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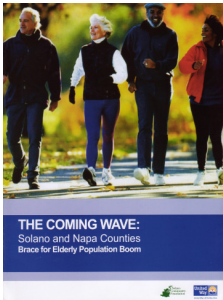
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Dear ,

We invite you to explore our e-newsletter and learn how we are strengthening our community through the power of philanthropy. Happy Holidays!



Connecting to the Future



In an effort to address the growing elderly population in Solano and Napa Counties, United Way of the Bay Area, in partnership with Solano Community Foundation, posted a Request for Proposals to nonprofits whose work is focused on improving the lives of 45 to 64-year-old residents.

Three nonprofit organizations received grants from the health fund: Faith in Action; Area Agency in Aging; and Benicia Community Action Council. To read more, click [here](#).

President's Message

As we come to the end of the year, we look back in amazement at the enormous changes we have seen and their profound effects.



It didn't take long for the nonprofit sector to begin to experience dire negative consequences of the economic recession. The fear is that it is going to get worse before it gets better, and it seems that everyone is making organizational adjustments to better meet the demands for their services and programs. This is certainly true at SCF.

We are hopeful and optimistic that donors will continue to be generous and responsive to the needs of this community and will choose to partner with SCF to best realize their philanthropic objectives. Please let us know how we can help you make a difference and affect positive change in this most difficult time.

With gratitude to our donors and wishes for a sound and secure 2009 to our fellow nonprofits,

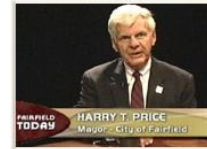
Stephanie Wolf

President & CEO of SCF

Multimedia Features



SCF on CNN
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SCF on Fairfield Today
Mayor Harry Price [chats](#) with Stephanie Wolf.

Solano Nonprofits Coalition

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What's New at SCF

Solano nonprofits need donations for this holiday season. United Way of the Bay Area, SCF and Children's Network collaborated to help meet the needs in Solano County by creating a "Wish List" of participating nonprofits in the area. If you would like to help this holiday season, click [here](#) to view the list.



Education Plus! Mini-Grant recipients were honored for creating innovative projects that will benefit their students.

Fifty-nine Solano County teachers received Education Plus! Mini-Grants, totaling nearly \$27,000. The Foundation celebrated their achievement on November 20, 2008 at the Fairfield Community Center where more than 155 people attended the "Teacher Recognition Ceremony." To read more, click [here](#).

SCF Workshops

For 2009, SCF is offering 21 workshops for all local nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers.



These trainings are designed to help build capacity for organizations to work more efficiently and effectively. Participants will receive training in facets of fundraising, organizational development, board roles and responsibilities, running a nonprofit like a business, and reaching the media. We thank our partners who underwrite the expenses of the workshops: Solano County Library (Fairfield Civic Center branch), Solano County Office of Education, United Way of the Bay Area, First 5 Solano, and Starbucks Coffee.

For a list of all the 2009 workshops, or to register online, click [here](#).

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Philanthropic Trends

SCF Web site offers readers a wide variety of articles from such publications as *The New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press* and *Forbes Magazine*. These articles address challenges and opportunities for nonprofits, donors, and those in the philanthropic community during good and bad times. To read about the trends, click [here](#).

Questions

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We sadly mark the passing of Robert O. Briggs, who captivated audiences and students with his passion for music. The car buff and fitness enthusiast brightened the lives of all who knew him.