

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



Working to build a better world

A YEAR IN REVIEW

(July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021)

What is a community foundation?

It's a question we used to hear all the time but hear less and less each year. Recent community challenges have demonstrated how important it is to have a respected community foundation, a place where philanthropically minded people, businesses and organizations can pool resources to help spearhead recovery, encourage preparation and address deficiencies.

North Valley Community Foundation has awarded nearly \$45 million in grants for community recovery since the Camp Fire, more than \$3 million to address the COVID-19 pandemic and more than \$600,000 for Bear/North Complex Fire projects so far. And we are still awarding grants on all fronts.

In each instance of disaster relief, we open funds to give kindhearted people a way to give. Those pooled resources then go out to nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the form of grants to help them address needs.

Government and insurance only do so much. That's when philanthropy steps in to try to fill the holes.

We do so much more than disaster relief, however. Our Thrive initiative is focused on the mental health and well-being of North Valley residents and is tackling the difficult subject of suicide prevention, among other topics. We are funding and participating in the North State Equity Fund, which provides grants to organizations focused on equity and racial justice. And then there's the longtime core of our organization — the nearly 500 funds started by community members and organizations who want to act on their ideas for social good anywhere in the world.

None of this is possible without donors, thousands of them, who give to various NVCF funds each year. We appreciate them all — from the ones who give millions of dollars each year to the ones who donate proceeds from a lemonade stand or a birthday party.

Every single dollar helps make the North Valley the special place it is and reminds us of this truism: **Together we are stronger.**





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Message from the

PRESIDENT & CEO

Part of me wants to open this annual report by sharing with you the things I'm most proud of about the North Valley Community Foundation this past year.

It would be easy to talk about our extraordinary team, our unprecedented innovation, the significant progress we've made in our Camp Fire recovery efforts, our first-of-its-kind mental health and wellness initiative called Thrive or our cherished partner Aaron Rodgers and the life-changing work we've done with him for small businesses. (Have you seen the surprise phone calls?)

But you're going to learn all about these good works in the pages that follow.

There is something else I want to say. The past year is a year in human history that will never be forgotten. This is the year the world lost more than 4 million people to a virus that shut our planet down.

Sure, everyone did what they could, but so many people did so much more than we could have ever imagined. Our nurses,

doctors, hospital staff and emergency responders, for months on end, worked tirelessly while putting their own lives at risk. Our teachers, grocery store clerks, gas station attendants and mail service providers worked and worked and worked — when most of us were able to hunker down.

And, it wasn't just them. It was everyone who made sacrifices far beyond what was asked or expected. Those willing to stay home when it got really, really hard to. Those who wore their masks religiously, and not just for themselves but for each other. Those who volunteered. Those who gave more generously. Those who understood the past year was about being part of something much bigger than just ourselves and our families.

I've always preached about the inherent good in human beings. NVCF was rebuilt around that belief. But the past year

took it to a whole new level, even for me, maybe human beings' biggest fan. The year showed me that we truly can take care of one another, and not just when it's convenient or inspiring, but when it's really difficult and painful.

Chances are you were part of the masses that did everything in your power to help. So, this opening is for you. It is to thank you. It is to remind you that you were part of something so much bigger than yourself the past year. You were part of saving lives and saving our way of life, and I thank you!



Alexa Benson-Valavanis

President and CEO



Photo courtesy of Jason Halley, Chico State University



HELP US DO THIS VITAL WORK

Each page of this Annual Report details how NVCF makes a positive impact in the North Valley and beyond. It's vital, life-changing work we can only do because of our incredible donors. Please help us continue.

We have existed for more than 30 years but our profile, and the understanding of what we do, grew after a series of crises starting with the Camp Fire in 2018, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the wildfires of 2020.

When the Camp Fire struck Butte County, our community foundation had just seven employees. Most worked part time.

The California Community Foundation recognized that only NVCF could perform the vital work needed to marshal donations and serve as a neutral leader on the long-term post-fire recovery effort. The California Community Foundation made a seven-figure donation to NVCF so we could staff up.

With a larger, accomplished staff, we've been able to not only focus on Camp Fire recovery, but respond to other difficult community challenges. It takes people to do this work. We solicit and analyze hundreds of grant applications a year, issue thousands of checks and administer nearly 500 funds for social good.

We do this for a 1% administrative fee on the disaster relief donations, which make up the bulk of donations to NVCF. A penny on the dollar only scratches the surface of our staff time needed to do the job.

And that's why we humbly ask for help, like the California Community Foundation recognized was necessary nearly three years ago. Our foundation, our expertise, our responsibilities and our desire to help has only grown. Most important, the need has not abated. Our area's challenges become more complex with each new emergency.

You can learn more about the NVCF General Operating Fund and donate by going to www.nvcf.org/donate.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Q&A with Bill Hubbard, general counsel and director of gift planning

Does NVCF accept gifts other than cash?

Yes. Gifts other than cash can be donated and this is often a very tax-smart way of giving.

What is a common example of a tax-smart gift?

A gift of appreciated stock avoids capital gains taxes on the sale and provides a charitable contribution deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock.

Are gifts of real property acceptable?

Yes. Like gifts of appreciated stock, gifts of real property also avoid capital gain taxes and provide a tax deduction based on the appraised value of the property.

Can I make a gift from my individual retirement account?

Yes. Distributions directly from an IRA account are a smart move if you do not

itemize deductions. This can meet a required minimum distribution without it being included in income.

Is there a benefit if I make a contribution from my donor-advised fund?

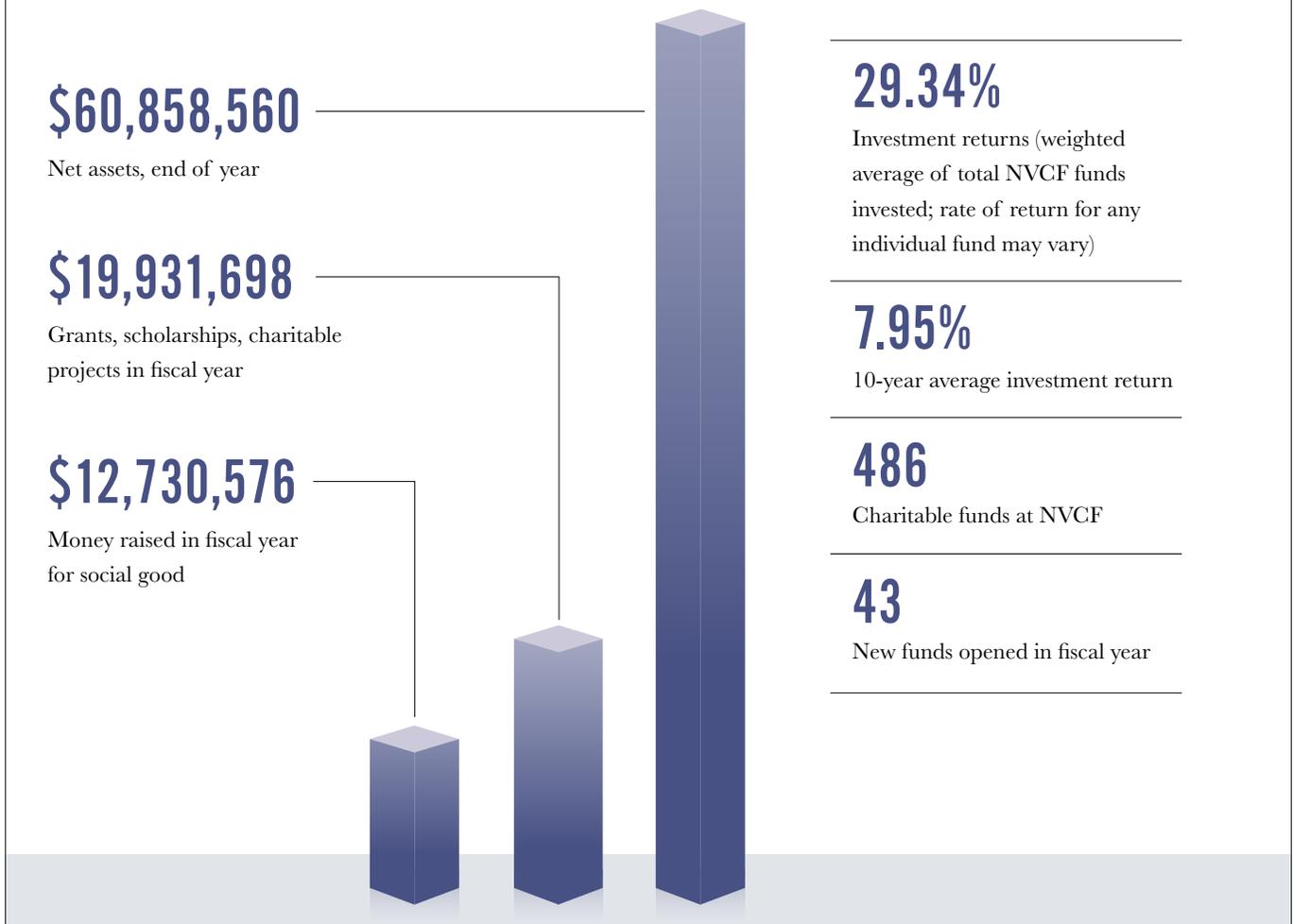
The primary benefit is preservation of personal cash.

Can the foundation assist with future gift planning such as in coordination with overall financial and estate planning?

