Mission
• Build a Chula Vista community endowment
• Provide funding annually to Chula Vista nonprofit organizations
• Give Chula Vista community members a vehicle for legacy planning and gifts that will benefit Chula Vista now and forever

Purpose
Meet emerging needs by encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy by and for the benefit of all who live, work and play in the Chula Vista community.

Benefits
• Join other passionate individuals in determining how critical funding dollars are spent for the benefit of Chula Vista
• Members vote each year for the local grant applications they deem most worthy and most needed
• Enjoy fellowship with other members and Chula Vista residents
• Invitations to a variety of special events throughout the year, including our annual grants celebration
• Join one of our committees to become more involved in the foundation and grantmaking process
• Recognition as a member on the CVCF website

Membership & Structure
The membership fee is an annual contribution. Half of your contribution goes to immediate grantmaking, the other half will be for building the CVCF endowment for future generations.

Get Involved
Make a Difference.

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Power of Collective Giving

Central to the mission of Chula Vista Community Foundation (CVCF) is the notion that citizens combining their resources and talents can and will have a significant, lasting impact.

Annual membership contributions are allocated as follows:

- 50% for annual grants made by CVCF members to qualified nonprofit organizations
- 50% invested by SDF into a permanent CVCF endowment fund

Power of Participation

- Each year, CVCF members identify a focus area for annual grants.
- Nonprofit organizations that are addressing the needs of Chula Vista’s citizens are invited to apply for a grant.
- CVCF members choose the nonprofit organization(s) to receive the foundation’s grant support.
- Each CVCF member is actively meeting the needs of Chula Vista residents via the annual grants process.

Power of an Endowment

- A foundation that exists in perpetuity - supporting charitable causes in Chula Vista
- A permanent endowment that grows annually – Chula Vista’s “Community Savings Account”

Goals

- Total Endowment: $10 million
- Potential Grantmaking: $450,000 annually

Grantees

- AccessIt
- Amigas Punto Com
- Arc of San Diego
- Burn Institute
- Chula Vista Public Library
- Feeding San Diego
- George Glenner Alzheimer’s Center
- Just In Time for Foster Youth
- Living Coast Discovery Center
- Mama’s Kitchen
- Meals on Wheels
- New GateWay Solutions
- Outdoor Outreach
- San Diego Audubon Society
- San Diego Futures Foundation
- San Diego Youth Symphony
- San Diego Zoo Global
- South Bay YMCA
- South County EDC
- St. Paul’s Senior Center
- St. Rose of Lima
- Voices for Children
- WeSupportU

Chula Vista Voices

“I saw a unique opportunity to be actively involved in an endowment to benefit the Chula Vista community now and in perpetuity. I’m proud to be the first third-generation member of CVCF and hope other members will encourage their families to continue the tradition of giving back to their community through CVCF.”
  - Elizabeth Cox, Founding Member

“We joined Chula Vista Community Foundation because we wanted to give back to our community. Giving to such a great cause has made us feel empowered to plant the seed in our community of Chula Vista. Our experience has been rewarding and exciting to see what a group of people working together can do.”
  - Gerald and Sara Ramirez, Founding Members

“We are so grateful to CVCF for your support and concern for the health and well being of the residents of Chula Vista. This grant allowed our food pantry to provide a healthy and nutritional food commodity to our already existing program, which has never been able to sustain giving out fresh fruit and vegetables to our clients. The grant has allowed for a grassroots movement that is promoting community involvement with a strong element of working towards a goal that promotes healthy living and addresses a serious issue in our community in Chula Vista - food insecurity.”
  - Rosa Vasquez, 2014 Grantee, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish

“The generosity of Chula Vista Community Foundation greatly assisted The Arc of San Diego in fulfilling its mission to support and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their life goals. By supporting The Arc of San Diego, Chula Vista Community Foundation has shown that all members of their community, regardless of ability, deserve access to comprehensive and transformative health and wellness programs.”