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At the community foundation, we unite people who want to make a difference with opportunities to create lasting change. Collaborating with donors, corporations, nonprofit organizations, strategic partners and community leaders, we respond to the emerging challenges in our communities and help identify solutions.

As we reflect on the past year, and the growing needs in our region, we are proud of what the community foundation accomplished in 2010.

With our donor advisors and through our community endowment, we supported hundreds of local nonprofits providing innovative and essential programs that improve economic security, education, immigrant integration, regional planning and safety-net services in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Time and time again through the year, we witnessed the collective power of philanthropy as our individual and corporate donor advisors responded to needs both local and global.

In collaboration with other funders, we launched two new initiatives. One will help children succeed in school while another will help all of us understand the choices we face in planning for the future growth of this region.

Through our endowment grantmaking with nonprofit partners, we are attacking the cycle of debt in disadvantaged communities by advocating against predatory payday lending and exploring the viability of alternative products.

School districts in our region are embracing the policy recommendations we issued in partnership with Silicon Valley Education Foundation to help close the unacceptable racial achievement gap in middle school mathematics that is holding too many of our students back.

And by working with the government and nonprofit organizations, we helped drive increased participation for the Census, ensuring that our region receives the federal dollars and political representation to which we are entitled.

As we enter our fifth year, we have become one of the largest community foundations in the world, an organization that awards thousands of grants every year to improve lives on a global scale. At the same time, we remain a uniquely local organization, dedicated to serving San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and finding creative solutions that will ensure success for everyone in our region.

By any measure, 2010 was a phenomenal year in which our collaborations with all of you produced meaningful and measureable results. There is still much to be done and we look forward to continuing to join with you to create positive change in our communities today and in the years to come.
2010 By the Numbers

$1.8 billion  Assets under management

$197 million  Grants awarded through the community foundation’s endowment and donor funds

$150 million  Contributions received

$24 million  Grants awarded by our 41 corporate advised funds

$9.4 million  International grants

$9.2 million  Grants awarded through the community foundation’s five grantmaking strategies

10,768  Total number of grants awarded to charitable causes

$587,000  Amount raised for Haiti relief

1,500  Total number of funds

506  Average number of grants processed each week in December 2010

277  Scholarships awarded

68  Rank on the Philanthropy 400
    Chronicle of Philanthropy list of the nation’s largest charities attracting funds from private sources

24  Countries where grants were awarded through the community foundation

14.2%  Total return on endowment investments

13  Number of school districts in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties served by the community foundation’s early education initiatives

4  Rank among largest foundations based in Silicon Valley
    Silicon Valley/San José Business Journal Giving Guide 2010

2  Rank among U.S. community foundations by asset size
    Foundation Center 25 Largest Community Foundations by Asset Size

2  Bills supported by the community foundation that became law

1  Rank among community foundations as an international funder
    Foundation Center International Grantmaking Update December 2010

0.73%  Ratio of operating costs to total assets
The phone rings at the community foundation. Connie Hernandez Robbins, the director of a well-regarded, free college preparatory summer camp for eighth and ninth grade foster youth is calling to report that funding has been lost due to state budget cuts. The staff member who took the call reaches out to two donors who had previously invested in community foundation efforts to support foster youth. Twenty-four hours later, the staff member meets with Connie and the donors. After reviewing the budget and goals for the camp, the donors agree to jointly fund the program and 24 foster youth have regained an irreplaceable opportunity: understanding how to start and stay on the path to college.

Most of our days begin or end with similar stories in which the community foundation connects generous donors with real opportunities to make an impact. While our donors have long set the standard for smart, generous giving in the face of need, a new picture is emerging – one in which donors are looking to share the experience of giving, to inspire and be inspired. To create those connections, we hosted, among other events and opportunities:

- The first global giving forum for donors committed to funding in Kenya and east Africa
- Our Donor Circle for the Arts
- A workshop focused on how to leverage grantmaking through public policy
- A film screening and discussion about the historic and endangered Pacific Crest Trail
- A convening for corporate partners that simulated the complex conditions of poverty

The power of joining the community foundation rests in becoming part of a family of donors, driven by ideas, commitment and shared passions, who are truly making a difference.