Absolutely. There are many ways to make charitable contributions, including ways to receive cash flow during life and provide gifts through a will or trust. We can work with donors and their professional advisors on the types of planned giving most advantageous to the donor. Just give us a call.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 (preaudit numbers)



*Since 2005**

\$152,083,307

Money raised

\$97,247,177

Grants, scholarships, and charitable projects

**In 2005, Alexa Benson-Valavanis was hired to lead and reimagine NVCF.*

Disaster Relief

\$44,333,915

Camp Fire grants since Nov. 8, 2018

\$9,617,351

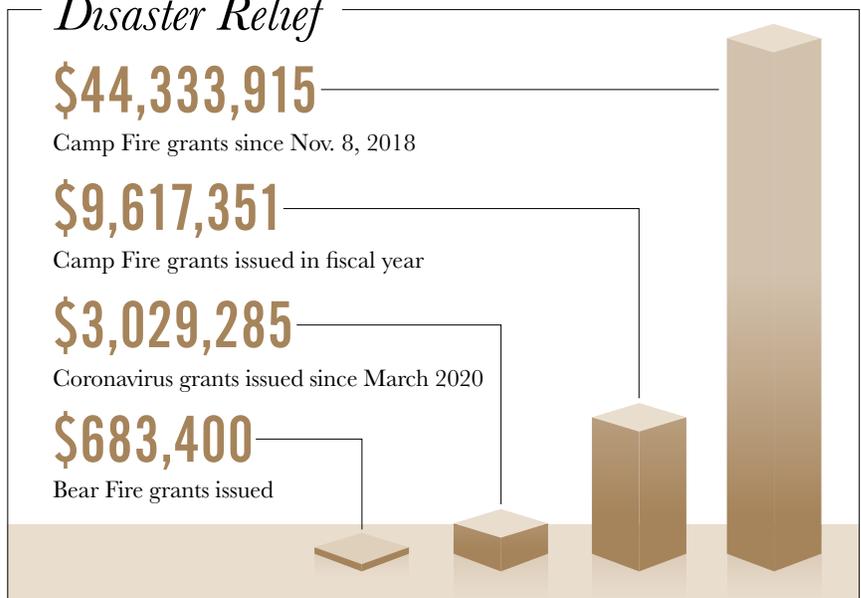
Camp Fire grants issued in fiscal year

\$3,029,285

Coronavirus grants issued since March 2020

\$683,400

Bear Fire grants issued



STAFF AND DECISION MAKERS

North Valley Community Foundation Staff

Alexa Benson-Valavanis, president and CEO

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Patrice Berry, digital content creator

Logan Todd, vice president, grant programs and client services

Carolyn Engstrom, client care manager

Jovanni Tricerri, vice president, regional recovery and partnerships

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Tess Slaton, program assistant

Danelle Campbell, Thrive program director

Erin Morrissey, Thrive program manager

Michele Thorpe, Thrive program assistant

NVCF Board of Directors

Farshad Azad, chair, owner of Azad's Martial Arts Center

Earl Jessee, vice chair, senior consultant at Matson & Isom Technology Consulting

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Alexa Benson-Valavanis, president and CEO, North Valley Community Foundation

Butte Strong Fund Committee

Chuck Rough, former Paradise town manager

Anna Bauer, First 5 Commission director

Scott Lotter, former Paradise mayor

Carol Peterson, former publisher of the Paradise Post

Don McNelis, former Butte County Office of Education superintendent

Greg Webb, developer and philanthropist

Peggy Moak, former Butte County treasurer-tax collector

Farshad Azad, board chair, North Valley Community Foundation

Sierra Grossman, second generation owner, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

North Complex Fire Grant Committee

Sandy Bourasa, business owner, volunteer firefighter

Will Cotter, school board president, community volunteer

Patsy Oxford, principal/superintendent, Pioneer Union Elementary School District

Sherry Holbrook, NVCF board member

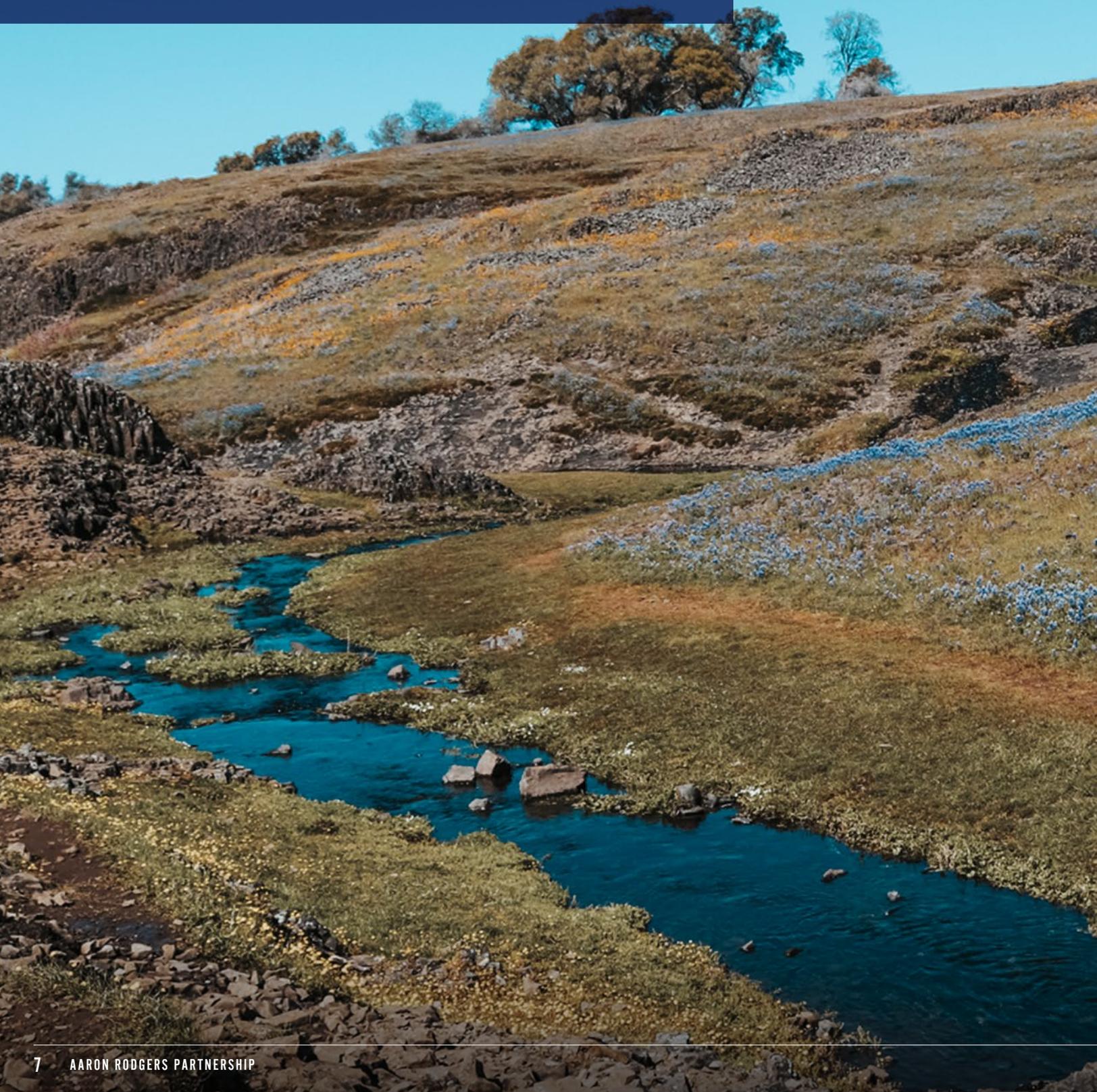
Earl Jessee, NVCF board member

Janet Wietbrock, NVCF board member

Deborah Rossi, NVCF board member



Aaron Rodgers Partnership



OVERVIEW

In a year in which he was named the MVP of the NFL for the third time, Aaron Rodgers was also dubbed the North Valley's MVP (as in Most Valuable Philanthropist) by local TV news.

Aaron has certainly earned both titles. His excellence on the football field has long been celebrated nationwide, and now the rest of the country is learning what we already knew here — that his heart for his hometown grows along with his fame.

He has often donated to help athletic programs at the schools that represented his pathway to the pros, Pleasant Valley High School and Butte College. Lately he has seen a greater need, however, and eagerly stepped in to help. After the devastating Camp Fire on Nov. 8, 2018, Aaron made a \$1 million donation to open a fire recovery fund at NVCF. That attracted millions more in donations. With NVCF and Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Aaron became a founding partner of the Butte Strong Fund.



He leaped forward again in a big way this year.

Trying to find a way to help small, locally owned businesses that were struggling financially during the pandemic, he opened the Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19 Fund at NVCF. We worked with him to design a grant program and issued two rounds of grants, in March and May, totaling \$1.6 million. The grants went to 159 businesses, mostly restaurants and retail establishments, and averaged more than \$10,000 for rent and other expenses.

Aaron contributed \$1.2 million of that, while \$236,725 came from "Jeopardy!" after Aaron hosted the show for two weeks in April and named NVCF as his charity of choice.

"Aaron's heart continually amazes me. Whenever our area faces significant challenges, Aaron is always thinking about where he came from," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, NVCF's president and CEO. "Even in the midst of his whirlwind of a life, he's there asking how he can help. We are incredibly fortunate to have Aaron on our team."

Camp Fire Recovery



OVERVIEW

BY JOVANNI TRICERRI, VP, REGIONAL RECOVERY AND PARTNERSHIPS

As we near the three-year anniversary of the Camp Fire, we as a community have surmounted big challenges. And while we can look back at the wins in our recovery, the challenges ahead are vast and complex.

