



2nd Quarter 2009 Recipients

\$403,993 awarded

34 grants

Alameda County Blue Star Moms, Chapter CA23 – Alameda County

The Alameda County Blue Star Moms, Chapter CA23, is a chapter of The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., serving all cities in Alameda County. Our contribution allows the chapter to continue collecting supplies and sending them directly to the U.S. Military Hospital in Germany, in support of American wounded warriors upon their arrival at the facility.

www.alamedacountybluestarmoms.webs.com

American High School – Alameda County

Our grant assists American High School in its continuing efforts to offer an alcohol- and drug-free graduation night to its senior students, a safe alternative to unsupervised and sometimes tragic celebrations.

Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) – Alameda County

BORP is the leading provider and promoter of accessible sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Our funding helps BORP provide adapted wheelchairs for disabled youths to participate in recreational sports activities or in its most popular program, *Adventures and Outings*, which offers weekly urban outings as well as outdoor excursions such as adaptive skiing trips, kayaking, rafting, and whale watching.

www.borp.org

City of Fremont – Alameda County

Our third installment check towards our \$1 million grant to the City of Fremont –the largest private donation ever given to the City’s Park and Recreation Department– supports the redesign and development of Fremont’s Central Park Swim Lagoon into a family water play facility, to be known as *Fremont Bank Aqua Adventure*. The water park –which opened its doors on Memorial Day Weekend 2009– features four acres of fun attraction for everyone, whether it be riding down water slides, getting wet in water play areas, floating around the roundabout river, or celebrating birthday parties in the picnic areas.

www.goaquaadventure.com

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH) – Contra Costa County

CCIH is an agency supported by 25 interdenominational faith communities dedicated to ending the trauma of homelessness for residents of Contra Costa County. Our donation allows CCIH to hold an end-of-year celebration to honor the academic success of the Garden Park Apartments Homework Club children. Garden Park Apartments is the agency’s first permanent housing project, providing free, voluntary support services for twenty-seven formerly homeless families, each with an adult member with a health or mental health disability.

www.ccinterfaithhousing.org

Fremont Community Church (FCC) – Alameda County

Our grant enables the Church to build a greenhouse on its campus, which includes Christian Community Schools. Items grown in the greenhouse will be used as a teaching tool for the students and as food to deliver through the Church’s ongoing homeless outreach ministries.

www.gofcc.org

Fremont Symphony Orchestra – *Alameda and Santa Clara Counties*

The Fremont Symphony Orchestra has been bringing live classical music to residents of southern Alameda County and northern Santa Clara County since 1964. Our funding supports the Symphony's concert series for the 2009-2010 season.

www.fremontsymphony.org

Heritage High School – *Contra Costa County*

Our grant assists Heritage High School in its efforts to offer an alcohol- and drug-free graduation night to its first graduating senior class. Parents-organized graduation night parties have become a safe alternative to unsupervised and sometimes tragic celebrations.

HERS Breast Cancer Foundation – *Alameda County*

The HERS Breast Cancer Foundation offers programs and services supporting the needs of women and families affected by breast cancer in the San Francisco Bay Area. Its main program, Bras for Body & Soul® located within Fremont-based Washington Hospital, provides a safe, comfortable and understanding environment for breast cancer survivors to find the products they need, such as bras, prosthesis, lymphedema sleeves, wigs and more. Our donation supports *KEEP ABREAST-Walking Together for HER*, a scenic 5K walk and 5K/10K run to benefit HERS programs and services.

www.hersfund.org

Holy Names University (HNU) – *Alameda County*

HNU is known in the San Francisco Bay Area for its long-standing mission of liberating minds and transforming lives through a diverse, personalized and liberal educational experience. Our contribution supports the Mission Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid, scholarships, and program development to low-income students.

www.hnu.edu

Indo-American for Better Community (IABC) – *Alameda County*

Indo-Americans for Better Community is committed to the preservation and showcasing of Indian values and culture through community service and charitable donations. Our grant supports IABC's charity work, aimed at benefiting programs serving homeless, poor and needy families and individuals in southern Alameda County.

www.indoABC.org

Irvington High School – *Alameda County*

Our funding supports Irvington High School in its continuing efforts to host a safe, alcohol- and drug-free celebration for all of its graduating senior students.