Corporate Citizenship

Silicon Valley companies and their employees play a vital role in building community. The community foundation works with 40 companies, each of which is steadfastly committed to giving back locally, nationally and internationally. In 2010, our corporate partners increased their giving budgets, adding $32.9 million to their funds. Working in partnership with our business services team, corporate partners such as Cisco, HP, Mayfield Fund, Microsoft, National Semiconductor, NVIDIA, W.L. Butler Construction and Xilinx have continued to develop or refine their strategic approach to philanthropy and respond to pressing community needs.

Others have implemented new ways of working with the community foundation such as longtime corporate partner Juniper Networks. Since the inception of its Juniper Networks Foundation Fund 10 years ago, Juniper has awarded more than $5.1 million in grants worldwide. The fund supports community development efforts, education and job training in communities where Juniper employees live and work. This year, the community foundation began providing on-site staff support at Juniper’s Sunnyvale headquarters to facilitate the company’s philanthropy, and more than $1.3 million was awarded through Juniper’s grantmaking, employee matching gift program and disaster relief fund.

“Miracles do happen! The camp is back on!”

- Connie Hernandez Robbins,
  Connect Motivate Educate Society director,
  San José State University
Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund

In the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12, community foundation donors from around the world stepped forward together to help. Moments after the community foundation created a relief fund, a donor advisor in Marin with a long history of giving in Haiti offered a $50,000 matching grant to inspire others to participate. The matching grant was met within hours, leading five other community foundation donors to offer matching grants to sustain the incredible momentum of giving. The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund ultimately created a virtual network of more than 700 donors from 27 states, Belgium, Peru, China and Canada. The phenomenal response meant that more than $585,000 was awarded directly to organizations with strong track records of providing emergency assistance and long-term redevelopment throughout Haiti.

Trace Fire Fund

“I’m sure everyone that has been personally touched by this school is saddened by the great loss. We can feel it ripple across the valley. Bringing our communities together to rebuild brick by brick will add strength and resilience to all of us.”

- Joanie Kriens, donor

After a six-alarm fire destroyed 19 classrooms and wiped out years of books and supplies collected by teachers at San José’s Trace Elementary School in the early morning hours of July 5, community foundation donors Scott and Joanie Kriens approached staff with an idea: they wanted to help the school rebuild by offering to match up to $50,000 in gifts. From San José to London, individuals, community groups and corporations responded and the Kriens Family Fund increased the match to $75,000. The outpouring of generosity of more than $140,000 in total donations ensured that Trace students returned to a safe and inspiring learning community when school began in mid-August.
Education

The Education Equation: Why Algebra Matters

| 26,579  | 10th grade students, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties |
| -8,086  | Not enrolled in Algebra II or Geometry |
| 18,493  | |
| -10,817 | Enrolled but not proficient by end of 10th grade |
| 7,676   | On track to complete mathematics requirements for CSU-UC admission |
| +2,600  | Students projected to catch up by 12th grade |
| 10,276  | Just 39% of high school graduates meet mathematics requirements for admissions to California’s public universities |

Closing the Middle School Achievement Gap in Mathematics

Success in Algebra I by the end of eighth grade is a key predictor of later success in high school, college and, ultimately, for entering the workforce. Students who successfully complete Algebra I by the end of eighth grade are far more likely to take Calculus in high school and therefore be able to pursue higher education than those who do not. To improve achievement in Algebra I, the community foundation’s education grantmaking strategy focuses on better training for teachers at the middle school level and providing students with more opportunities to learn effectively.

In 2010, the community foundation awarded $1.05 million in grants to 13 organizations that provide professional development for teachers. An additional 14 organizations received more than $1.7 million, in two grant rounds, to offer extended-learning programs after school and during the summer. These grants provide struggling students with rigorous, relevant instruction – bringing the total number of students who have participated to more than 3,150 during the past two years.

New Early Learning Initiative: Bridges to Success

The transition to kindergarten is a critical time for millions of children, families and schools. A smooth transition can help set young children on a clear course for academic achievement and success. When parents are actively engaged in their child’s development and education, it builds their confidence as well as their children’s confidence in new experiences. When educators from preschools and elementary schools work together, they share knowledge about children and families and are better able to meet each child’s needs.