NVCF is committed to addressing these challenges with the same resolve and commitment we started with the day the fire ignited.

The journey of recovery for individuals and families is complex and deeply traumatic for so many. The notion that disasters do not discriminate but recovery too often does is no less true than when we started. As the philanthropic hub for this disaster recovery, it became our commitment that we would address the gaps where too many of our most vulnerable community members would fall through. The COVID-19 pandemic added

an extra layer of complexity and hardship with large disruption to social services and schools and inflated costs of building. And while the mountain of recovery became a lot steeper for many, NVCF took big steps to address those gaps.

Over the past year, we made significant investments into disaster case management so that those who needed help navigating the complicated web of recovery could have the attention of an experienced case worker who could help identify and access the services each family needed. In all, we funded 79 case managers over the course of the last year. These case workers have been able to get over 333 individuals and families to more stable housing. But the hard truth is there are 1,637 active cases and 100 still waiting to get help from case managers. We

are committed to continuing to fund case managers to get that list to zero.

We cannot let added hurdles like the inflation in building costs hinder our vulnerable communities from having access to affordable housing. We continue to partner with our nonprofit housing service providers to address these issues.

And as people finally are in a home, we are committed to create accessible pathways to healing. That is why NVCF launched Thrive, an initiative that brings together agencies and organizations to address the gaps and fragmented path to healing for those impacted by the challenges and disasters in our community.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

<i>Total Granted Since the Camp Fire</i>	\$44,333,915
<i>Direct Assistance</i>	\$15,829,443
<i>Housing</i>	\$11,444,216
<i>Health & Wellness</i>	\$7,603,644
<i>Education</i>	\$4,485,478
<i>Community Development</i>	\$3,604,267
<i>Economic Recovery</i>	\$1,366,867
<i>Fiscal Year (ending June 30, 2021) total dollars</i>	\$9,617,351
<i>Total number of grants</i>	114

UNMET NEEDS ROUNDTABLE

Hundreds of case managers have been helping thousands of Camp Fire survivors in the nearly three years since the Camp Fire. Those survivors are in various stages of recovery, depending on many variables, including whether they received help from the government, insurance or a PG&E settlement.

A sort of last step for help is the Unmet Needs Roundtable. The Unmet Needs Roundtable brings 11 funding organizations to the table to confer on individual cases.

The largest funder among the 11 organizations is NVCF and the Butte Strong Fund. In 2020, NVCF contributed \$2.3 million to hire 65 case managers, \$1.7 million to the Unmet Needs Roundtable and \$1 million to assistance for an intermediate step called Simple Unmet Needs.



Cases that reach the final step, the Unmet Needs Roundtable, have been in the works for many months and have been heavily vetted by the case managers, who try to find help from government, insurance and lawsuits.

The cases in front of the Unmet Needs Roundtable are people who have fallen through the cracks. They lost a home they owned but don't qualify for other help. The only way they can return to their property is with the help of the Unmet Needs Roundtable.



Only about 20 households have reached the Unmet Needs Roundtable since the Camp Fire. One is Emilia Erickson, whose family lost their uninsured, off-the-grid Concow home in the fire. She says her paperwork is 4 inches thick and she spent months “jumping through hoops” with no electricity or internet connection, and with four kids to care for. But she did it. The end result is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home.

“I feel like it’s a miracle that I have a house. I’m super grateful,” she said. “I feel like I don’t deserve it in ways, because everyone deserves a house. Everyone is worthy. And we are getting one. We are feeling blessed. We know how fortunate we are.”



TOWN OF PARADISE PARTNERSHIP

Camp Fire recovery can't happen without a healthy town government. The Butte Strong Fund was vital to helping Town Hall when funding sources were absent, delayed or uncertain.

Our staff worked closely with town staff to identify areas where Butte Strong Fund grants could help the most.

"In the early days after the fire, while the town was still very much in emergency

response, the North Valley Community Foundation stepped in to help with the types of things government agencies don't fund," said Town Manager Kevin Phillips. "While FEMA and Cal OES have provided vital assistance, NVCF filled the gaps in what they could offer and helped set the strategic foundation for our long-term recovery. The town would not be as far in recovery as we are today without this foundational support."

Among the vital grants:

- A program granting \$2 million to reduce government fees for those rebuilding in the town, which helped homeowners but also helped the town cover its costs.
- A grant for the town to develop a long-term visionary plan for rebuilding.
- A grant that cost just \$24,500 for a road survey but was leveraged into \$77.3 million in government funding to rebuild roads.

- A broadband infrastructure study that should have a similar effect in leveraging funds.
- Staffing and project expenses for the town to open the Building Resiliency Center, a one-stop shop for residents seeking help in navigating the rebuilding process.

"As we start to gain perspective on the long view in recovery, NVCF's contributions in our early years helped stabilize and provide hope," said Katie Simmons, the town's disaster recovery director. "There's a built-in localness and nimbleness to charitable foundations that state and federal agencies don't have, and we don't take this for granted. As we negotiate and advocate for the use of government funds made available to all communities experiencing disaster, we're grateful North Valley Community Foundation and Butte Strong Fund stepped in to help uniquely and consistently as we begin to find our new normal."

SEPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Trying to rebuild an uninsured or underinsured home lost in a wildfire can feel like a full-time job. Add in the skyrocketing costs of rebuilding and to many homeowners, the hurdles can be staggering.

The Rebuild Paradise Foundation, which was incubated at NVCF, tries to help overwhelmed residents who are navigating the rebuilding maze.

Our Butte Strong Fund has worked closely with Rebuild Paradise to fill funding holes. One such gap was the cost of replacing septic systems before rebuilding can begin.

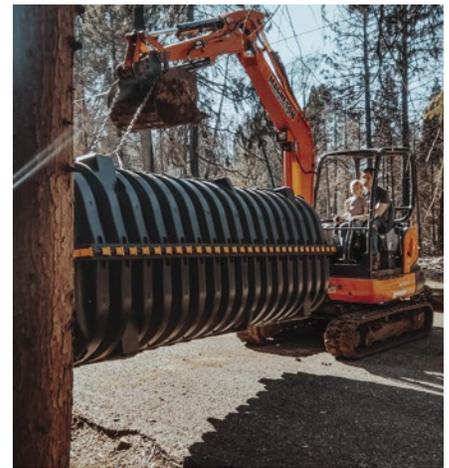
Paradise ridge homes are entirely on septic systems. It's the largest municipality in California without a sewer system. Those who are rebuilding after the Camp Fire

are learning they must spend thousands of dollars to repair or replace the septic system before starting a new home.

Rebuild Paradise Foundation applied to the Butte Strong Fund for a grant totaling \$875,000 to help low-income and middle-income families with the septic cost. Households can qualify for a grant of up to \$7,500, depending on income. As of June 1, 69 grants had been awarded averaging \$3,600 apiece.

"With the rising cost of building, any dollars that can help with construction costs are so appreciated and heartwarming," said Charles Brooks, executive director of Rebuild Paradise.

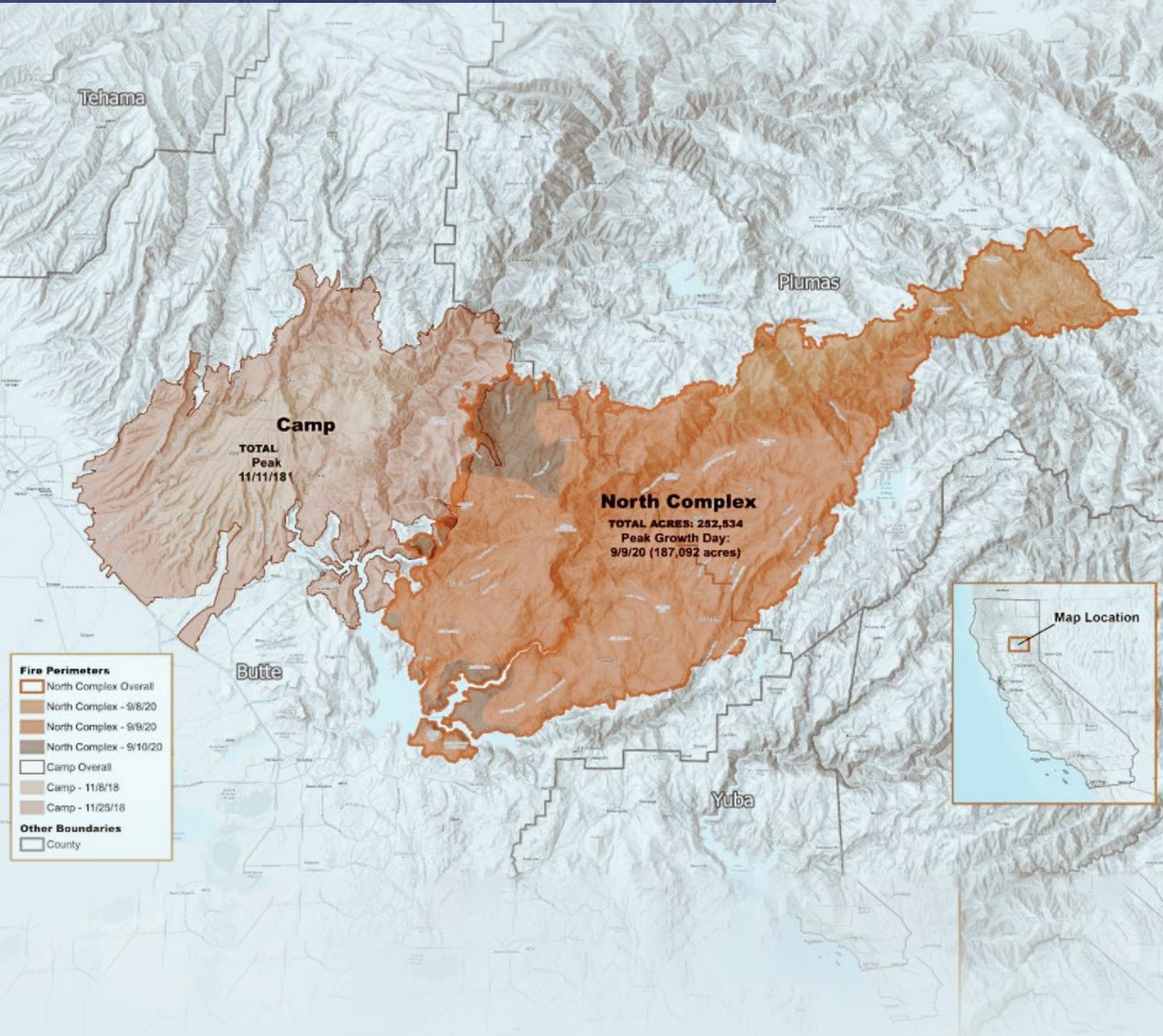
Those who are rebuilding learn about the help in many ways — from rebuilding



