/artscouncil](http://montereycountygives.com/artscouncil) today. Since 1982, the Arts Council for Monterey County has been committed to improving the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For more information on making a donation, email [bella@arts4m.org](mailto:bella@arts4m.org) or call 831-622-9060 x108. Please support the College Arts Scholarship program at [montereycountygives.com/artscouncil](http://montereycountygives.com/artscouncil).



# Community Foundation for Monterey County responds to community needs

A year ago the Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) was actively planning for its 75th Anniversary in 2020. If there was ever a year that reinforced the wisdom of the community leaders who formed the organization in 1945, it is 2020. The CFMC has never felt more needed.

The COVID-19 Relief Fund was formed to meet the needs of the community and has granted more than \$3.1 million. Early in this economic and public health crisis, not knowing how long it would last, the foundation decided to grant funds as they came in. The response has been remarkable. CFMC donor advisors have transferred more than \$962,000 into the COVID 19 Relief Fund and made direct grants of more than \$930,000 to agencies for COVID relief.

The foundation also received generous private foundation contributions (the fund was initiated through a pledge from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation), corporate contributions, and donors throughout Monterey County gave generously. Gifts are still coming in and grants going out.

There is no known timetable for when this crisis will end. In December the Posey Family Foundation stepped up and donated \$300,000 to the COVID-19 Relief Fund as a one-to-one match to spur donations. Already donors are responding.

“We’re immensely grateful to the Posey Family Foundation, donors and funders who have stepped up to support our community. We hope this inspires others to give so we can help meet the growing need,” said Dan Baldwin, CFMC President/CEO.

In 2020 Monterey County also suffered three wildfires: the River, Carmel and Dolan fires. The CFMC immediately created the Monterey County Fire Relief Fund. CFMC donor advisors, partner foundations and the community again responded with remarkable generosity. The new Community Fund for Carmel Valley, an affiliate fund of the CFMC, and the Big Sur Disaster Relief Fund, a special purpose fund of the CFMC each received donations and made grants for disaster relief for fires in their respective areas. The three funds have granted more than \$760,000 in total for fire relief.

The foundation has also granted \$1.5 million in scholarships,

was deeply involved in 2020 Census efforts working for a complete count and processed millions of dollars in gifts and additional grants.

The local business community is doing its best to adapt to extreme circumstances. Individual families have lost jobs, and, in many cases, lost homes to the fires. These dynamics put even more stress on nonprofit agencies during a calamity that is ongoing. Philanthropy cannot solve the scale of this problem, but it can be of tremendous help.

“We need our agencies to be healthy to be able to support our communities. As we approach year-end, whether through Monterey County Gives!, the CFMC or directly to your favorite nonprofits, know that your support will make a difference,” said Baldwin.

Seventy-five years ago the 32 visionary men and women who met in Monterey to provide “a responsible agency through which public-spirited benefactors may contribute to funds” created a powerful legacy. The Community Foundation for Monterey County is truly “Here for Good.”

## Your gift can change the life of a student!



With many local families struggling to support themselves this year, a college education can seem too expensive. But higher education has never been more important. Time is running out to support local students’ pursuit of higher education in a creative field.



Visit [montereycountygives.com/artscouncil](https://montereycountygives.com/artscouncil) now to make your gift to our College Arts Scholarship program! Deadline to donate is 12/31 at 11:59 pm.



## Community Foundation for Monterey County “Here for Good” for 75 Years

Founded in 1945, the Community Foundation for Monterey County was created to meet changing community needs.