Yet despite these benefits, the transition practices of many schools can be characterized as too little, too late. Bridges to Success, the community foundation’s newest early learning initiative, is trying to change this. With a $2.23 million grant from First 5 San Mateo County and other funding, the community foundation is working with more than 20 partners, including school districts, preschools and nonprofit organizations to design and implement better transition practices to improve the experience children and families in nine San Mateo County communities have from kindergarten through third grade.

Did You Know?

In San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, fewer than 27% of Hispanic and African American students graduate from high school with sufficient credits to apply to California’s public university system.
The Racial Achievement Gap

In Silicon Valley, too many students of color are not succeeding in school. Disparities in achievement show up in test scores, grades, drop-out and graduation rates, and almost every other relevant indicator of academic performance. More often than not, African American and Latino students fall on the lower end of the achievement spectrum with larger numbers of white and Asian students more likely to be found at the higher end. More striking is the fact that the benefits associated with middle-class status do not accrue to African American and, in many cases, Latino students.

To dig deeply into the causes of and remedies for the racial achievement gap, Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Silicon Valley Education Foundation hosted a series of invitation-only forums that brought together education, business, civic, nonprofit and philanthropic leaders.

Our policy brief, Time to Act: Closing the Racial Achievement Gap, contains the key recommendations that grew out of these discussions. The brief, which was distributed to school board members, superintendents, principals and other leaders, offers a plan of action for school districts and school boards in our region to begin addressing the systemic inequities in our schools. The report can be found online at:

www.siliconvalleycf.org/news-resources/publications.html

In November, the East Side Union High School District in Santa Clara County became one of the first to act when its board voted to approve a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum, known as A-G courses, as the standard high school curriculum. Now all of its 25,000 students are on a path to meet the entrance requirements for the University of California and the California State University systems. In north San Mateo County, superintendents from Jefferson Union High School District and its four feeder districts (Jefferson Elementary, Brisbane, Pacifica and Bayshore school districts) developed a protocol to assure that all students who are proficient in Algebra successfully advance to Geometry by using consistent placement criteria that encompass test scores, grades and teacher recommendations.

The community foundation and Silicon Valley Education Foundation believe that closing the racial achievement gap is critical to building a diverse workforce with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in a global economy. We applaud the courage and leadership of these districts and hope that many more will follow their examples.
Immigrant Integration

Since one-third of our region’s residents are immigrants, the integration of immigrants is crucial to our region’s continued vitality. Immigrant integration is defined as a reciprocal process in which immigrants are responsible for being productive members of their new communities while those communities provide opportunities for civic participation and access to economic opportunity.

The community foundation’s immigrant integration strategy has a three-pronged approach:

1. **Strengthening the Legal Services Infrastructure** seeks to increase and strengthen affordable and reliable immigration legal services.

2. **Adult English Language Acquisition** promotes English instruction as well as coordination and best practices among community colleges, adult education schools and community-based organizations.

3. **Bridging the Cultural Gap** supports two-way educational programs that allow non-immigrant communities and immigrants and their receiving communities to learn about Silicon Valley’s diverse immigrant populations.

In 2010, the community foundation awarded immigrant integration grants totaling more than $2.1 million to 33 organizations. Among our legal services grantees, there was a 33% average increase in the number of consultations for low-income, immigrant clients, and a decrease in average wait times from five to three weeks.

Across the region, established English language acquisition providers – such as community colleges and adult schools – worked together to better respond to the high need for adult immigrant English language courses. In northern San Mateo County, a partnership among the South San Francisco Community Learning Center, the South San Francisco Adult Education and Skyline College offered more classes to help about 200 individuals acquire English language skills.

“With access to transportation, affordable child care, job training and English classes, and support in navigating the systems here, many newly arrived immigrants will benefit from and contribute to the economic prosperity in Silicon Valley.”

- Sheryl Muñoz-Bergman, San Mateo County program director at the International Institute of the Bay Area
Census 2010: Achieving a Complete Count

There are few times when everyone counts. The 2010 Census was one of those rare times. The Census is democracy in action, offering every resident, citizen and non-citizen alike, the opportunity to participate in a national count that helps our communities.

Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution requires a population count regardless of citizenship status to apportion seats in the House of Representatives and determine the distribution of more than $400 billion in federal funds. That money is sought by local communities in all states for health, education, social services, transportation and other programs.