advocates at the town, case managers, social media, real estate agents, word of mouth and other forms of publicity. The fact that low-income and middle-income families are targeted for the help is noted by those who are constantly faced with obstacles.

"We do surveys with the people we helped and there's a common theme: I can't believe somebody thought of us," said Brooks.

Bear/North Complex Fire



OVERVIEW

BY JOVANNI TRICERRI, VP, REGIONAL RECOVERY AND PARTNERSHIPS

As if 2020 did not have enough challenges of its own with a global pandemic, wildfires in California burned over 4.2 million acres. The most destructive wildfire in the state in terms of homes and lives lost swept through the Berry Creek and Feather Falls areas of Butte County.

It began as the Bear Fire and later joined with other fires to become the North Complex Fire. Many who less than two years prior were evacuated because of the Camp Fire were forced to evacuate again. Nearly 2,500 structures were destroyed and 16 people died. The school in Berry Creek was destroyed and families displaced.

NVCF joined with our fire recovery partners to immediately do what we could to help. Over \$1 million was raised to help survivors. This was separate from Camp

Fire donations, which can go only to Camp Fire recovery.

Our emergency response after the Bear Fire focused on ensuring survivors were connected with shelters and had adequate food and basic needs.

Our program officers and staff work closely with the Bear Fire Long Term Recovery Group and local community leaders to identify priority areas. Housing and survivor assistance were identified as top priorities.

Before the fire, we had a critical housing shortage in our region – in terms of both the number and type of homes available and the affordability of them. With multiple wildfires destroying so much of our affordable housing stock, the problem

is compounded. We are working with the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to increase the supply of permanent housing, particularly affordable housing in our region.

The level of outreach needed to support the communities impacted by wildfires is growing. Case management is how victims of wildfire gain access to a range of services by connecting survivors to social workers who can navigate the resources available. After multiple fires, the level of individual and community trauma is greatly heightened while the availability of case management directing victims to services has been severely understaffed and underfunded. Supporting a system that stands up organizations and agencies that provide case managers, direct assistance and disaster navigators is crucial to the recovery of our region.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

<i>Total Granted So Far (2020-2021)</i>	\$683,400
<i>Direct Assistance</i>	\$417,940
<i>Housing</i>	\$247,000
<i>Health & Wellness</i>	\$18,100
<i>Total number of grants</i>	53



BERRY CREEK GIVEAWAY DAYS

The Bear Fire was tragic on so many levels at Berry Creek Elementary School.

Of the 35 families at the school, all but one lost their home in the fire, as did eight of the 12 staff members. The school burned



down as well. Families scattered wherever they could find a place to stay.

The school connected with families immediately after the fire. They were already in contact through pandemic-caused distance learning. The school decided to do “Giveaway Days” every two or three weeks. It was mainly a good excuse to get families together. It also served as a way to distribute the donations that poured in.

A \$10,000 grant from our North Complex Fire Grant Program helped keep the Giveaway Days going after the donations ran out.

“All the events were really fun,” said Patsy Oxford, the school’s principal. “The most exciting was families having their portraits taken for free as they had lost all their family pictures in the fire. Families dressed up. It really meant a lot to them.

“At Christmas we handed out bikes and totes filled with toys as a drive-thru due to



COVID-19,” she continued. “Kids were jumping out of the cars when they saw the bikes. All the kids lost their bikes, and now that they are living in town or in a trailer park, they actually have a place to ride their bike. They were so excited.”

The last giveaway in June included gift cards for summer activities, such as Cal Skate, movie theaters and the Forebay Aquatic Center.

“Our hope is that our families get out and have some fun,” said Oxford. “Heaven knows they deserve it.”

BUTTE HOPE



It's not something you hope to get good at, but a program called Butte Hope is becoming remarkably adept at disaster relief.

Butte Hope is run by Northern Valley Catholic Social Service. It sprung up in 2017 as a way to connect fire survivors to resources. That might take the form of

offering advice or case management to fire survivors, organizing giveaways or pointing survivors to places they can get help.

The strength of Butte Hope is being present. The workers are there on the ground in fire-affected communities. Fire survivors know them. Therefore, they trust the organization.

Butte Hope expanded its reach after the Bear/North Complex Fire last summer, pivoting to help the thousands forced to evacuate.

They were a lead agency, so our Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund helped with grants for several different things. A grant of nearly \$30,000 helped keep two staff members employed after previous grant funding ran out. Grants totaling \$70,000 were used by Butte Hope to purchase gift cards and food to be distributed to people displaced by the Bear Fire.

Because the evacuees were dispersed to many different cities in an attempt to find shelter, Butte Hope workers traveled all over to provide those gift cards.

"We had a couple folks who drove as far as Sacramento to deliver gift cards for people who didn't have any other way to feed themselves," said Jacob Fender, program manager for Butte Hope.

Butte Hope distributed gift bags with personal protective equipment and also worked with partners to provide for survivors.

"For some outlying towns, we're the only people they've seen and it's been almost a year," said Fender. "People are very grateful. We sit and listen and let them know how to navigate a complicated system. They didn't know where to start and we were there."



The name on the trailer says it all: "Haven of Hope on Wheels."

Inside the trailer are showers and laundry facilities, brought to people who need it. Funded with the help of a \$220,000 grant from the Butte Strong Fund, it is hauled into Paradise, Concow and Berry Creek three days a week. The trailer can provide up to 60 showers and 48 loads of laundry per day.

For fire survivors who don't have running water or electricity, it's a lifeline.

"It's something that seems so basic to some people, taking a shower, but to people that

need it and don't have it, it's lifesaving," said Keisha Hills of the Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association.

OSCIA operates the trailer. The group finds the locations, gets out the word on social media and elsewhere and is always kindly greeted by people who need the service.

"We never get used to the testimonies and the praise the organization receives," said Pastor Kevin Thompson from OSCIA. "Some of the people say they have not had a hot shower in months."

The trailer was originally purchased to help Camp Fire survivors, but after the Bear

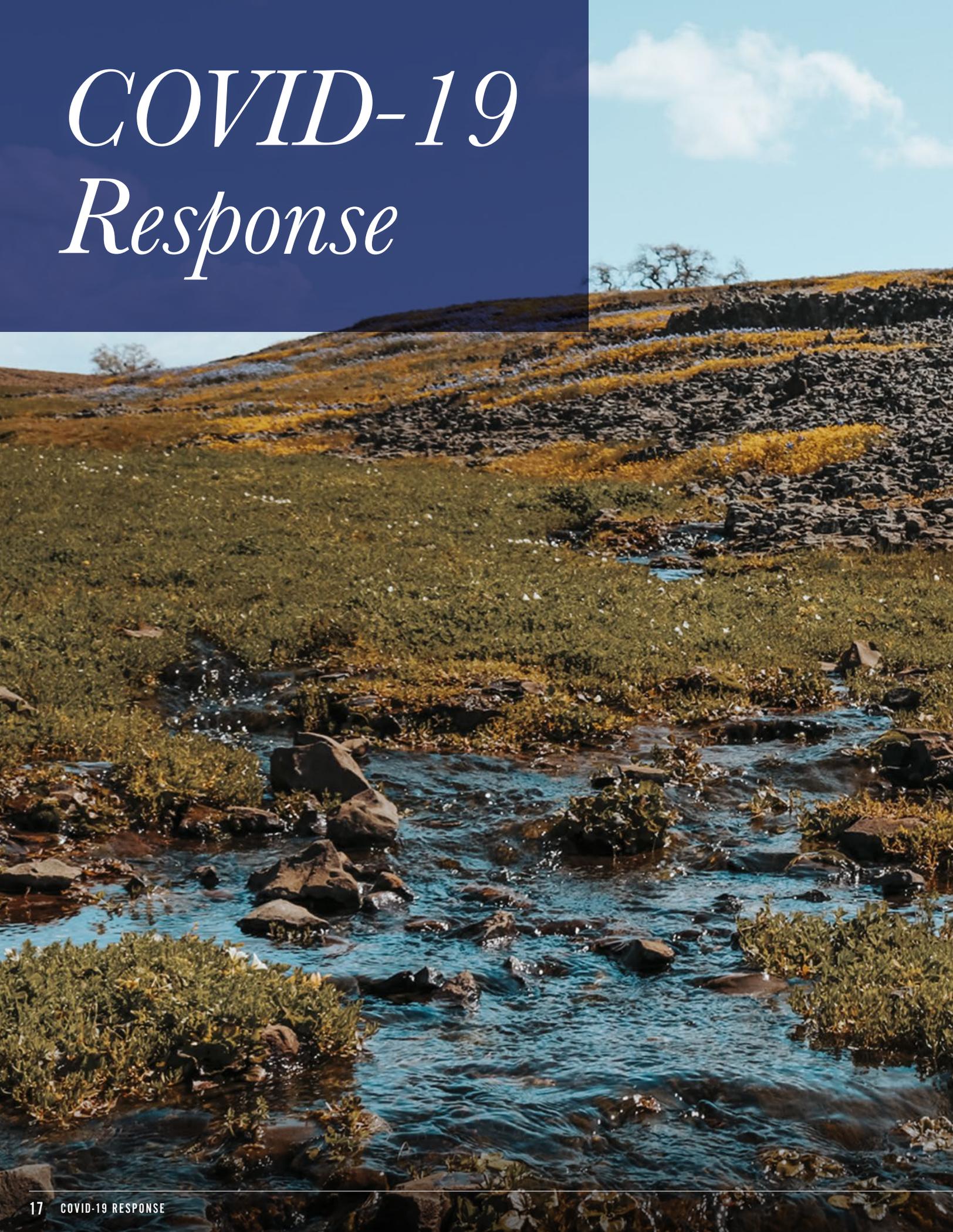
Fire last fall, OSCIA expanded service into Berry Creek as well.