Lasallian Educational Opportunities (LEO) – *Alameda County*

Lasallian Educational Opportunities has been providing educational programs to young people and adults at its center in Downtown Oakland for 16 years, and currently serves about 100 students weekly. Our financial support helps the LEO Center keep on providing programs designed to offer academic support and learning enrichment opportunities to low-income students in 6th thru 12th grades.

Maiden Voyage Productions (MVP) – *All Counties*

The mission of Maiden Voyage Productions is to create educational media toward the purpose of enhancing social and cultural awareness, including films, books, websites and curriculum materials. MVP is best known for producing the acclaimed PBS documentary, *Wayfinders: A Pacific Odyssey*. MVP is currently working on the production of *Just Like Me, But Different*, a first-of-its-kind project that will teach children about global cultures and environments. Our donation allows MVP to purchase equipment for recording the final narration in the project's film, *Skeletons and Sea Turtles*, and to complete the final stages of the film editing.

www.maidenvoyage.com

Moment by Moment – All Counties

Moment by Moment is a cooperative of professional photographers who volunteer their time to provide portrait sessions for families of children with a life-limiting illness. The organization offers its services at all children's hospitals in Northern California, photographing upwards of 25 families per month in each institution. A box of 4x6 prints, one of each image captured and a CD of each image is given to each family. Our contribution permits Moment by Moment to continue offering the portrait sessions free of charge, providing families with lasting memories of precious moments spent with their ill child.

www.momentbymoment.org

Newark Betterment Corporation – Alameda County

Our funding supports Newark's *Music at the Grove*. Modeled after the Stern Grove Festival in San Francisco, Newark's program was one of the pioneers of free city concerts, launched as a way to bring more arts and entertainment to the community. Now in its 23rd season, the concerts are still a popular summer activity with average attendance exceeding 1,500 people, some shows having drawn up to 2,500.

Newark Educational Foundation (NEF) – Alameda County

The Newark Educational Foundation was founded in 2005 as a result of several community members' deep-seated belief that the Newark Unified School District needed help in funding some of its programs, beginning with an emphasis on its music programs. In partnership with the community, NEF has provided on-going support for the Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Instrumental Music Program. Our grant supports this much-needed program, which to date has served over 1,000 students in the Newark Unified School District.

www.newarkeducationalfoundation.org

Niles Rotary Foundation – Alameda County

The Niles Rotarians are highly active in the community. Their projects and fundraising events help many known and less-known nonprofit organizations in the Fremont area. Their annual *Chili Cook-Off* event, which our donation help underwrite, brings together people from all walks of life and provides an opportunity for fun of all ages. Funds raised make it possible for low-income families to receive medical care through the WOW (Washington on Wheels) Health Care Van and the Rotary Mobile Clinic. Proceeds also benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, a California-based organization dedicated to providing services to those who have been affected by a burn injury.

www.nilesrotary.org

Northern California Cancer Center (NCCC) – All Counties

NCCC is a nationally recognized leader in understanding the causes and prevention of cancer and in improving the quality of life for individuals living with cancer. The organization has been working with scientists, educators, patients, clinicians, and community leaders since 1974. Our contribution enables NCCC to redesign its website to better meet the needs of cancer patients.

www.nccc.org

Partners Fore Golf, Inc. – Alameda County

Our funding maintains the organization's First Tee of the Tri-Valley programs, which focus on developing life skills using the game of golf as its vehicle. The First Tee of the Tri-Valley was formed in 2005 by a group of local business leaders and golf professionals to make golfing more accessible to children ages 7-17, and specifically those with financial need.

www.thefirstteetrivalley.org

Raphael House – San Francisco County

Raphael House is San Francisco's first and oldest family shelter. Since 1971, the organization has helped families in crisis move out of homelessness into stable housing and better lives. Our grant helps Raphael House run its After-School Program which provides academic support to children who have experienced homelessness in San Francisco.