<p><b>“hope”</b> Birt Johnson, Jr.</p>	<p><b>“irreplaceable impact”</b> Teri Belli</p>	<p><b>“partner”</b> Butch Kronlund</p>	<p><b>“force for change”</b> Judy Guzman Krueger</p>	<p><b>“trust”</b> Dan Baldwin</p>
<p><b>“leadership”</b> Erika Matadamas</p>	<p>The CFMC channels the generosity of neighbors helping neighbors with more than \$25 million granted so far this year, including \$3.5 million for COVID and wildfire relief. To celebrate our 75th anniversary, we asked nonprofit leaders, board and community members to describe the CFMC’s impact. View videos at <a href="https://cfmco.org/75Years">cfmco.org/75Years</a>.</p> <p>We are filled with gratitude for all past CFMC leaders and staff as well as the donors and nonprofit partners who help create “Healthy, Safe, Vibrant Communities.”</p>			<p><b>“powerful”</b> Rob Cullen</p>
<p><b>“essential”</b> Tonya Antle</p>	<p><b>“Here for Good”</b> Jimmy Panetta</p>	<p><b>“fully alive”</b> Michael Reid</p>	<p><b>“relevant”</b> Kip Hudson</p>	<p><b>“opportunity”</b> Ismael Rocha</p>
<p><b>“cornerstone”</b> Don Chapin</p>	<p><b>“life saving”</b> Staci Alziebler-Perkins</p>	<p><b>“impact”</b> Alfred Diaz-Infante</p>	<p><b>“visionary”</b> Ida López Chan</p>	<p><b>“bridgebuilder”</b> Maija West</p>

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To inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Monterey County



# Monterey County Nonprofits

Monterey County is home to hundreds of nonprofits. These consist of service organizations, charities, advocacy groups and associations that provide valuable funding and services for everything from Alzheimer's and Animal Welfare to Youth focused programs. These nonprofits truly make a difference in our communities. The holiday season is a reminder to be generous and giving, but these groups rely on people like you all year round. As you plan your holiday giving, take a look at the many diverse nonprofits serving our area and consider making a donation or finding out more about how you can help them through ongoing financial support, donations of items, or by volunteering your time. With the investment of our time and donations, these amazing organizations can continue to serve humans, animals, our environment and more in a myriad of ways.

- Action Council of Monterey County, Inc. (Salinas)
- Active Seniors, Inc.
- Ag Against Hunger
- Ag Land Trust of Monterey County
- Agricultural and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)
- AIM for Mental Health
- Alisal Center for Fine Arts
- All Saints Episcopal Day School
- Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists (AMAP)
- Alliance on Aging
- American Cancer Society – Salinas
- American Cancer Society Discovery Shop (Salinas)
- American Cancer Society Discovery Shop (Pacific Grove)
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- American National Red Cross
- American Red Cross, Monterey Bay Area Chapter
- Animal Friends Rescue Project – (AFRP)
- ARIEL Theatrical
- Arms of Angels
- Arthritis Foundation
- Artichoke Festival (Castroville Artichoke & Wine Fest)
- Arts Council for Monterey County
- Arts Habitat
- Bay View Academy (BVA)
- Big Sur Arts Initiative
- Big Sur Charter School
- Big Sur Health Center
- Big Sur Land Trust
- Big Sur Marathon Foundation
- Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Birch Bark Foundation
- Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County
- Bob Hoover Academy
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County (BGCMC)
- Breakthrough Men's Community
- Breast Cancer Assistance Group
- California Native Plant Society – CNPS
- Camerata Singers
- Camp SEA Lab
- Cancer Patients Alliance
- Canine Companions
- Cannery Row Foundation
- Carl Cherry Center for the Arts
- Carmel Art Association
- Carmel Arts Festival (CPAF)
- Carmel Bach Festival
- Carmel Foundation
- Carmel High School Foundation
- Carmel Music Society
- Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF)
- Carmel River Watershed Conservancy
- Carmel Valley Women's Club
- Carmel Youth Center
- Casa de la Cultura Center
- CASA of Monterey County
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey
- Center for Community Advocacy
- Center for Photographic Art
- Central Coast Art Association
- Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers
- Central Coast Quality of Life Programs
- Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)
- Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) & Hospice
- Cesar Chavez Foundation
- Chamber Music Monterey Bay
- Chartwell School
- Child Mind Institute
- CHISPA – Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association, Inc.
- Citizens for Sustainable Marina
- Coalition of Homeless Services Providers
- Coastal Kids Home Care
- Colleagues of the Arts (COTA)
- Communities for Sustainable Monterey County
- Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV)
- Community Foundation for Monterey County
- Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula
- Community Human Services
- Community Partnership for Youth
- Confidence Pregnancy Center
- Dan and Lillian King Foundation for Constitutional Studies
- Dance Kids of Monterey County
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.
- Dentistry For Vets
- Door to Hope
- Dorothy's Place
- Education Foundation for MPUSD
- El Camino Real Futbol League
- Elkhorn Slough Foundation
- Ensemble Monterey
- Equine Rescue Center
- Everyone's Harvest
- Family to Family
- Farm Discovery
- Fire Safe Council for Monterey County
- First Mayor's House
- First Night Monterey
- First Tee of Monterey County
- Fomukong Health Foundation, Inc.
- Food Bank for Monterey County
- Forest Theatre Guild

- Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries
- Foundation of California State University Monterey Bay
- Frank Sollecito Jr. Leukemia Fund
- Friends of Carmel Forest
- Friends of Marina Library
- Friends of Monterey Public Library
- Friends of Moss Landing Marine Labs (MLML)
- Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse (Marina)
- Friends of the Salinas Public Library
- Friends of the Sea Otter
- Fund for Homeless Women
- Future Citizens Foundation
- G.I. Josie
- Gateway Center of Monterey County, Inc.
- Gathering for Women
- Gen Giammanco Foundation
- Gil Basketball Academy
- Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast
- Girls, Inc. of the Central Coast
- Global Majority
- Golden Oldies Cat Rescue
- Greenfield Cultural Arts Center
- GRID Alternatives
- Guitars Not Guns
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hands to Help Seniors
- Harden Foundation
- Harmony at Home
- Hartnell College Foundation
- Helping Our Peninsula's Environment (HOPE)
- Henry Miller Library
- Hidden Hills Ranch
- Hidden Valley Music Seminars
- HOPE Services
- Hope, Horses and Kids
- Hospice Giving Foundation
- Hospice of the Central Coast
- Housing Authority of the County of Monterey
- Housing Development Corporation (HDC)
- Housing Resource Center of Monterey County
- ILCF – International Language and Culture Foundation
- IMPOWER
- Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP)
- Interfaith Outreach of Carmel
- Interim, Inc.
- International School of Monterey
- ITN MontereyCounty
- Jacob's Heart
- Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool
- Junior League of Monterey County
- Keep Monterey County Clean
- Kernes Adaptive Aquatics
- Key for a Cure Foundation
- Kinship Center
- Kiwanis Club of Monterey
- Land Watch Monterey County
- Legal Services for Seniors
- Life After School Program
- Loaves, Fishes & Computers (LFC)
- Luke's Legacy Foundation
- Lyceum of Monterey County
- Mandell Gisnet Center for Conflict Management
- Marina Foundation
- Marina in Motion (Marina)
- Marina Tree & Garden Club (Marina)
- Marina Youth Arts
- Marine Life Studies
- Max's Helping Paws Foundation
- Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula
- Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley
- MEarth Carmel
- Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)
- Mission Trails ROP
- Montage Health
- Montage Health Foundation
- Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Science (MAOS)
- Monterey Audubon Society
- Monterey and Salinas Valley Model Railroad and Historical Society (MSVRR)
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Monterey Bay Charter School
- Monterey Bay Educational Center
- Monterey Bay Heritage Alliance
- Monterey Bay Sports League
- Monterey Bay Users Group (MBUG)
- Monterey Bay Veterans
- Monterey Beach Sportsfest
- Monterey County Business Council
- Monterey County Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities (MCCEPD)
- Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau (MCCVB) i
- Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation
- Monterey County Film Commission
- Monterey County Historical Society
- Monterey County Interfaith Alliance
- Monterey County Police Activities League (PAL)
- Monterey County Pops!
- Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
- Monterey County Scholarship and Awards Program
- Monterey County Sheriff's Advisory Council
- Monterey County Sheriff's Posse
- Monterey County Theatre Alliance
- Monterey County Veterans Employment Committee (MCVEC)
- Monterey County Young Professionals Group
- Monterey County Youth Museum (MY Museum)
- Monterey High Instrumental Boosters
- Monterey Hostel Society
- Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA)
- Monterey Jazz Festival
- Monterey Museum of Art
- Monterey Peace & Justice Center
- Monterey Peninsula College Foundation (MPC Foundation)
- Monterey Peninsula Foundation
- Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Thrift Shop
- Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation (MPLFF)
- Monterey Rape Crisis Center
- Monterey Regional Waste Management District