It takes a network of volunteers each day to operate the trailer, from the driver, to a person organizing the laundry area to helpers who thoroughly clean the stalls after each shower.

"We get to know the people," said Hills. "It's especially hard when you see mothers with children. One said, 'It's not about me. It's for my kids. We are in survival mode.' Over time, we become like family to them and they become like family to us."

HAVEN OF HOPE ON WHEELS

COVID-19 Response



OVERVIEW

BY DAVID LITTLE, EXECUTIVE VP, COMMUNICATIONS

We never know what will happen when we open a relief fund. But we are often pleasantly surprised.

That certainly was the case when we opened the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. We started the fund in March 2020, just as the state was closing everything down.

Even before we had a dollar in the fund, NVCF's board of directors voted to grant \$250,000 from our Operating Fund so the Butte County Public Health Department could buy testing equipment it didn't have.

There was no expectation we would receive substantial donations to the Rapid Response Fund. Unlike, say, a wildfire fund that's specific to an area, every region in the country was struggling with the same pandemic.

And yet, our donors have a habit of astonishing us.

We received hundreds of donations to the fund. The ones from the North Valley were from people who had the means to help their neighbors. The ones from outside the North Valley were often from individuals and foundations that knew our area was still struggling after the Camp Fire.

We went to work awarding grants to organizations helping at-risk populations. We also provided masks, face shields and other protective equipment to nonprofits, businesses and health care professionals.

Early on, we joined forces with the Feather River Health Foundation. They too were issuing grants to help. Pooling our resources, we made our donations go twice as far.

Other community members opened charitable funds of their own at NVCF, the largest of which was the Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19 Fund. Working together, relief snowballed.

As of July 1, we had mobilized more than \$3 million in grants for COVID-19 relief and recovery — far more than we anticipated, but what we should have expected from our incredible donors.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

<i>Grant money mobilized by NVCF for COVID-19 response</i>	\$3,029,285
<i>Nonwoven masks purchased for businesses, nonprofits & government agencies in four counties</i>	82,600
<i>Cloth masks purchased for nonprofits serving at-risk populations</i>	5,514
<i>Posters printed and distributed to businesses promoting the use of face masks</i>	4,450
<i>Employees benefiting from the COVID-19 Employee Care Fund</i>	1,520
<i>Grants issued</i>	287

MASK GIVEAWAYS

The COVID-19 pandemic caused an odd interruption in the supply-and-demand chain. Sometimes it was merely an annoyance (for example, toilet paper). Sometimes it was much more important (for example, personal protective equipment).

The NVCF's Rapid Response Fund tried to help plug holes where it could. That was particularly successful when it came to providing face masks.

By working with local manufacturers, NVCF was able to help hamstrung businesses, uneasy shoppers and at-risk individuals.

The Rapid Response Fund started by buying 30,000 nonwoven white face masks from Chico manufacturer Salus Supply. NVCF distributed them to chambers of commerce in Chico, Paradise, Oroville and Gridley, which in turn conducted drive-up giveaways for business owners, who gave them to customers.

When that was a success, NVCF expanded the giveaways to Tehama, Glenn and Colusa counties. In Red Bluff, 10,000 masks disappeared in 40 minutes, even with limits on how many masks each business could take. A second giveaway distributed 12,000 masks.

In all, NVCF purchased more than 82,000 nonwoven masks for distribution.



Business owners line up for a drive-thru mask giveaway at the Greater Chico Chamber of Commerce office. The masks were purchased by NVCF.

We also bought more than 5,500 more durable cloth masks made by Fifth Sun, a clothing manufacturer in Chico that pivoted to masks because of the need. Those were distributed to various nonprofit organizations working with children, senior citizens and homeless individuals.

Eventually the government caught up and was able to provide pallets of masks for

north state businesses and organizations, a giveaway effort spearheaded locally by 3Core. But tens of thousands of masks from NVCF's Rapid Response Fund helped bridge a significant gap.

CHARITABLE FUNDS



Laura Cootsona and Shelly Watson pick up a meal for the Jesus Center from Sicilian Cafe, paid for by the Local Restaurants, Local Needs Fund at NVCF.

All funds at NVCF serve a charitable purpose, but a couple of funds opened by community members in response to COVID-19 were doubly charitable.

Two local couples with a history of philanthropy — Tim and Ann Edwards, and Wally and Susan Marshall — were

concerned during the shutdown about the survival of local restaurants. They also had a history of helping organizations like the Jesus Center and Salvation Army. They decided to open a fund that would help both restaurants and social service organizations.

They started the Local Restaurants, Local Needs Fund with \$10,000. It grew from there. They received donations to their fund from the Foor Foundation, Slater and Son, NVCF and many individuals, then continued to augment the fund with their own donations.

After a year, they had purchased thousands of meals at local restaurants like Sicilian Cafe, Broadway Heights and Pour House and served them to residents of transitional housing through the Jesus Center, Salvation

Army, Chico Housing Action Team, Esplanade House and more.

The fund made \$68,000 in distributions with the dual benefit to restaurants and at-risk populations.

Slater and Son followed their lead by opening the Slater and Son COVID-19 Community Support Fund.

The idea behind the fund was to purchase items that vulnerable populations need from small, locally owned businesses in an effort to benefit both. It was a tremendous success. The family seeded the fund with a \$100,000 donation and eventually made \$105,000 in distributions to organizations serving at-risk populations.

COVID-19 EMPLOYEE CARE PROGRAM

The COVID-19 pandemic had different effects on different professions. While some people had hours reduced or eliminated, or were forced to work remotely, there were other classes of employees that had to work harder, with little regard for their own safety.

We dreamed up an effort to help those people.

The COVID-19 Employee Care Grant Program was designed to reward employees of nonprofits and nursing homes who work with at-risk individuals. We targeted essential workers who often work for low pay in high-stress environments. They are usually the last to ask for recognition or practice self-care. They work for companies that are frequently too busy plugging away to think about employee extras.

So we asked them to ponder the question: If you could reward your front-line employees with a gesture, what would it be? We then vetted the requests and approved them.

The result: More than 1,500 workers were rewarded with grants from NVCF totaling nearly \$105,000. All 35 organizations that met eligibility requirements received grants to fund ideas such as celebratory lunches, staff appreciation events, massages, gift baskets, stress management counseling and much more.

“What a wonderful idea to create the (employee care) grant program, especially during the stressful time of COVID-19,” wrote Billie Kanter. “As a volunteer and board member of True North Housing Alliance, please accept our gratitude for awarding the grant to a group of employees who we think are the best in Chico. They have endured a lot since last mid-March and to be able to pamper them is a luxury the board itself can’t financially swing. Thank goodness for NVCF and its great staff.”





Thrive

THRIVE IN REVIEW

BY ERIN MORRISSEY, THRIVE PROGRAM MANAGER



Thrive is NVCF's response to the suffering in our community from decades of trauma compounded by multiple, back-to-back crises. Thrive brings hope to those suffering with a compassionate team that provides the resources needed to help heal our community.

Thrive works to alleviate suffering by bringing together people and organizations to identify and address our community's most pressing and devastating challenges.

More than 300 people gathered virtually for the daylong Thrive Healing Summit on Oct. 24. The summit provided an intimate and inspirational experience for those engaged in direct service to families, parents, caregivers and children to increase knowledge, build skills and receive tools to strengthen their work.

An evening session at the Thrive Healing Summit was presented by Dr. Christina Bethell, providing parents and caregivers tools to leverage the power of their care and

connection with their children to help them flourish even when things are hard.

In late February we became aware of the increasing concern about youth mental health and suicide. Within a few short weeks, the End the Silence campaign was in full swing. We convened 15 focus groups and heard from more than 100 high school students from all over the county. What we heard, resoundingly, is that young people are struggling with stress, depression and anxiety; they are seeking safe places and safe

people to connect with, they want to know what to say to a friend who is struggling and they want to know the signs of depression and suicide risk. What followed was a summit on April 22, attended by more than 400 young people and 300 adults, to explore these pressing issues.