www.raphaelhouse.org

Regional Parks Foundation – Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

The Regional Parks Foundation's sole purpose is to support the East Bay Regional Park District, which serves the East Bay through preserving the environment, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, and offering environmental education. Our sponsorship of the annual *Diamond in the Rough* gala helps the Regional Parks Foundation raise funds to provide scholarships and ensure that underserved populations have equal access to the East Bay Regional Park District parks, trails, programs, and services.

www.regionalparksfoundation.org

Saint Anne Catholic Church – Alameda County

Founded in 1860, St. Anne Church is one of the largest parishes in the Oakland Diocese. It serves a very ethnically and culturally diverse community. Our contribution makes it possible for the parish to conduct much needed repairs and maintenance of the church's roof, doors and sidewalks. These urgent repairs will improve the safety and beauty of St. Anne's facilities.

www.saintannecatholic.org

San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America – All Counties

The San Francisco Bay Area Council is both the largest youth serving organization (more than 54,000 total members) and the most urban Boy Scout Council in Northern California. Our scouting investment helps the Council reach more at-risk youth and teach them habits that will inspire them to become productive, healthy and responsible adults.

www.sfbac.org

SHELTER Inc. of Contra Costa County – Contra Costa County

Founded in 1986, SHELTER Inc. provides a full range of services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals, helping people at any point along the continuum, whether facing eviction, living on the streets or unable to obtain rental housing. Our sponsorship of *Swing for SHELTER* helps the agency fulfill its mission to prevent homelessness and promote self-sufficiency among low-income residents of Contra Costa County.

www.shelterincfccc.org

Special Olympics of Northern California – All Counties

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition to more than 13,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in 47 Northern California counties. Our sponsorship of the *Guns 'n' Hoses Charity Basketball Game*, a friendly game between the Fremont Police Department and the Fremont Fire Department with Special Olympics athletes incorporated in each team, helps raise funds to enable the organization to provide local training for the athletes in the Fremont community.

www.song.org

Spectrum Community Services, Inc. (Spectrum) – Alameda County

Spectrum serves low-income, disadvantaged individuals, seniors and families in Alameda County, through its Meals on Wheels program, home energy and weatherization assistance, vocational skills training and education, senior information and referral services, fall risk reduction program, senior employment, in-house supportive services, and HOPE –a subsidized housing placement. Our donation supports Spectrum's Senior Nutrition Program.

www.spectrumcs.org

The ARC of Alameda County – Alameda County

The ARC of Alameda County is the East Bay's leader in advocating for and providing the highest quality services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Our contribution permits the ARC to maintain a variety of programs that help people who have developmental challenges lead rich, fulfilling lives and be equally valued and respected.

www.arcalameda.org

The Taylor Family Foundation (TFFF) – All Counties

TFFF was founded to raise money and support programs for children in Northern California with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities. TFFF has helped thousands of children by providing funding for medical care, psychological support and summer camp experiences at Camp Arroyo, a beautiful place situated on 138 acres adjacent to the Del Valle Reservoir. Our grant enables TFFF to continue offering young campers a few weeks a year the rare opportunity to run, laugh and make friends with children who share the same illness.

www.tfff.org

Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (TVHC) – Alameda County

TVHC provides comprehensive primary care and supportive services to the medically indigent, low-income population of southern Alameda County. Our funding allows TVHC to purchase and install a new security system at two of its main clinics, to ensure the safety and security of their clients and staff, and to aid in controlling vandalism at the clinic sites.

www.tvhc.org

Washington High School – Alameda County

Our funding supports Irvington High School in its continuing efforts to host a safe, alcohol- and drug-free celebration for all of its graduating senior students.

Wellness Community SF East Bay – Contra Costa County

Our sponsorship of the *Wellness Gala* helps the Wellness Community raise funds to continue providing at no cost professionally led programs of support and education to people with cancer and their loved ones, no matter what kind of cancer or where they are on their cancer journey.

www.twcba.org

YMCA of the East Bay – Alameda County

The YMCA of the East Bay's ten branches deliver fundamentally solid programs built around the four core strategic areas of childcare, teen enrichment, health and wellness, and cultural harmony. Our investment in the YMCA's scholarship funds enables children from low-income families in the Fremont/Newark area to attend summer camps and year-round sports programs.

www.ymcaeastbay.org