SAN DIEGO COVID-19
COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND IMPACT REPORT
ACTION AT A
TIME OF ADVERSITY

The past year has reminded us that although we may face significant challenges and tragic loss, there’s one constant that remains – San Diegans and San Diego are better when we join together.

On March 16, 2020, The San Diego Foundation partnered with local leaders to launch the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Since then, our staff and volunteers have collaborated with leaders across San Diego County to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations where they are needed most. To date, we have granted $58 million to over 200 nonprofit partners working on the frontline of the pandemic.

These heroic organizations have been there for our communities, providing computers, internet access, childcare, food, financial assistance, medical support, workforce training and other vital needs to San Diegans disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Our work during the pandemic crisis has been daunting and eye-opening. The pandemic has not affected all of us evenly. Under-resourced communities in San Diego County have been hit harder by COVID-19, and our grantmaking has prioritized those San Diegans.

As we mark one-year since the launch of the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, this report to our community outlines philanthropy’s role in addressing the crisis.

We are grateful to our founding partners, as well as the thousands of other nonprofit organizations, donors and leaders who have engaged in monumental ways to help.

FOUNDING PARTNERS

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERVISOR & CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER
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IN ACTION

MARCH 12, 2020
County of San Diego officials declare State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

MARCH 16, 2020
The San Diego Foundation launches the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund

MARCH 16, 2020
San Diego Gas & Electric seeds the fund with $1 million

MARCH 18, 2020
Fund surpasses $4 million in donations

MARCH 19, 2020
First grants are distributed to local nonprofits

MARCH 26, 2020
Leadership Council comprised of community experts is created to inform fund efforts during crisis

APRIL 17, 2020
California hits highest unemployment rate increase (5.3%) since 1976

APRIL 20, 2020
The San Diego Foundation and County of San Diego stand up first loan program with $10 million for small businesses and nonprofits

APRIL 23, 2020
Fund distributes $5 million in total grants in first five weeks

APRIL 30, 2020
Hervey Family announces $1.5 million matching contribution, fueling surge in donations

JUNE 22, 2020
The Foundation partners with Supervisor Fletcher and YMCA of San Diego County to provide camp scholarships for children from low-income households

JULY 1, 2020
The Foundation announces $10 million partnership with the City of San Diego and County of San Diego to provide emergency childcare vouchers for essential workers and families with at-risk children

JULY 9, 2020
COVID-19 relief from community foundations nationwide tops $1 billion

JULY 8, 2020
The Foundation announces $10 million partnership with the City of San Diego and San Diego County Office of Education to provide 4,303 students with laptops and wireless hotspots for distance learning

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COVID-19 relief from community foundations nationwide tops $1 billion

AUGUST 14, 2020
California becomes the first state in the nation to report more than 600,000 diagnosed cases of COVID-19

AUGUST 20, 2020
The Foundation, County of San Diego, YMCA and Child Development Associates launch $25 million Childcare Provider Grant Program

AUGUST 26, 2020
Fund surpasses $50 million in grants to more than 180 nonprofit organizations

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
The Foundation announces $10 million partnership with the City of San Diego and San Diego County Office of Education to provide 4,303 students with laptops and wireless hotspots for distance learning

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
Fund surpasses $60 million in grants to more than 200 nonprofit organizations

OCTOBER 9, 2020
The Foundation partners with County of San Diego and San Diego County Office of Education to provide emergency childcare vouchers for essential workers and families with at-risk children

OCTOBER 29, 2020
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JULY 8, 2020
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NOVEMBER 14, 2020
California exceeds 1 million diagnosed cases of COVID-19

DECEMBER 16, 2020
Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott provides $8 million gift to fund, the single largest individual contribution

DECEMBER 17, 2020
Fund surpasses $54 million in grants to more than 200 nonprofit organizations

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
Community foundations nationwide announce $6.7 billion in aid to nonprofits in 2020, including $2.8 billion from CA community foundations

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MARCH 16, 2021
Fund surpasses $58 million distributed through 280 grants to nonprofit organizations

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**MEDICAL SUPPORT**

Telehealth services, health screening (mental health and blood pressure), counseling and grief services, wellness checks, dental healthcare, abuse prevention, PPE and hygiene supplies, and COVID-19 testing for children, transgender youth, seniors and border communities. Promotion of COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and personal safety measure adherence for Black and Hispanic communities.