In addition to convening these events, Thrive partners with experts to offer effective and targeted training for our community.

More than 30 local community members have been trained as ACE (adverse childhood experiences) Interface master trainer/coaches and are committed to sharing this science within our community. Semimonthly community drop-in sessions have been offered since January.

We also launched the Thrive Children's Resilience Initiative, an online video series designed to provide parents and youth-serving professionals with essential tools to create healing and supportive environments.





Our Funds

OVERVIEW

BY CAROLYN ENGSTROM, CLIENT CARE MANAGER

One of North Valley Community Foundation's founding principles is the concept that human beings are inherently good, and that we can take care of one another and this planet. Our world shifted and changed the past year in ways that were once unfathomable, but we have seen this principle remain as relevant and true as ever.

When the familiar items and routines that we most relied on in our daily lives were stripped away and we were left in our most basic, elemental form, we remembered we can lean on, and into, each other. And we did.

Not only did the disaster relief and recovery work and partnerships NVCF participates in continue to grow and expand, but the work done by the nearly 500 charitable

funds that are part of NVCF continued and expanded as well. Those charitable funds adapted in incredible ways to continue to do the good work they were created to do. Not only that, but 43 new funds were established and began their missions with NVCF in the last year.

This fiscal year, these nearly 500 funds have put nearly \$7 million out into various communities to do good work. More than ever, tending to each other and the needs of our communities was accomplished by



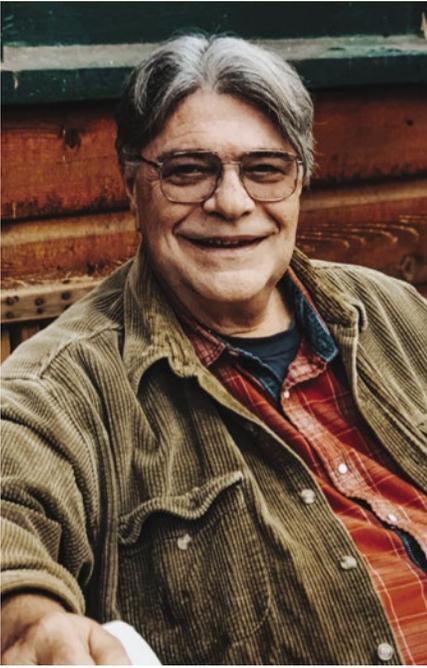
diverse groups of individuals, families, service clubs, businesses and agencies. Students were awarded scholarships, animals were sheltered and fed, social inequities were brought to the forefront and the arts and education causes were celebrated and advanced.



While so many things changed, we all found comfort and strength in realizing that some things remain the same, particularly the desire of humans to look outside of themselves and address a cause or issue.

Our funds are the core of NVCF and every single fund we hold represents countless hours of hard work and deep caring to make the world a better place. We are proud to walk alongside the helpers and servers and we are honored to be able to facilitate their work.





JIM JESSEE

Common Humanity Fund

The Jim Jessee Common Humanity Fund was created in late 2020 to support the pursuit of common humanity, including affordable housing, lifelong learning, spiritual exploration and dogs. The fund was established by Jessee's family in honor of his legacy as a Chico native and a local historian who wore many hats during his eventful life.

Jessee had many passionate pursuits, traveled broadly, and worked to learn about and value his fellow humans throughout his life, but as part of a four-generation Chico family, he always returned to Butte County. His family tells his life story beautifully in the Celebration of Life that is included on NVCF.org.

Jessee was a former director of Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) at Chico State College in the early 1970s and a founding member of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). He worked in several capacities at Chico State over the years before retiring as the director of academic facilities, publications and databases in 2008. Through the Jim Jessee Common Humanity Fund, his local legacy of pursuing and promoting common humanity lives on in Chico.



DIANE RUBY

Memorial Hope Fund

The Chico community was devastated to learn of the passing of Diane Ruby in May 2020. Diane was the co-founder of Sheraton Real Estate Management, a longtime member of the NVCF board of directors and was known in the community for her overwhelming kindness and generosity.

To honor her incredible legacy, her husband Larry founded the Diane Ruby Memorial Hope Fund at NVCF to provide financial support to those in financial need following the death of a loved one. This fund was established to allow those experiencing a loss to grieve and honor their loved one by helping to cover the various costs that families suffering a tragedy incur.



BETHEL AME CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

After the murder of George Floyd in Minnesota and other violence against Black Americans, a group of citizens in Chico opened the Bethel AME Church Restoration Project Fund at NVCF as a gesture of love and support for Chico's historically Black church.

In less than a year, the fund raised more than \$100,000 and the community pitched in to help restore Chico's oldest church. With the significant help of building industry professionals donating their time and materials, and volunteer groups working hard on weekends, the building was fully restored and painted, and a new roof and flooring were installed.



RED BLUFF ALUMS FOR JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Red Bluff Alums for Justice Scholarship Fund may be one of new funds this fiscal year at NVCF, but there is nothing new about its goal of humanizing the issue of racial inequality.

The advisors of this fund, alumni of Red Bluff schools, hold close the knowledge that while injustices most certainly endure in small towns as much as in the big cities, the existing qualities of a close-knit, rural community may be just the vessel in which meaningful policy change can proceed. The resources shared through their active social media encourages just that.

The fund offers scholarships to high school seniors in the Red Bluff Joint Union High School District who have been traditionally underrepresented in their community and hold marginalized identities or who are engaging in social justice work in their community.



CHICO ARTS AND CULTURE FOUNDATION

The Chico Arts and Culture Foundation is celebrating its 10th year with North Valley Community Foundation. Since 2011, this fund has raised money to augment and support the Chico city government's various art programs.

Downtown Public Art are hosted regularly, and the fund facilitates virtual storytelling events including a frequent Friday Art Feature where various pieces of public art are highlighted.

Founding members see Chico as a place where the arts are a valued component of everyday life, a significant force in a thriving economy, and a place for Chicoans to express their creative impulses and experience beauty. Walking tours of

While progress on some projects was halted during this past year, the Chico Arts and Culture Foundation board continued to meet monthly, recognizing and readying itself for the upcoming opportunity to once again celebrate the timeless, essentiality of art in all of its forms.



ALL NVCF FUNDS

- 5th Foundation
- Aaron Rodgers NorCal Recovery Fund
- Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19 Fund
- Access Eye Healthcare Fund
- AG Edwards Charitable Fund
- Alice Brewer Fund
- Almanor Foundation Fund
- A Makers Fund
- AmeraMex Foundation
- Amigos Scholarship Fund
- Amma Culture
- Apollo Piano Foundation
- Arc Endowment Fund
- ARC Senior Endowment
- ARC Senior Endowment - Non Agency
- Arthur and Betty Gee Community Endowment Fund
- Arts For All
- Association for Northern California Historical Research
- Barbara Ely Memorial Fund for Children
- BCOE - Arts Education Fund
- BCOE - Butte County High School Anglers
- BCOE - Employee Disaster Relief Fund
- BCOE - Fresh Start Youth Farm Scholarship
- BCOE - Memorials Fund
- BCOE - Mini-Corp Education Fund
- BCOE - Special Ed Sports & Recreation
- BCOE - Susan Williams Scholarship Fund
- BCOE - Terri Tozier, Where Students Come First Award
- Be Forever Strong Team
- Be Forever Strong Team Award Fund
- Bethel AME Church Restoration Project Fund
- Betty Lou Carson Memorial Fund
- Biggs Festival Events
- BJHSF - General Fund
- BJHSF John Schulz and Linda Wilbur Memorial Endowment Fund
- BJHSF - Operations Fund
- Boice Family Fund
- Brain Injury Coalition
- Bridging The Gap
- Bridging the Gap for Breast Cancer
- Butte Strong Fund
- Burkett Family Charitable Fund
- Bus Transportation for Camp Fire Survivors
- Butte Community Cancer Endowment Fund
- Butte County 2020 Census Support Fund
- Butte County Fire Safe Council - FAST CAMP
- Butte County Historical Society Fund
- “Butte County Libraries - Biggs, Chico, Durham, Gridley, Oroville, Paradise”
- Butte County Libraries Designated Fund
- Butte County Libraries Designated Fund Fish Memorial
- Butte County Office of Education Foundation
- Butte County Resource Conservation District Tree Planting Fund
- Butte County Schools Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund
- Butte County Search & Rescue
- Butte County Search & Rescue Proprietary
- Butte County Sustainable Communities Scholarship
- Caleb Matthew Jacobs Memorial Fund
- California Dream Week
- California Xi Alumni Fund
- Caminar Fund
- Camp Fire Anniversary Remembrance Events - CARE
- Camp Fire Collaborative Fund
- Camp Fire Student Technology Support Fund
- Camp Fire WISH
- Camp Fire Zone Project
- Campos Family Fund
- Cancer Care Hospital and Research Center
- Caper Acres Nico Shade Sails
- Caper Acres Renovation Project
- Carol and Homer Lundberg Foundation
- Carrie Holiman Memorial
- Catalyst Endowment Fund
- Celebration Foundation
- CFAF - 911 Memorial Fund
- CFAF - Adopt a Family Fund
- CFAF - Chico Firefighters Association Foundation
- CFAF - Equipment
- CFAF - Ray Head Memorial Fund
- CHAT - Chico Housing Action Team
- Chelsea Dewit Account
- Chico 911 Safety Pals
- Chico American Legion Baseball Fund
- Chico Area Swim Association
- Chico Art Center
- Chico Art Center Endowment
- Chico Arts and Culture Foundation
- Chico Beard Collective
- Chico Breakfast Lions Club Memorial Scholarship
- Chico Chi Center
- Chico Childrens Christmas Fund
- Chico Children’s Endowment Fund
- Chico Children’s Museum
- Chico Chinese Temple Fund
- Chico Community Observatory
- Chico Community Shelter Partnership Endowment Fund
- Chico Country Day School Foundation
- Chico Cruz’n Classics
- Chico Down Syndrome Connection
- Chico Eat Learn Grow
- Chico Executive Group
- Chico Food For All
- Chico Food Project
- Chico High School Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund
- Chico History Museum