For each person not counted, more than $11,500 in federal funding was at stake over the next decade. A 20% undercount in our two-county region would have meant the loss of $120 million in federal monies over 10 years. These federal allocations are especially important to vulnerable populations, who tend to be among the “hard-to-count” — including immigrants, limited-English proficient populations, adults with low levels of education attainment, female-headed households, farm workers and ethnic minorities. California is home to 10 of the 50 “hard to count” counties in the nation, but given its severe budget problems, the state significantly reduced the money and staff that it devoted to the 2010 census.

The community foundation stepped in to help, awarding more than $470,000 in grants for Census outreach to 41 nonprofits with trusted relationships in hard-to-count communities. The grants were awarded from a collaborative pool that included support from the community foundation’s endowment, the City of San José, the County of Santa Clara, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Endowment, other funders and individual donors.

In partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, we hosted several workshops and an outreach training, and partnered with a leading youth civic engagement organization, Voto Latino, to develop an online, cell phone and traditional media campaign to reach historically undercounted Latino and Asian youth ages 18 to 34.

Census participation rates in our two-county region showed an average increase in hard-to-count tracts ranging from 12 to 18 percent. Those impressive gains reflect targeted outreach conducted by community foundation grantees, many of whom offered help centers to assist residents in accurately completing and returning census questionnaires.

Ten years ago, San Mateo County had a census mail-back participation rate of 73% in 2000. In 2010, that increased to 76%. Santa Clara County had a mail-back participation rate of 74% in 2000, which increased to 77%.

To learn more, visit our website at www.siliconvalleycf.org/census2010
Imagine it’s the year 2035. Silicon Valley has grown in a way that has preserved our beautiful open spaces and developed thriving communities with a mix of housing, offices, schools, shops and restaurants. Efficient transit systems transport our region’s residents and workers within walking or biking distance to their homes.

The community foundation’s regional planning strategy seeks to fulfill this bold vision of vibrant communities near rapid transit with access to services, jobs and homes for a diverse mix of residents. As this region changes and grows, land use and transportation plans are essential to ensuring healthy communities, a strong economy and a sustainable natural environment. Promoting greater availability of affordable housing near public transit is particularly critical to lower-income, non-English-speaking and immigrant communities. When these communities have access to employment and educational opportunities, parks, open space and convenient transit, the quality of life will improve for all of us. With adequate resources and community input, planning can help us create a better quality of life.

This year, the community foundation awarded $1.2 million to support the work of 16 organizations in regional planning, with a particular emphasis on ensuring that planning includes the needs of low-income communities and minority communities.

Grants were awarded to:

- Improve local and regional planning processes by investing in research and impact analysis
- Increase public involvement in planning decisions
- Raise awareness about the social, environmental and economic benefits of equitable smart growth policies

Community foundation grantees are influencing general plan updates at the city level in Daly City, Redwood City, Santa Clara, Mountain View, San José and Sunnyvale; and Bay Area-wide transportation and land use efforts. “The community foundation’s leadership in regional planning is having a transformative impact in our region,” according to Stuart Cohen, executive director of Transform, a regional planning grantee. “Its investment has already generated more than $5 million worth of free transit passes for residents, while creating strong community support for low-traffic developments near transit.”

Did You Know? It takes 4.2 people earning minimum wage salaries to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rental rates in San Mateo County, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition. In Santa Clara County, it takes 3.5 minimum wage earners.
What if you could have a voice in how communities are designed and how people live together? Right now critical decisions need to be made about how and where development will take place in the Bay Area over the next 25 years. Officials are looking for ways to accommodate an estimated 1.3 million new jobs and 900,000 new households. Where will they go? How will that growth impact traffic congestion, air pollution, affordable housing, open space preservation and quality of life?

Envision Bay Area, an initiative led by the community foundation, is tackling these complex and politically charged questions by helping residents and leaders make informed decisions about how growth will affect the environment, economy and everyday life in our communities. With a challenge grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Envision Bay Area is a two-year effort that will use new media and technology to inform and engage residents in shaping the future.

To do this, Envision Bay Area has developed an interactive, web-based simulation with the help of leading nonprofit advocacy organizations, Greenbelt Alliance and Transform, renowned urban planning firm, Calthorpe Associates and a 23-member advisory committee that includes business groups, public health experts, environmental and social-equity advocates, labor, community-based organizations and academic leaders. This simulation helps people clearly see the critical links between land use and transportation planning decisions and the things people care deeply about such as open space, clean air, cost of living and carbon emissions.