- 130,789 services provided
- $1,527,535 distributed

**PARTNER SUPPORT**

Support for services and operations, including call center, technical support, referrals, translation assistance and resilience training.

- 271,054 services provided
- $994,999 distributed

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Income, jobs and meals for laid off restaurant workers, job creation and career training for unemployed and underemployed, including janitors and property service workers. Healthcare training for state-approved Certified Nursing Assistant training program. Re-entry support with manufacturing industry for formerly gang-involved, formerly incarcerated adults.

- 5,979 services provided
- $755,000 distributed

**OTHER EMERGENT NEEDS**

General operating support for nonprofits regionwide.

- 4,800 services provided
- $1,325,001 distributed

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**SAN DIEGO COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND**

**MARCH 2020 – FEBRUARY 2021**

- 2,320,000 services provided to San Diego County residents
- 3,700+ generous donations
- $58,000,000+ granted

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Flexible resources for housing, utilities, food and essential needs for San Diegans county-wide, including low-income students, human trafficking and domestic violence survivors, immigrants and refugees. San Diegans experiencing homelessness, Black, Indigenous & People of Color (BIPOC) communities, Black, Latinx and Asian small business owners, hospitality workers, LGBTQ youth, those formerly incarcerated, foster youth, veterans and seniors.

- 868,771 services provided
- $9,442,593 distributed

**EDUCATION/DIGITAL DIVIDE**

Computers and internet access for K-12 and community college students to continue classwork and mitigate learning loss. STEM supplemental curriculum, virtual college readiness curriculum and tutoring. Digital education resources and training for parents. Online connectivity for isolated seniors.

- 137,233 services provided
- 9,600+ students received computers
- $6,325,718 distributed

*Includes $3 million San Diego County Office of Education grant for distance learning connectivity for distance learning

**FOOD SECURITY**

Food delivery and mobile pantry programs for military, low-income households, children and families in Head Start and school districts regionwide, homebound seniors, farmworkers, and San Diegans formerly incarcerated or experiencing homelessness. Enrollment assistance for CalFresh applicants.

- 859,761 services provided
- $3,753,167 distributed

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Community Response Fund has funded more than 200 nonprofits and guided by a Leadership Council of volunteer advisory community members who have helped determine the evolving needs of San Diegans and where grant funding can be most impactful, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund has funded more than 200 nonprofits and supported a host of key focus areas.

**ETHNIC GROUPS SERVED**

- 42% Hispanic or Latinx
- 15% Black/African-American
- 6% Asian
- 3% Native American/Indigenous
- 22% White
- 12% Other

**AGE GROUPS SERVED**

- 51% Adults Age 18-55
- 18% Seniors Age 50+
- 7% Infants/Toddlers
- 24% School-Age Children

