

Community Foundation for Monterey County

About Us – Here for Good



The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) is a nonprofit created by and for the people of Monterey County. Its mission is to inspire philanthropy and strengthen communities. Hundreds of generous families, individuals and businesses have chosen to partner with the CFMC by creating charitable funds in their lifetimes and through their estates. The CFMC stewards these assets and makes grants to nonprofits working to improve lives in Monterey County and beyond.

Grantmaker and Community Leader

- The CFMC granted more than \$40 million in 2023 to strengthen our communities. The foundation meets changing community needs through the Fund for Monterey County and provides resources and support beyond grantmaking through the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Community Impact Investment.
- The CFMC is a community leader working on important issues such as mental health, disaster relief, homelessness and affordable housing to create healthy, safe, vibrant communities throughout Monterey County.

Partner in Giving

- The CFMC helps each donor or family create their unique giving plan and leverage their giving for greater impact.
- Customized giving solutions provide a variety of options for individual and family philanthropy, including donor advised, scholarship or other charitable funds.
- You can make a bequest or establish a named fund with a wide variety of assets including: cash, stocks, bonds and mutual funds; real estate; life insurance; IRAs and other retirement assets; closely held securities and more.
- The CFMC connects donors with grantmaking opportunities to support causes in their areas of interest.
- Charitable estate planning helps donors leave a legacy through planned giving.
- Private foundation services offer administrative and grantmaking support.
- Corporate philanthropy programs help companies give back.
- The CFMC is a trusted steward of charitable assets and our donors' intent.

“The CFMC is a design studio for philanthropy that invites you to pull up a chair at the table. You would be simply amazed at the possibilities.”

—Bill Tyler



Bill Tyler
Fund holder and Legacy Society Member

The CFMC offers a variety of giving options to help you achieve your philanthropic goals. To integrate charitable giving into your financial planning, please give us a call at 831.375.9712.

Top 10 reasons to give through the CFMC:

- 1 We are a local organization with deep community roots.
- 2 Our professional staff has broad expertise regarding local issues and needs.
- 3 We provide personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.
- 4 Our funds help you invest in the causes you care about most.
- 5 We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex gifts.
- 6 We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
- 7 We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.
- 8 We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
- 9 We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
- 10 We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.



Mission

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

Vision

Healthy, Safe, Vibrant Communities

Values

- We **advance positive change** through grantmaking, community engagement and collaboration.
- We **build a legacy for future generations** through responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.
- We **operate with the highest standards** of integrity, ethics and accountability.
- We **embrace diversity, equity and inclusion**.
- We **commit to fairness and respect** for the dignity of all people.
- We **are open and honest** with our philanthropic partners, grantees and the community.
- We **strive for excellence** in all that we do.

2023 Highlights:

- \$41.5 Million** granted to nonprofits in Monterey County and beyond
- \$341 Million** in cumulative grantmaking since 1981
- \$2 Million** in scholarships awarded to 495 students
- 700** charitable funds established by individuals, families and businesses
- \$50.7 Million** received in new contributions including \$11.9 million raised through Monterey County Gives!
- \$381 Million** total assets

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