- Chico PD - Ryan Hyland Memorial Scholarship
- Chico Police Blue Santa
- Chico Police Department Animal Shelter Equipment
- Chico Police Department Animal Shelter Medical
- Chico Police Department Business Support Team
- Chico Police Department Crime Prevention
- Chico Police Department Foundation
- Chico Police Department Foundation Animal Shelter
- Chico Police Department Foundation - H.E.L.P
- Chico Police Department K9 Unit
- Chico Police Department National Night Out
- Chico Police Department Social Media and Relations Team
- Chico Police Department Wheelin' w/Cops
- Chico Posse Foundation
- Chico Posse Foundation - Emergency Response Fund
- Chico Science Fair Foundation
- Chico Science Fair Pass Through
- ChicoSol Fund
- Chico Stewardship Network
- Chico Street Pastors
- Chico Symphony Guild
- Chico Tarheels Family Scholarship Fund
- Chico Unified School District Foundation
- Chico Velo Cycling Club
- Chico Women's Club
- Christian Manell Souza Memorial Fund for Mental Illness Assistance
- Christopher A. Karl Memorial Scholarship Fund
- CHSF - Class of 1996
- Chuck & Sharon Patterson Family Fund
- Churg Strauss Syndrome Association
- Cindy Kennedy Memorial
- Circles of Justice

- City of Chico - Arts
- City of Chico, Bidwell Park Division
- City of Chico Employee Giving Program
- City of Chico Tree Fund
- Clare Louise Bates Endowment Fund
- Cleanrite-Buildrite Foundation
- Colby Mountain Trail Network and Restoration Project
- Collin Sweeney Memorial Fund
- Community Connections Foundation
- Community Impact Fund - The Hope Foundation
- Compassionate Heart Foundation
- Computers for Classrooms Endowment Fund
- Connecting Point Foundation
- Continue Marcy's Support of Global Dental Relief
- Cootsona Family Foundation
- Cornerstone Pagan Fellowship
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Response Fund for Local Nonprofits and Agencies
- COVID-19 Local Restaurants, Local Needs Fund
- COVID-19 Project RoomKey Revolving Loan Fund
- CSUC Interdisciplinary Center on Aging
- Cubana Books Foundation
- Cycle for Sjogren's
- David Tarter 35 Foundation
- DCBA Clean and Safe Charitable Fund
- Developmental Disabilities Sports Fund
- DevPOP
- Diane Ruby Memorial Hope Fund
- DiDucca Family Fund
- Disability Action Center Endowment Fund
- Disability Action Center Fund
- Disability Sports and Recreation Fund
- Dorothy Johnson Memorial Trust
- Doug and Kaylinn Hignell Charitable Fund
- Doug Hignell Memorial Fund
- Downtown Chico Service Industry Workers

- Relief Fund
- Early Childhood Mental Health, Learning and Recovery Fund
- Educate Refugees and Vulnerable Children
- Edwards Family Foundation
- El Rey Theater Alliance
- Emil W. Stiefvater Charitable Fund
- Erase the Stigma Fund
- Esplanade House Children's Trust Endowment
- Ethan McCoy Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Every 15 Minutes
- Families and Community Embraced by Schools
- Families Belong Together
- Feather River Senior Citizens Center Endowment
- First 5 Butte County Disaster Relief Fund
- First Responder Fund
- Florestan Society Foundation
- Fostering Hope for Children
- Foundation for the Study of Metabolic Bone Disorders
- Fraine Jo Cox Memorial Scholarship
- Friends of Comanche Creek Greenway
- Friends of Comanche Creek Greenway - Maintenance Fund
- Friends of Evangelical Theological Faculty
- Friends of Everybody Healthy Body
- Friends of Immigrants in Crisis Global Resource Fund
- Friends of Paradise Football
- Friends of the Blue Room
- Future Public Safety Scholarship
- Gene Howard Memorial Fund
- Gene Howard Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- George and Alice Smith Fund
- George Maderos Junior Golf Champions Club
- Girlfriends Scholarship
- Girl Scouts of Northern California

- Glenn Community First
- Global Community Rising
- Grant an Elderly Wish Foundation
- Greater Chico Homeless Task Force Fund
- Greater Chico Kiwanis Club Foundation
- Greg and Sue Martin Family Fund
- Gridley Friends of the Library
- Grossman and Gonser - Smallfoot LLC
- Grow Glenn Catalyst
- Habitat for Humanity
- HACE Scholarship Foundation
- Hands for Healing
- Hawaii Audubon Society
- Help Central.org
- Henri L. Flores Memorial Scholarship Fund
- High Desert State Prison D Yard Book Club
- Hignell Charitable Remainder Trust Fund
- Hignell Family Charitable Fund
- Hignell Family Paradise Shopping Center LLC
- Holbrook Charitable Fund
- Hope Academy for Personalized Education
- Hope House Endowment
- Hope House International Advised Fund
- Hope Plaza Fund
- illuminAid Support Fund
- Incaudo Family Foundation
- Innovative Education Fund
- Irlen Ambassadors Charitable Trust Fund
- Jean & Everett Crist Family Fund
- Jerry Novotny Journalism Scholarship Fund
- Jesse M. Kohen Memorial Fund
- Jesus Center Endowment Fund
- Jewett Family Endowment
- Jim Jesse Common Humanity Fund
- JJR Restoration dba Servpro of Chico Charitable Fund
- Just Breathe and Run
- Justin's Bike Fund
- Kathi Theile Scholarship Fund
- Ken and Sally Logan Charitable Fund
- Kenneth Grossman and Kathryn Gonser

Charitable Fund

- Kevin Campbell Scholarship Foundation
- Kids2College
- Kids and Creeks
- Kurt Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kyle LaForce Memorial Scholarship
- KZFR Endowment Fund
- Lassen Park Foundation
- Leadership Initiative
- League of Women Voters of Butte County Education Fund
- Lisa Argetsinger Memorial Scholarship
- Little Red Hen Fund
- Loma Vista Foundation
- Long Term Recovery Group - Dir Asst & Resource Ctr
- Love Chapmantown Community Foundation
- Love from the Heart
- Love Well Live Well
- Lundberg Family Foundation
- Lundberg Family Foundation - Parrish Family Fund
- Lydia Schulerud Endowment Fund
- Lydia Schulerud Pass Through
- Marble Family Fund
- March For Our Lives Chico
- March for Science - Chico
- Margaret Korte Fund
- Mary Linton-Mitchell Endowment Fund
- Matt Hogan Memorial Fund
- McGhee Advised Fund
- Mike and Dotty Collett Animal Care Fund
- Molly Sacksteder Memorial
- My Fathers Purse
- Never Counted Out
- Never Enough Athletics
- New Beginnings Scholarship Fund
- Nichols Family Foundation
- Northern California Counties Time Bank
- Northern California Regional Land Trust
- North State Symphony League - Music in Memory

- North State Symphony League - Redding
- North Valley Animal Disaster Group
- North Valley Chamber Chorale
- North Valley Community Land Trust Fund
- North Valley Fire Prevention Grant - Fire Pals
- North Valley Food Hub
- North Valley Freedom Foundation
- North Valley Housing Trust
- North Valley Intune Music
- North Valley Music Foundation
- NVCF - Camp Fire Healing Initiative Fund
- NVCF - Camp Fire Healing Initiative Fund - Psychiatric Care
- NVCF - Camp Fire Relief and Recovery Fund
- NVCF Community Endowment
- NVCF Community Engagement Fund
- NVCF COVID-19 Employee Care Grant Program
- NVCF Employee Care Fund
- NVCF - Harold Williams Scholarship Fund
- NVCF Healing and Compassion Fund
- NVCF Operating Fund
- NVCF Operating Reserve
- NVCF Properties LLC
- NVCF Staff-Directed Philanthropy Fund
- NVCF Temporary Holding Fund
- O'Neill Family Endowment Fund
- Open Doors Literacy Project
- Operation: Hug My Hero
- Orland Police Department - K-9 Unit
- Orphan Care International
- Outdoor Education for All
- Outreach and Community Resiliency
- Pacific Gas & Electric Community Contributions
- Paiva Family Memorial Fund
- Pamoja
- Paradise Art Center Fund
- Paradise Citizens' Alliance
- Paradise Dancers Endowment
- Paradise Exchange Club Grad Night

