

Annual Report



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
— of the —
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY





Austin-based artist, DAAS, working on *Birds and Blossoms*, one of three murals in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville funded by the Community Foundation. The full mural is on the cover of this publication.

A LETTER

From Our Leadership

Art moves us. It has the power to celebrate beauty, feed our souls, and bring people together. In the Hill Country, art shows up in every community: in galleries and on stage, on outdoor walls and in music halls. Perhaps not so obvious but just as important, the art of giving reveals its power in every community, too - in church sanctuaries, school classrooms, food banks, senior centers, public parks, and nonprofit organizations throughout the region. When we think about the Community Foundation's work this year, it's this powerful art of giving by our generous donors that made it all possible. Their compassion and caring moves us beyond words.

In the past year, the Community Foundation has made \$7.3 million in local investments to Hill Country nonprofits and students pursuing higher education. There have been grants for general operating support, scholarships, capital campaigns, and special projects. We've supported programs for veterans, activities for children and families, and essential services for those in need.

Our annual report's theme highlights how recent public art initiatives add to our quality of life in the same manner as our local nonprofits. The cover and featured art throughout this report are from public art installations within the past year funded by the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation is strong and works to support timeless art in all its forms, both today and tomorrow. Meaningful philanthropy is truly an art, and we hope it inspires you to see all the good work going on in the Hill Country. We invite you to join us!

With gratitude,

Austin Dickson
Chief Executive Officer

Tina Woods
Board President



Grantmaking

In 2024, the Community Foundation granted \$7.3 million to nonprofits throughout its 10-county service area. There were over 200 grantee organizations that provide a range of services and opportunities to local residents.

BOERNE AND BANDERA



Community Foundation donors granted \$89,000 to **Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries**, which helps Boerne-area residents meet basic needs like groceries as well as rental and utility assistance.



Foundation donors invested \$63,000 in **Arms of Hope**, which operates a Medina campus that provides a loving, beautiful, and nurturing environment for single mothers and their children.



The Arthur Nagel Community Clinic annually serves over 2,700 low-income and uninsured Bandera County residents, and it routinely earns unrestricted grants from the Foundation's competitive *Community Impact Fund*.

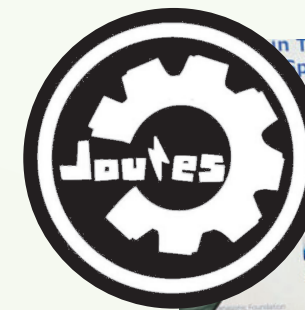
The staff of **Transformation House**, which received an operating grant of \$11,000, provide transitional housing and therapy for survivors of domestic violence in Kendall County.



BLANCO COUNTY



Founded in 2010 by mother-daughter team Vickie and Julia Pautz, **Blanco Performing Arts** has presented over 80 concerts on Blanco's historic town square. In 2024, BPA received its first Community Foundation grant.



A \$5,000 grant to the **Science Mill** underwrote expenses for the Johnson City Joules, the high school robotics team whose robot, *Mozart*, won the district competition.

Grantmaking

FREDERICKSBURG



The **Good Samaritan Center**, a charitable medical, dental, and mental-health clinic, is an essential service provider in the area, and it received \$52,000 in general operating support.



In partnership with the City, the Community Foundation established the **Fredericksburg Police Department Foundation Fund** to raise community support for law enforcement. In its first year the Fund raised \$138,000 for its housing initiative.

Built in 1881, **Cave Creek School** is one of 12 historic country school properties in Gillespie County. The Community Foundation made a grant to maintain the school's infrastructure.



The Foundation was the lead sponsor for the first annual **Fredericksburg Book Festival**, which hosted 12 well known and accomplished adult and children's authors at a free, all-day event for the community.



Community Foundation donors established a tuition assistance fund for **Kindernest** at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, a full-time preschool for children aged 18 months to 6 years, as well as an afterschool program for school-aged children.