- Monterey State Historic Park Association (MSHPA)
- Monterey Symphony
- Monterey Zoo
- MPUSD Fund for Arts
- Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)
- National Steinbeck Center Foundation
- Natividad Foundation
- Naval Postgraduate School Foundation
- Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County – NAMC
- Northern California Golf Association Foundation (NCGA Foundation)
- Occhiata Productions (Monterey)
- The Offset Project (TOC)
- Old Monterey Foundation
- Oldtown Salinas Foundation
- Operation Give Back
- Orchestra in the Schools
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) @ CSUMB
- Outreach Unlimited (IHELP)
- Pac Rep Theater
- Pacific Grove Art Center
- Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber
- Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
- Pacific Grove Pops Orchestra
- Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust
- Pajaro Valley Shelter Services
- Palma School
- Panetta Institute for Public Policy (Seaside)
- Papillon Center for Loss & Transition
- Parenting Connection
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Partners For Peace
- Partnership for Children
- Pass The Word Ministry
- Peace of Mind Dog Rescue
- Peacock Acres
- Pinnacles National Park Foundation
- Pinnacles Partnership
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Point Lobos Foundation
- Pride of Monterey County
- Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula
- Project Sentinel
- Rancho Cielo
- Read to Me Project
- Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April
- Redwings Horse Sanctuary
- Relay for Life
- Restorative Justice Partners
- Return of the Natives
- Rice Plus Project
- Sabu Shake Sr. Memorial Foundation
- Salinas Area Modelers, Inc.
- Salinas Barrios Unidos
- Salinas-Kushikino (Japan) Sister City Association
- Salinas Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
- Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival
- Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Salvation Army
- Santa Lucia Conservancy
- Save our Shores
- Service Learning Leadership Program, CSUMB Service Learning Institute
- Shakespeare Society of America
- SNIP Bus
- Sol Treasures
- Sea Otter Classic Foundation
- Sophie's Heart
- South County Animal Rescue (SCAR)
- South County Out Reach Effort (SCORE)
- Southern Monterey County Center for the Performing Arts Inc. (Greenfield)
- SPCA for Monterey County
- Special Kids Connect (formerly Special Kids Crusade)
- Spector Dance
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Steinbeck Center Foundation
- Steinbeck House Restaurant / Valley Guild
- Suicide Prevention Service
- Sun Street Centers
- Sunset Cultural Center
- Surfrider Foundation
- Tandy Beal & Company
- Tatum's Garden Foundation
- TCOPS International, Inc.
- Teddy Bears with Heart
- The Epicenter of Salinas
- The Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library
- Transformational Coaches
- UnChained
- United Way of Monterey County
- Valley Health Associates
- Ventana Wilderness Alliance
- Ventana Wildlife Society
- Veterans for Peace, Inc., Chapter 46
- Veterans Transition Center
- Victory Mission
- Village Project
- Visiting Nurse Association
- VNA Community Services
- Voices of Monterey County (formerly CASA)
- Volunteer Center of Monterey County
- Watsonville Wetlands Watch
- World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area
- Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
- Youth Arts Collective
- Youth Music Monterey County
- Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL)
- YMCA (Central Coast YMCA)
- YWCA Monterey County

\*We did our best to collect a complete list of all local nonprofit organizations and agencies that serve our communities. We apologize if any were missed. Please email darvig@montereyherald.com if you are aware of any that were not included so we can be sure and add them next year.