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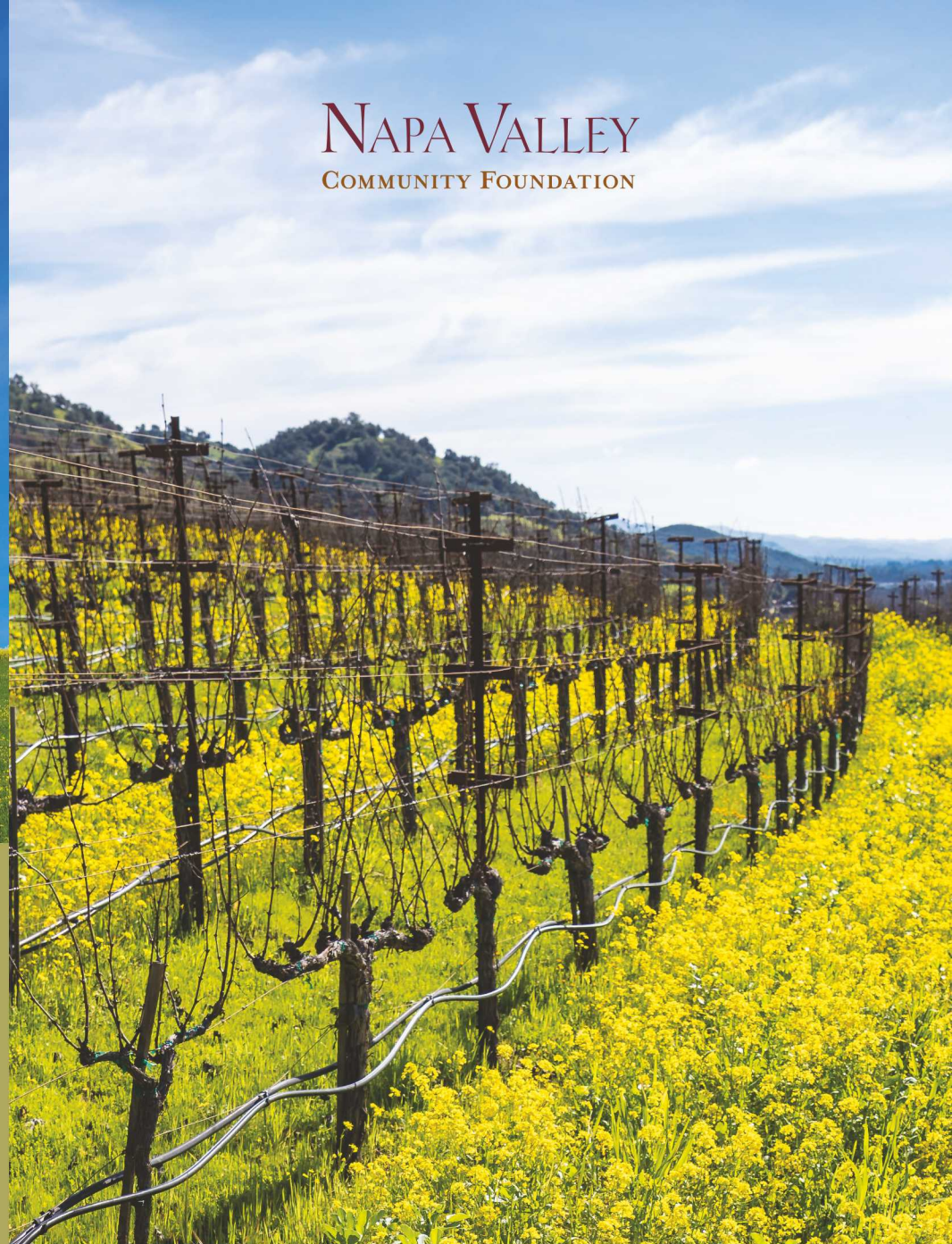
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Do you love Napa Valley?

We do, too. Every year, we work with hundreds of local people like you, who care deeply about the future of this very special place.



Some make gifts during their lifetimes; others create a **Legacy Fund** at Napa Valley Community Foundation through their will or estate plan.

A Legacy Fund can support a broad area of interest that's important to you, or a particular charity you choose. It can make distributions forever, or sunset after a fixed period of years.

On the following pages, you'll see just a few of the stories we are privileged to know. Stewarding the legacies of others, and telling the stories behind them, is one of the most important jobs we have.

Please contact us if you'd like to learn more. We'd be honored to hear your story.

Sincerely yours,

Terence P. Mulligan
President

"They make sure your money goes where you want it to go in the community."

Dave Gaw
Attorney



"They are a smart group of professionals who bring a lot of knowledge to the table about local nonprofits and effective giving."

Miel Novak
Attorney



"They inspire confidence and are a pleasure to work with."

Brenda W. Perry
CPA



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The Francis E. Dawson Alston Park Fund

Francis E. Dawson was a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. A former resident of Kern County, he was known among his friends as one of the co-founders of the Bakersfield Wine Society, Napa Chapter. In addition to a wry sense of humor, Francis had a passion for fast cars, and there was a gleaming late-model Porsche in his garage when he passed away, at the age of 93, in 2007.

Given his profession, and his love of the outdoors, it is only fitting that Dr. Dawson decided to leave a legacy benefiting Alston Park in Napa, where hundreds of people walk their dogs every day.

Through his trust, he directed Napa Valley Community Foundation to establish a permanent endowment that would fund trails, culverts and benches in Alston Park – forever.

The George & Gwendolyn Goodin Endowment Fund

George W. Goodin (pictured below, receiving the Army Commendation Medal in 1964) was a career military man, serving 28 years in many duty stations around the world. He and his wife of 64 years, Gwendolyn, lived in a modest ranch style house surrounded by five acres of walnut orchard at the corner of Finnell Road and the Yountville Cross.

Because of George's military service, the Goodin's decided to leave a legacy to help veterans and their children pursue a college or university education.

Through their trust, they directed Napa Valley Community Foundation to establish a scholarship for Napa County residents who have served their country in the military. The children of veterans are also eligible.



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The Marion Mendelsohn Fund

Marion Mendelsohn was a frequent flyer long before that term became popular. Her husband Joseph was an Air Force veteran, and when he passed away in 1968, Marion did what very few women over 50, in that era, would have done: she joined the Peace Corps and spent nearly a decade working in South America. She would keep traveling – and serving others – all over the world for many years to come.

Her travels in the developing world and her passion for gardening are both represented in the legacy she left behind, benefiting a diverse range of causes.

Through her trust, she directed Napa Valley Community Foundation to establish a permanent endowment that would support broad fields of interest like healthcare, and specific programs like the California Native Plant Society.

The Gordon & Marion Davies Endowment Fund



Gordon Davies grew up on the family farm, and got his early education in a two-room school house in rural Alberta, Canada. He fell in love with teaching, and devoted the first half of his career to helping young people learn and succeed, both as a classroom teacher and school administrator. After earning his Ph.D from Stanford, he joined the faculty of CSU Hayward and focused, for the next 23 years, on training teachers.

Gordon's modest upbringing, and his ardent belief in the transformational power of education, are both at work in the legacy he left behind.

Through his trust, he directed Napa Valley Community Foundation to establish a permanent endowment that would help at-risk students in Napa County develop the skills they need to succeed in, and graduate from, high school; and pursue a post-secondary education.



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