



MILLBRAE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Proudly Serving the Millbrae Community Since 1996

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Spring 2020 Newsletter

Over the last 24 years, the Millbrae Community Foundation (MCF) has awarded financial grants for projects and to organizations that provide valuable benefits to Millbrae residents. This newsletter highlights a few recent grantees' stories. We send a hearty "thank you" to all who have supported MCF in the past. We can't do this without you!

San Mateo County Strong



On March 24, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved \$3,000,000 in emergency funding to support those most impacted by COVID-19 in San Mateo County in partnership with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. With that funding, **San Mateo County Strong** was born. SMCStrong is providing funds to residents and small businesses impacted by the pandemic and to the nonprofits that serve our most vulnerable neighbors. Days after the fund was opened, MCF voted to donate \$10,000, directing our donation to help residents and small businesses. We know our neighbors and local businesses are struggling

and this was an effective way to get them the help they need as quickly as possible. If you want to help, you can donate to the fund directly at www.smcstrong.org.

Mills Rapid Relief Fund

Not surprisingly, our Millbrae community is stepping up to help. The Mills High School PTO launched the **Rapid Relief Fund** to help Mills families that are experiencing financial and other hardships during the shelter-in-place order. MCF was pleased to award a grant to this fund. We are grateful to be one of several community groups and individual donors contributing to this effort.



Fitness Court



Millbrae Community Foundation joined other leading organizations in our community, including Millbrae Lions Club, Peninsula Health Care District, and approved a grant request from the City of Millbrae to help fund a **Fitness Court**. The Fitness Court will be located next to the Skate Park on Millbrae Avenue and provide residents and visitors a free exercise resource! People of all ages will be able to use it on their schedule, and the Recreation Staff will also provide programming for those who want to workout in a group, get some guidance, and perhaps look for workout buddies to hold them accountable.

Holiday Gift Cards & Scholarships

Two of our ongoing, annual efforts are distributing holiday gift cards and awarding scholarships. Once again, MCF distributed gift cards to several deserving families during the 2019 holiday season. The annual \$1,000 scholarship was recently awarded to **Mills Senior Arabella Casiano**.





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Surfin' Safari—A Super Successful Fundraiser

Last fall we tried something new. We hosted a **concert with the RiPTiDEs**. The concert, full of music from The Beach Boys, The Beatles, and other classic artists, was a resounding success! We were so happy to spend a fun evening with members of our community raising funds for MCF to use to award grants.



MCF in the Community

We are lucky to be just one of the active service clubs and nonprofit community groups in Millbrae. Over the last year, our Board members have been **participating in events** and getting the good word out about the Millbrae Community Foundation. Here are a few photos of the Board in action from the MCC Lunar New Year Parade, the Lions Movers & Shakers Dinner, the Holiday Tree Lighting, the Art & Wine Festival, and our two youngest volunteers, Stella Baltasar and Samantha Lam, receiving a commendation from the City Council for their work on the Holiday Stars.



Partnering with City of Millbrae on the Recreation Center

We are proud to announce the creation of a **Designated Fund Agreement for the Recreation Center** between MCF and the City! As the groundbreaking on the new Center approaches, the City will begin a fundraising campaign to fund the FF&E (furniture, fixtures, and equipment). Because the City is not considered a tax-exempt organization, the partnership with MCF, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, may give individuals or companies an added benefit that encourages more and larger donations. We are proud to be a trusted partner in this important effort and are looking forward to working with the city and the entire community on the new Recreation Center!

This spring, we hope you will consider making a donation to the Millbrae Community Foundation so that we can continue to help our community today and in the future.



If you would like to support the Millbrae Community Foundation, please return your donation in the enclosed envelope or donate online at:

www.millbraefoundation.org