**LOCAL HEROES WITH IMPACT**

Dreams for Change
Educational Enrichment Systems, Inc.
ElderHelp of San Diego
Elder Law & Advocacy
Elementary Institute of Science
Elizabeth Hospice
Emilio Nares Foundation
Employee Rights Center
Episcopal Community Services
Fallbrook Senior Citizens Service Club
Family Health Centers of San Diego
Father Joe's Villages
Feeding San Diego
Foundation for Senior Wellbeing
Foundation for Women Warriors
Fourth District Seniors Resource Center
Free to Thrive
Fulfilling Destiny
Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center
Generate Hope
Girls Inc. of San Diego County
Girls Rising
Groundwork San Diego
Habitat for Humanity
Hannah's House
HealthRIGHT 360
Heartbeat Music Academy
Heaven's Windows
Hispanic Chamber of E-Commerce
Home Start
I Am My Brothers Keeper
Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation
Indian Health Council, Inc.
Interfaith Community Services
Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego
International Community Foundation
International Rescue Committee
Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation
Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Just in Time for Foster Youth
Kitchens for Good
La Colonia de Eden Gardens
La Maestra Family Clinic
Lawrence Family Jewish Community Centers of SD County
License to Freedom
Lincoln High School
LISC San Diego
Logan Heights Community Development Corporation
Los Angelitos de Encinitas, Inc.
MAAC
Mama's Kitchen
MANA de San Diego
Meals on Wheels San Diego County
Mental Health America of San Diego County
Mid-City CAN
Mission Edge San Diego
Monarch School
Multicultural Health Foundation
National City Chamber Foundation
National University
Neighborhood House Association
Nile Sisters Development Initiative
No Silence No Violence
North County Health Project
North County LGBTQ Resource Center
North County Lifeline
Ocean Discovery Institute
Oliver Wendell Holmes Learning Center
Operation Homefront
O'Side Kitchen Collaborative
Parent Institute for Quality Education
Partnership for A Better San Diego - AFL-CIO
Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)
Paving Great Futures
People's Legal Services
Pills of the Community
Promise2Kids
Ramona Senior Center
Rancho Santa Fe Foundation
Regional Affiliates of The San Diego Foundation
Realty Changers
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
Rider Safety Visibility
Rise Up Industries
San Diego American Indian Health Center
San Diego Arts + Culture Challenge Initiative
San Diego Canalions
San Diego Center for Children
San Diego Children's Discovery Museum
San Diego Community College District
San Diego County Office of Education
San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Fisherman's Working Group
San Diego Futures Foundation
San Diego Grantmakers
San Diego Human Dignity Foundation
San Diego Hunger Coalition
San Diego LGBTQ Community Center
San Diego Oasis
San Diego Organizing Project
San Diego Public Library Foundation
San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation
San Diego Regional Fire Foundation
San Diego Rescue Mission
San Diego Unified School District
San Diego Workforce Partnership
San Diego Young Artists Music Academy
San Ysidro Health Center
SAY San Diego
Second Chance
Serving Seniors
Solutions for Change
Somali Family Service of San Diego
South Bay Community Services
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
Southwestern College Foundation
STI: St. Paul's PACE
Support The Enlisted Project (STEP)
The Alabaster Jar Project
The Salvation Army
Timken Museum of Art
transcENDANCE
Tri-City Hospital Foundation
UC San Diego Mother, Child, Adolescent HIV Program
Union of Pan Asian Communities
Unite Here Local 30
United Taxi Workers of San Diego
United Way of San Diego County
United Women of East Africa Support Team
University of San Diego Nonprofit Institute
Urban Corps of San Diego County
Urban League of San Diego
Urban Life Ministries, Inc.
Urban Youth Collaborative
USO San Diego
Viasat International
Vlson y Compromiso
Vista Community Clinic
Voices for Children
Voices of Our City Choir
Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation
Washington Family Services
We All We Got San Diego
Wedley House Student Residence, Inc.
Western Service Workers Association
Worker Relief Initiative
Women's Resource Center
Youth Will
YMCA of San Diego County
YWCA of San Diego County
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A NATIONAL MOVEMENT

In times of great emergency, community foundations are uniquely positioned to put their philanthropic leadership and deep, cross-sector relationships to work for all who are impacted and assess need quickly and nimbly grant out funding to critical nonprofit programs.

The size and speed of the community foundation response to COVID-19 has been unlike any response to a crisis in our nation’s history. Giving to community foundations for the COVID-19 public health crisis is a national crisis, with billions in grant funding mobilized to nonprofits by more than 600 community foundations in all 50 states.

Donor-advised funds have also been a significant fund source, in addition to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. During the first three months of the pandemic, giving from donor-advised funds at The San Diego Foundation increased by 155 percent compared to the same period in the previous year.

PROVIDING HELP & HOPE

79% of people served live in poverty

56% of grantees reported receiving additional dollars as a result of their grant from The San Diego Foundation, allowing them to expand programs and serve more people.

“Because of The San Diego Foundation’s reputation, we were able to garner additional support from past and current funders because your rapid response helped convey the seriousness of the challenges. We raised funds from both institutional and individual donors.”

