

Mission

- Meet emerging needs by encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy by and for the benefit of all who live, work and play in Rancho Bernardo
- Build a Rancho Bernardo community endowment
- Provide funding annually to Rancho Bernardo organizations and causes
- Give Rancho Bernardo community members a vehicle for legacy planning and gifts that will benefit Rancho Bernardo now and forever

Purpose

The purpose of the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation is to support those activities and organizations which strive to enhance the image of and quality of life in the community of Rancho Bernardo. The heart of the Foundation's mission is the growth of a permanent Rancho Bernardo Endowment to meet Rancho Bernardo's changing priorities and emerging needs, today and in perpetuity.

Funds

- Endowment
- Non-Endowment
- Kathryn Staab
- RB Emergency Fund
- Symphony on the Green
- Smith Scholarship Fund

Join Us!

Make a difference through a Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation membership, and strengthen the community of Rancho Bernardo now and for future generations.



Membership & Structure

The membership fee is an annual contribution of at least \$500. Half of your contribution goes to immediate grantmaking, the other half goes into the RBCF permanent endowment so that funding can be provided in perpetuity.

Benefits

Through your membership you join other passionate individuals in determining how critical funding dollars are spent for the benefit of the entire Rancho Bernardo region.

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GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation (RBCF) was established in 1988 by founding Board of Directors Bob McMillin, Bob Wells, Gina McBride, Dick McNeal and Chris Leucke. Its purpose was to make Rancho Bernardo an even better place to live and work. The RBCF has been affiliated with The San Diego Foundation since 1996. The RBCF provides assistance to the Rancho Bernardo community through funding for projects and programs focused on senior services, youth activities, recreation, the arts, educational enhancement, civic enhancement and community protection.

As the RBCF grew, the Board established an endowment fund to provide financial support for nonprofit community activities in Rancho Bernardo for decades into the future. Since 1993, the endowment has grown to more than \$1 million, and it continues to grow through regular community fundraising events.

In 1996, the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation decided to invest its funds with The San Diego Foundation. As an affiliate of The Foundation, the RBCF is able to arrange charitable annuities, accept tax-free donations directly from Individual Retirement Accounts and process real estate gifts.



Signature RBCF Events

Pathway of Pride

The signature fundraiser for the RBCF Endowment Fund, the Pathway of Pride, recognizes those who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Foundation. Each donor is honored with an engraved commemorative plaque installed on the walkway around the Webb Park Lake. Since inception, more than \$1 million has been donated to the RBCF Endowment Fund.

Hats Off to Volunteers

Hats Off is the premier recognition event for community volunteers in Rancho Bernardo. Each year, the RBCF brings together local organizations and recognizes their Volunteers-of-the-Year at a special ceremony.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

The RBCF hosts an annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Rancho Bernardo Inn to raise money for local nonprofits. Over the past 20 years, the event has become a much-anticipated community gathering and has raised more than \$100,000 for community grants to organizations such as RB United, the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society and the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol.

RBCF Cruise

The RBCF Cruise is a yearly event that combines vacation with giving back. In collaboration with ProTravel International and local agent Maureen Rouleau, the RBCF receives a portion of the proceeds from each cabin sold on this annual cruise. In 10 years, more than \$80,000 has been raised.



Donor Story: Matthew S. McLaughlin

Matthew S. McLaughlin, along with his wife, Jean, donated millions of dollars to local causes particularly in North County after he retired as a Ford Motor Co. executive in the late 1970s.

In 1946, Mr. McLaughlin began his long career in sales and marketing at Ford, rising through the ranks until he was named vice president of Ford's North American automotive operations and marketing staff. Following his retirement in 1978, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin moved to Rancho Bernardo, where they got involved in the local community. In 2007, Mr. McLaughlin lost his home in the wildfires that devastated the region.

Matt was someone who felt blessed by life with a responsibility to share his good fortune with the community he'd grown to love. When he passed away, he left \$500,000 to the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation's Endowment Fund to support the community's needs in perpetuity. He also left a \$10 million legacy fund at The San Diego Foundation to support needs throughout North County.

"Matt was just a really friendly guy and he wanted to do good for anybody he could," said Don McLean, friend and former board member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation. "We're fortunate to have people like him who want to give back. His generosity motivated me and many other people to be more philanthropic."