



SCF NEWS

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Greetings,

Welcome to our e-newsletter issue. We invite you read through the articles and see the work our donors are doing in the community. Enjoy!



Solano Nonprofits Surveyed by UWBA



United Way of the Bay Area

A recent survey conducted by United Way of the Bay Area found one-third of Bay Area nonprofits are struggling to survive, with concern operations may cease.

Solano County nonprofits, however, feel optimistic about the overall prospects for their organizations in 2009, even though they expect a significant increase of demand this year. Half of the 28 nonprofits surveyed reported they have dedicated more staff time to fundraising while 37 percent are considering a reduction in staff hours.

To find out more, click [here](#).

President's Message

It's no surprise to anyone that donations are down. It's a time of planning based on hope rather than commitments.



Until very recently, we wondered whether we were going to distribute more than a couple of mini-grants through our Education Plus! Program. But, amazing things happen in communities where people really care and are eager to help. Almost overnight, our friends have come to the rescue. MV Transportation, Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund, Copart, Westamerica Bancorp, Happel & Associates, and several individual donors have all contributed to a program that helps our students of Solano County.

The program is still short of its goal to reach \$30,000, which would release a 3-1 match from the Buck Foundation pledge of \$10,000. And you can help change that. Let's make this year's mini-grant program robust, and support our local teachers.

Stephanie Wolf

President & CEO of SCF

Media Features



Winds of Change

Read a story about a SCF donor who created a legacy in the community with his music. Click [here](#).



Former Mayor Gives Back

Retired mayor Don Erickson picks philanthropy for his project. Click [here](#).



A Real Talk with SCF

Lenard East interviews Stephanie Wolf of SCF about the Foundation and its work in the community. Click [here](#).

What's New at SCF

NPP Hosts First Breakfast Mixer



The [Nonprofit Partnership Program](#) will hold its first breakfast mixer for NPP members at 8 a.m. on August 20, 2009, at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street in Fairfield. Breakfast, free as a benefit to members, will be catered by the Hilton Garden Inn. If you would like to join NPP and attend the Mixer, please call the Foundation at 707-399-3846.

Education Plus! Mini-Grant Opportunity

Ed Plus! Mini-Grant Program is kicking off its ninth year this month of providing \$100-\$500 mini-grants to Solano County public school teachers, grades K-12.



Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has made 499 grants in the county, totaling just over \$218,000! For more information, or to download the eligibility, application and report forms, click [here](#).

Community Memorial Fund Giving Program

Becky Gardiner, a CPA at Anderson & Associates, CPA, recently memorialized her mother-in-law, Samantha Gardiner, by making a donation to the Community Memorial Fund Giving Program in her name. This donation, along with funds collected by year's end, will be awarded as grants to qualified nonprofits in Solano County.

Becky shares a story about Samantha Gardiner on the CMF Giving Program page—a benefit that comes along with a donation—which can be found by clicking [here](#).

If you would like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, friend, or colleague, and share their story, please call the Foundation or visit our site at www.solanocf.org.

Workshops and Training



More than 20 workshops are available free for nonprofits throughout the year, offering tools, tips, and resources that help nonprofits succeed.

Special workshops are also offered to members of the Nonprofit Partnership Program. For a complete listing, click [here](#).

Nonprofit Partnership Program



Current Member Count:
134

Members continue to join everyday. Be one of them.

[Sign up now!](#)

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SCF Funds

The Foundation currently has more than 50 funds that cover an array of interests. If you would like to make a positive and lasting change in our community in an area of your interest, please visit our [Fund List page](#). Thanks!