The interactive tool will be used in a series of public meetings and workshops in 2011 to talk about our region’s future growth and the options available to us.

The Bay Area’s regional planning agencies (Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission) have taken a strong interest in Envision Bay Area and how it can support the public participation processes these agencies must implement under state law.

The Bay Area’s next generation of growth can revitalize neglected communities, create affordable neighborhoods, increase transportation options and minimize harmful impacts on the environment. But this future can only be realized if more residents engage in and support the critical decisions that need to be made by local and regional government. Envision Bay Area was created to help make this a reality.
ECONOMIC SECURITY

Even in the best of times, families at the financial margins need ways to enhance their economic well-being. They need financial education as well as opportunities to save, invest and preserve financial assets. They also need protective public policies that limit predatory lending and provide access to credit at responsible interest rates.

The community foundation addresses these needs through the economic security grantmaking strategy’s three-pronged approach:

1. **Combining Financial Education with Asset Building** to increase the availability of sound financial education and savings programs for low- and moderate-income people.

2. **Foreclosure Prevention Counseling** that expands the ability of housing-counseling and legal-service agencies to effectively serve homeowners and tenants at risk from foreclosure.

3. **Anti-Payday Lending Policy Advocacy** to promote policy advocacy and educational activities that curb predatory payday lending practices and support cost-effective alternatives.

The community foundation awarded grants of more than $1.7 million to 18 organizations in 2010, bringing the total grantmaking to more than $3.6 million to organizations working to help families build a better financial future over two years. In 2010, more than 1,600 individuals have received financial education and asset-building services, including access to Earned Income Tax Credits, matched savings and one-on-one financial coaching. Additionally, 1,956 families at-risk from foreclosure received counseling and legal representation.

Progress has been made to curb the growth of the payday lending industry in both small and large cities in our region. With urging from community foundation grantees, the Pacifica City Council adopted a two-year moratorium prohibiting new payday lenders from setting up shop as a first step toward a permanent ordinance. The San José-based Coalition Against Payday Predators successfully brought a recommendation before the San José City Council’s rules committee in support of an ordinance that would limit the ability of new payday lenders to prey on financially vulnerable residents.

**Advocacy Regarding Payday Lending Legislation**

In these tough economic times, many individuals and families are on the financial edge. Those who lack access to legitimate financial services have little recourse but to rely on predatory lenders. These lenders charge extremely high interest rates—an annualized average of 400 percent on a two-week loan—and are disproportionately concentrated in communities of color and neighborhoods where low- and very low-income families live.

The community foundation supports passage of a statewide law to cap interest rates on payday loans at 36 percent, which...
other states and the military have successfully adopted. Legislation to achieve that goal has yet to be introduced in California, but the community foundation has advocated in favor of other related efforts, such as Senate Bill 1146, authored by former Senate Majority Leader Dean Florez.

The bill, which was approved with strong bipartisan support, provides for a four-year, statewide pilot program. The program will be created under the existing California Finance Lenders Law, which allows lenders to offer small-dollar loans between $250 to $2,500 with lower interest rates, fully amortizing terms and longer repayment periods. Consumers who need small loans now have an alternative to taking out multiple predatory payday loans that helps build credit, which is critical to gaining access to mainstream financial services.

Community foundation staff worked to ensure that the final bill contained specific consumer protections, writing letters to legislators, testifying at committee hearings and collaborating with consumer advocacy organizations as well as Senator Florez, and the bill’s sponsor, Progreso Financiero.

Senate Bill 1146 is an important step in the right direction, but we will continue to pursue long-term advocacy for an interest rate cap to combat predatory lending practices.

On December 13, 2010, the community foundation and Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco brought together more than 100 leaders from financial institutions, social service agencies, policy institutions and government to learn about payday loans and alternative products.

The rise of the $40-billion-a-year payday cash advance industry was designed to make emergency loans. But of the 10 million people who take out payday loans each year, one in 20 are unable to pay that loan off during the year. As a result, the interest on a $500 loan can be as high as $2,000.

Alternatives were presented by a panel of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations offering financially responsible products ranging from workplace solutions that allow employees to take out loans that are paid off through payroll deductions to peer lending circles.