– NONPROFIT GRANTEE

O’SIDE KITCHEN COLLABORATIVE

Vallie Gilley was looking to create a zero-waste, sustainability catering business when she opened O’side Kitchen Collaborative with a mission of raising awareness about food waste. When the pandemic hit though, O’side Kitchen Collaborative had to pivot, and fast. Fueled by grant support from the city of Oceanside, The San Diego Foundation and others, the nonprofit took rescued food and distributed more than 250,000 meals in the first four months of the pandemic alone. On top of that, the organization hired furloughed restaurant employees to assist in the work.

NILE SISTERS

Recognizing that many local hospitals and care facilities were experiencing nursing shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while at the same time so many San Diegans faced unemployment, Nile Sisters launched a training program designed as an accelerated nurse assistant training course for candidates seeking nurse assistant certification by the state of California. The effort focuses on providing opportunities to hard-to-reach and underrepresented populations who want to develop new skills for in-demand health care careers.
NORTH COUNTY LIFELINE
North County Lifeline, which has served low-income, disadvantaged populations across North San Diego County for nearly a half century, sprung into action when hundreds of its clients were all-of-a-sudden unable to buy groceries, pay rent or obtain housing. Not only did the nonprofit provide immediate assistance to support basic needs, but it pivoted seamlessly to telehealth services for hundreds of individuals. And one of the best parts was the appreciation it received from the families helped. Even though staff could not see people in person, their clients found a way to say thank you by sticking heartfelt post-it notes on their office door. One individual shared, “I don’t know what we would have done without this help. We would still be in a hotel or worse, on the streets homeless.”

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION, AND ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO
As the pandemic persisted, more and more communities were hit by the economic impacts of the crisis, particularly the small business community. Recognizing that many business leaders, particularly Black, Latinx and Asian owners, were forced to close or limit operations yet again during the surge of COVID-19 cases over the winter months, The San Diego Foundation partnered with the Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and the Asian Business Association of San Diego to provide financial support for local Black, Latinx and Asian business owners.

BIG TABLE
Right from the start, the restaurant and hospitality industry was one of the hardest hit as lower-paid, service-industry jobs were the first to go. In many cases, these were San Diegans living paycheck to paycheck who suddenly found themselves without support, a safety net, or a place to turn for help. That’s when Big Table, a nonprofit focused on assisting restaurant workers, stepped in using grant dollars of local restaurant workers to assess their needs and provide flexible relief. One of those individuals was Martin Gowolo, a 54-year-old Sudanese refugee who was supporting his wife, eight children and two grandchildren as a dishwasher at a local restaurant before he was laid off. Big Table staff listened to Martin for an hour about his situation and struggles, to determine how best to help. Like so many others like him, Martin and his family received support in the form of grocery gift cards and other critical assistance to help get through the crisis.

COMPUTERS 2 KIDS
Even before the coronavirus, one in five students in San Diego County were digitally under-connected or not connected at all. Broadband gaps are particularly pronounced in Black and Hispanic households with school-age children - especially those with low incomes. Among the many grants focused on bridging the digital divide, The Foundation provided $175,000 to Computers 2 Kids, which helped hire 14 additional technicians and internet technology professionals to refurbish 20,000 computers on an accelerated basis. Working around the clock, the technicians were able to distribute up to 300 computers daily to San Diego students in need.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of the community colleges and schools in San Diego County to convert their classes to an online format. At the same time, many students lack the resources to make the transition to online education. We are grateful to The San Diego Foundation for its contribution that will add to our countywide effort to provide laptops and Internet connectivity so that students can continue their education without falling onto the wrong side of the digital divide.

- DR. CONSTANCE M. CARROLL, SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CHANCELLOR
We are grateful to the more than 3,750 individuals, families, organizations and businesses that have come together to support San Diegans in need through the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund. The list below recognizes donors who contributed more than $10,000.

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The San Diego Foundation
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Blue Shield of California Foundation
Bosch Milk Fund
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— P. KAY COLEMAN, BOARD CHAIR, THE SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION

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