- Paradise Exchange Club Music Fund
- Paradise High School Science Fund
- Paradise Police Officers Association Charitable Fund
- Paradise Recreation & Park District Fund
- Paradise Ridge Community Land Group Fund
- Paradise Shopping Center Manager Fund
- Passages - Champions for Older Adults
- Passages Endowment Fund
- Patty Cooper Memorial Fund
- Paws of Chico
- Peace, Love and Pie
- Peace Panel Project
- Pearls of Promise
- Peg Taylor Center
- Peg Taylor Center Endowment
- Power Shutoff Fund
- Prestopino Family Fund
- Project Biggs
- Project Hope
- PVHS - Brett Silva Memorial Fund
- PVHS Foundation Operating
- PVHS Foundation Viking Annual Fund
- PVHS Foundation - Viking Endowment
- PVHS Legacy Wall Project
- PVHS Safe & Sober Grad Night
- PVHS Sports Boosters Foundation
- PVHS Theater Boosters
- Quail Fund
- Reading Pals
- Reading Pals Paradise
- Reading Pals--Power of 100+ Women
- Rebuild Paradise
- Rebuild Paradise - Housing Project
- Red Bluff Alums for Justice Scholarship Fund
- Respect The Walls Charitable Fund
- Rising Star Foundation
- Ron and Alice Reed Family Foundation
- Rottschalk Family Charitable Fund
- Safe Space Winter Shelter
- Science for the Church
- Senior Nutrition Program of Colusa County
- SF Invest Foundation
- Shalom Free Clinic
- Sharing Blessings to Others
- Sierra Association of Extended Care Camp Fire Relief Fund
- Silver Dollar BMX World-Class Track Fund
- Sky Creek Dharma Center
- Skyway House Foundation
- Slater & Son Covid-19 Community Support Fund
- Soul Centered Solutions
- Steve Harrison and Linda Zorn Foundation
- Stewart Family Foundation
- Stoimenovi Orphanage - Global Outreach
- Stokes Family Fund
- Stop Trafficking Foundation
- Story Makers Fund
- Student Success Fund
- Sugar and True Foundation
- Supergoo Fund
- Swanson Charitable Fund
- Sweeney & Michel Fund
- TedX Chico
- Tee'd Off @ Cancer
- The Alex Project
- The Celebration of Life 5K Charitable Fund
- The Clexa Project
- The Dailey Family Foundation
- The David Fleming Memorial Scholarship
- The Fred and Eileen Hignell Charitable Fund
- The Fred and Eileen Hignell Charitable Giving Fund
- The Good Kitchen
- The Hignell Companies Employee Care Fund
- The Hignell Companies, Inc.
- The Hope Foundation of Sheraton Real Estate Services Employee Care Fund
- The Hope Foundation of Sheraton Real Estate & Services Endowment Fund
- The Lyme Center
- The Maranatha House
- The Music Therapy Impact Fund
- The Stream Team
- The Yellow Door
- Thomas C. Bowers Memorial Endowment Fund
- Thomas Sprys Scholarship Fund
- Tony Hobbs Memorial Fund
- United Families Parents Board
- Upcycled Makers Market Fund
- Valley Contractors Exchange Camp Fire Relief Fund
- Valley Contractors Exchange Endowment
- Valley Contractors Exchange PTF
- Veterans Garden Project
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582
- Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519
- Walk Woof Wag
- Welcome to Paradise Sign Fund
- Wendell V. Loughead Endowment
- Western Miracles Foundation
- Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund
- Wildwood Perinatal Collective Fund
- Wings of Eagles
- Wish Of A Lifetime
- Women's Improvement Scholarship
- Women's March on Washington in Chico
- Women's Micro-Finance Collaborative Fund
- Wondrous Women
- Work Training Center Endowment
- WRRF - North Complex
- WTC - Do It Leisure Endowment ED
- WTC Senior Endowment ED
- You Know You're From Chico
- Your Vote Counts
- Youth Development Fund of Chico
- Youth for Change - Employee Care Fund
- Youth for Change Endowment Fund
- Youth Nexus Foundation
- Youth Nexus Foundation - Athlete Committed

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a lot going on. The best way to keep abreast of our latest grant awards, grant opportunities, photos, videos, stories, events and messages to the community is to follow us on our social media channels. See you there.

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The murders in Atlanta this week are not an isolated event. Racist violence against Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and Asians has been radically rising during the pandemic. The tragedy in Georgia must serve as a clarion call to all Americans. We must speak up, stand up and act up in the face of prejudice, discrimination and injustice. North Valley Community Foundation stands in solidarity with all those who face systemic racism and oppression. We vow to use our power, inf... [See More](#)



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The Butte Strong Fund has approved nearly \$400,000 in new grants last month, including support for a construction workforce training program at Butte College, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, an effort to distribute locally grown food in the burn area and a clean and sober housing facility that includes Camp Fire survivors. With the latest grants, the North Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$36,944,422 for community recovery via fire funds. The Butte ... [See More](#)



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Highlight Reel

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

“There’s a built-in localness and nimbleness to charitable foundations that state and federal agencies don’t have, and we don’t take this for granted. As we negotiate and advocate for the use of government funds made available to all communities experiencing disaster, we’re grateful North Valley Community Foundation and Butte Strong Fund stepped in to help uniquely and consistently as we begin to find our new normal.

KATIE SIMMONS, TOWN OF PARADISE
DISASTER RECOVERY DIRECTOR

“The North Valley Community Foundation is driving our region forward. They are forward-thinking with their initiatives and projects, from addressing adverse childhood experiences through their Thrive Children’s Resilience Initiative to large-scale community fundraising strategies like the Week of Giving. NVCF also serves as a front-line response during crisis and community hardships. They have the capacity to immediately respond to unforeseen struggles such as COVID-19 or the Camp Fire, through their fundraising and granting to the many organizations that are meeting the ever-changing needs of our community members. The North Valley Community Foundation is acting as the heart of the north state, pumping necessary support throughout our region and ensuring our community organizations are healthy and supported in order to fulfill their unique missions.

KRYSI RIGGS, THE AXIOM AND OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

“I’ve been working with a great organization in Northern California called the North Valley Community Foundation. Northern California has been hit by some tough times the last three years. There have been some really, really devastating fires, including one that was really close to my hometown of Chico. I started working really extensively with them after that and obviously with the pandemic, some businesses especially have been hammered across the country so I started a separate side fund under the NVCF umbrella to help with small businesses in the county I grew up in. It’s fun to keep working with them. They’re great people. There are a lot of people who are hurting up there and it’s fun to be able to help them out.

AARON RODGERS, EXPLAINING WHY HE CHOSE NVCF AS THE BENEFICIARY OF A NATIONALLY TELEVISED CHARITY GOLF EVENT



“NVCF is the sea that has created a wave of significant change in Butte County through their endless financial support and innovative ways in helping our community recover, heal and thrive. Thank you for all that you do.

NORMA LACY, NORTHERN
VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL
SERVICE

“You do a great deal of good for people, very efficiently. You just have great compassion for people and you have also tapped into a resource of the hearts and generosity of the people of Chico and the North Valley. It’s been a beautiful connection, a beautiful marriage between the two.

TIM EDWARDS, CHARITABLE
FUND AND DONOR-ADVISED
FUND MANAGER AT NVCF



WORDS OF APPRECIATION

“ We have had the opportunity to collaborate with NVCF over the last three years with our work on Camp Fire recovery through the Butte Strong Fund. As our community has traveled on our path toward wellness, NVCF has been an integral partner on that journey, often leading the charge. We are grateful that their philanthropic and community spirit is helping to lay a foundation for everlasting impact, for generations to come.

SIERRA GROSSMAN, SIERRA NEVADA BREWING CO.

“ It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with the NVCF team over the past two years as a member of the Butte Strong Fund Committee. I can't tell you how impressed I have been with their compassion, outreach and organizational skills. In the midst of the chaos and devastation caused by the 2018 Camp Fire, NVCF leadership took action to immediately step forward to provide relief and fund programs designed for short- and long-term recovery efforts, collaborating with community leaders and agencies to ensure a well-coordinated effort. Really, quite amazing!

PEGGY MOAK, BUTTE STRONG FUND COMMITTEE MEMBER AND CONCOW RESIDENT

“ It was mid-September when I was introduced to the North Valley Community Foundation by a school counselor at Bidwell Junior High to inquire about a grant for COVID-19 relief. My plan was to form a cohort of 14 local students that would meet in our community center on school days. Many families in Cohasset do not have access to high-speed internet, which is necessary for online classes. We needed the grant to be able to pay the salary of a person to guide and supervise the students during their school days. Our community center was awarded the grant just 17 days later. It was a smooth, quick and fantastic experience. Our entire community felt supported, as well as happy for the kids in our program. We made it through the remainder of the school year, without any positive tests for COVID-19, and all 14 students together. We are so grateful for the help of the North Valley Community Foundation. We couldn't have done this without your support.

MELISSA ZAROS, COHASSET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“ As a leader in a local social service organization, I depend often on the partnership of the North Valley Community Foundation for financial and gift management, donor connections, trainings and management wisdom. Having raised close to \$11 million for our \$19 million campaign, we have had very few donors who in some way were not served or nurtured in their philanthropy by the Community Foundation. They are truly the philanthropic engine of our region.

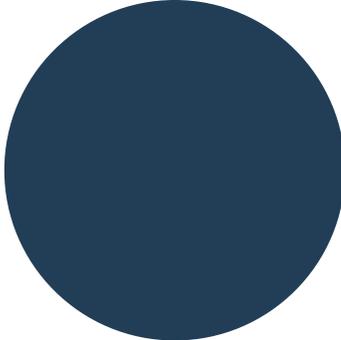
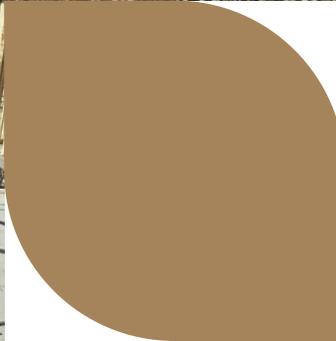
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