Participants discussed what their organizations could do to help low-income, working people meet short-term cash needs. Key needs were identified, including:

- More cooperation and coordination between financial institutions and social service agencies to create products suitable to the consumer
- Clear, transparent and easy to understand loan information that helps borrowers make healthy financial decisions
- Effective marketing and scalability to make consumers more aware of available alternatives

At the end of the day, the room echoed a hopeful note as attendees realized that payday loan alternatives can be viable.

Convening on Alternatives to the Payday Loan Trap

When an unexpected emergency drains your meager savings account and the monthly bills start arriving, what can a family do? Unfortunately, far too many are turning to high-cost payday loans to address their short-term cash needs. Since the demand for these loans is not likely to end, the need for available and responsible alternatives is critical.
Since the recession began in late 2008, demand for services, such as food and shelter, has soared while donations to organizations that provide basic assistance have declined. Reduced government funding, our region’s high cost of living and continuing high unemployment rates have severely strained our region’s safety net.

The Community Opportunity Fund is currently focused on the immediate need for safety-net services, such as access to food, shelter, homeless prevention services and other forms of emergency assistance for low-income and vulnerable individuals, families and seniors.

In 2010, 65 nonprofit organizations that provide food, shelter and/or emergency assistance received grants totaling $1.3 million. The community foundation had anticipated providing $1 million in safety-net funding, but was able to provide additional support thanks to generous contributions from donors, community members and others.

“Silicon Valley Community Foundation was one of the first community foundations (in fact, one of the first Bay Area funders overall) to respond to the recession with a major safety net funding initiative,” according to a report prepared last year for the Safety Net Funders Network that analyzed the Bay Area philanthropic community’s response to and early lessons from the recession.

Since December 2008, the community foundation has awarded more than $5.8 million to support safety-net services.

Did You Know?
The number of people seeking food, shelter or housing assistance from core service agencies across San Mateo County has increased 93% since mid-2007. In Santa Clara County, Community Opportunity Fund grantee Bill Wilson Center reported that some young people seeking assistance at their youth shelter have “left home not to be an economic burden on their family, either by choice or being told they had to leave.”
The evening of Sept. 9, San Bruno was devastated by a gas explosion and fire that forever changed a community and its residents. A 30-inch natural gas pipe ruptured about three feet underground, triggering a tower of flames. Eight people were killed, more than 50 were injured and more than 30 homes were leveled.

That night, community foundation staff were planning so that the next morning, the San Bruno Fire Fund was in place to aid in recovery efforts and match up to $100,000 in donations. Within four days, the match was met and exceeded as the region’s generous spirit poured forth. More than $530,000 in donations came in from more than 800 individuals and corporations who wanted to help rebuild the San Bruno community.

Money from the San Bruno Fire Fund was quickly awarded in two grants totaling $17,124 to support student counseling at two local public high schools for the remainder of the school year.

Additional grants supported organizations helping residents faced with the daunting task of rebuilding or repairing their homes. United Policyholders received a $49,500 grant to provide information and support, including self-help tools, volunteers and programs to assist in calculating damages and recovering insurance money. Rebuilding Together Peninsula received a $5,300 grant to organize and present a homeowner information session named “Navigating the Insurance & Rebuilding Process,” in partnership with United Policyholders. The Nov. 15 session provided affected homeowners with practical tools to move forward with home repairs or rebuilding, such as a referral list of local licensed architects and contractors.

Homeowners attending the Nov. 15 workshop requested that Rebuilding Together Peninsula and United Policyholders provide an additional information fair, which was provided due to a grant from the community foundation. Held at Skyline College on Jan. 9, 2011, the fair featured workshops on how to value and inventory the contents of a home, how to work with construction professionals, how to resolve insurance disputes regarding repair methods and costs, and how to decide whether to repair or rebuild a home or move and buy another home.

Through the generosity and concern of people that contributed to the community foundation’s San Bruno Fire Fund, the residents and survivors of this crisis are receiving support and help. The community foundation will award additional grants as the long-term recovery continues.
Our **mission** is to strengthen the common good, improve quality of life and address the most challenging problems.

We do this through **visionary community leadership**, **world-class donor services** and **effective grantmaking**.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation makes all forms of philanthropy **more powerful**.

Learn more

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