NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

How you helped us make a difference in 2009



Helping rebuild lives affected by foreclosure. For Napa County families at risk of losing their homes, the Napa Valley Foreclosure Collaborative became the first place to turn for practical solutions. More than 500 households benefited from bilingual foreclosure education workshops, personalized financial assessments, and re-housing services, all free of charge. The Collaborative helped eligible homeowners pursue loan modifications that would allow them to stay in their homes, achieving a 65 percent success rate—much higher than the national average.

Three things you should know: Napa County's foreclosure rate rose more than 25 percent between 2008 and 2009. The Collaborative also offered advocacy and re-housing services to renters facing eviction because their landlords were in foreclosure. Our initial grant of \$50,000 helped attract another \$50,000 in grants from United Way of the Bay Area and the California Bar Foundation.



Bolstering the safety net for people in need. When the recession hit, thousands of Napa County residents struggled to make ends meet. Many were choosing between paying for essentials like food and shelter, or heat, medicines and child care. Our Safety Net Grants program made grants to local nonprofits, so they could assist vulnerable families with their most basic needs. Low-income families, as well as formerly middle-income residents reeling from the effects of unemployment or underemployment, sought help in record numbers. Safety Net Grants enabled local nonprofits to distribute groceries to more than 16,000 people, and to help more than 2,250 families access subsidy programs to pay for utilities, transportation, prescriptions, child care or rent.

Three things you should know: Napa County nonprofits saw unprecedented demand, with client numbers increasing more than 50 percent in both 2008 and 2009. State budget cuts, along with decreases in foundation grants and individual donations, have made it harder for charitable programs to meet the growing need. The complexity of clients' cases also rose, because many seniors and middle-income families entered the social services system for the first time.

Keeping local organizations healthy and strong. Whether distributing emergency aid to families in need, developing effective education models or providing health services to low-income seniors, Napa Valley nonprofits are finding innovative ways to do more with less. Our Capacity Grants helped charitable organizations respond to new economic realities by upgrading database systems, diversifying funding sources, developing websites, and designing ways to work with volunteers.

Three things you should know: Napa County is known for a robust and highly collaborative network of nonprofits, even though per-capita philanthropic spending by foundations here is much lower than in more urban areas. With donations at an all-time low, charitable organizations are in greater need of unrestricted funds to maintain programs and infrastructure. Together with our funding partners, we made grant distributions totaling \$160,582 to 70 perpendits that were able to fulfill their missions and contribute



\$160,582 to 30 nonprofits that were able to fulfill their missions and contribute to a more vibrant community.

It's about impact—making a real difference in the lives of community members. It's about leverage—helping every donor dollar go farther.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

With help from you and others, Napa Valley Community Foundation distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants in 2009. Nearly 80 percent of these grants went to charitable programs in Napa County. Funding areas included: human services and social safety net; youth development; education; arts and culture; and, recreation.



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