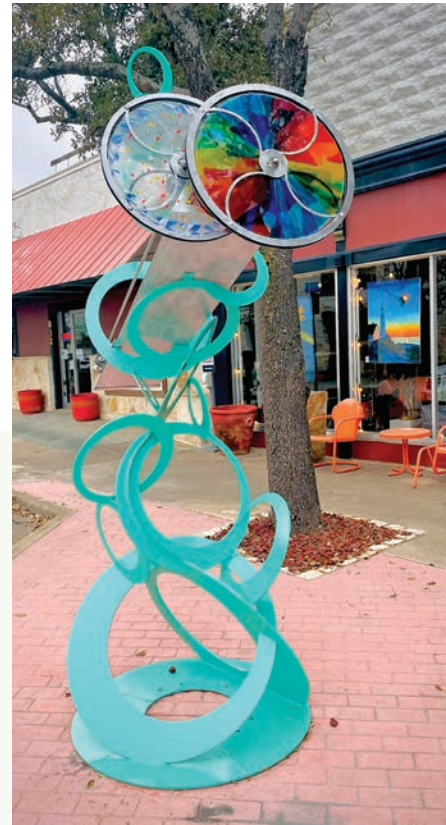
Grantmaking

KERRVILLE



Foundation donors granted \$200,000 to **Habitat for Humanity Kerr County**. Habitat's new Mariposa development of 44 homes will be completed this year.

The **Community Art Program**, funded by a multiyear grant from the Foundation, installed a kaleidoscope as a public art piece on Water and Washington streets. CAP oversees public art in Kerr County. Photo courtesy of the *Hill Country Community Journal*.



UVALDE AND REAL COUNTIES



Despite a muddy morning, **KABOOM!** and dozens of volunteers turned out to build a playground on Studer Street in Uvalde. The Community Foundation invested \$205,000 in the jointly funded project with Methodist Healthcare Ministries.

Hill Country Alliance and its *Leading in the Rural Hill Country* program received \$12,000. Here participants are touring Keep Utopia Beautiful's recycling facility.



Uvalde Little League received \$25,000 for all new equipment: bats, balls, helmets, and more. The League had the largest number of players on record this year.



The **Real County Public Library** received \$12,800 from the *Community Impact Fund* for technology upgrades.



Schreiner University was awarded \$50,000 in the past year by numerous Foundation fundholders.



Students in the Graphic Design and Interactive Media education pathway program at **Tivy High School** received \$70,000 for state-of-the-art computing equipment from the Lindsay & Lucille Duff Fund.



Scholarships

A quality education becomes attainable when opportunity exists. Through its scholarship programs, the Community Foundation creates pathways for local students to pursue their goals.

The Foundation granted \$550,000 to 46 students in 2024.



Sarah Albers, a graduate of Harper High School, received both the Lucky Lindy Segall Scholarship and the Doyle W. Smith Memorial Scholarship. She is now studying agriculture at Tarleton State University.



Charlie Georgelos, a graduate of Champion High School, received the Capt. Mark Tyler Voss Memorial Scholarship. He is now studying engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio.



Carlee Wren, a graduate of Tivy High School, received the Charlene Spaulding Career and Technology Scholarship. She is now studying nursing at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Building Philanthropy



The Community Foundation hosts regular nonprofit workshops. This session on board governance, held at Herff Farm, was presented with the **Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce**.



Sisterhood for Good, a women's giving circle in Fredericksburg, convenes each spring for fun events and fundraising. They granted \$25,500 to **Little Hearts Child Development Center**.

Every September, the Community Foundation hosts its annual **Nonprofit Summit**. More than 140 leaders attended the one-day conference in Boerne last year.

2024 Grantees

100 Club of Kendall County	Christian Women's Job Corps of Kerr County	Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show	KABOOM!	Museum of Western Art	St. Philip's Episcopal Church
A Doggie 4 You	City of Fredericksburg	Gillespie Crime Stoppers	Kathleen C. Cailloux Humane Society	New Hope Counseling Services	Still Water Camps
Alamo Public Telecommunications Council	Comfort Baptist Church	Golden Hub	Kendall County Women's Shelter	Notre Dame Catholic Church & School	Symphony of the Hills Association
Ambleside School of Fredericksburg	Comfort Golden Age Center Foundation	Habitat for Humanity Kerr County	Kerr Arts & Cultural Center	Our Lady of the Hills College Prep	Teen Challenge
American Red Cross - Hill Country Chapter	Comfort Heritage Foundation	Harper Agricultural & Livestock Organization	Kerr County Sheriff's Foundation	Peterson Health Foundation	Templo Cristiano Uvalde
Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County	Cross Trails Ministry	Harper Community Park Association	Kerr County Stock Show	Peterson Hospice	Texas Heritage Music Foundation
Arcadia Live	Der Stadtische Friedhof Fredericksburg	Harper ISD Band Boosters	Kerr County Vincentian Organization	Playhouse 2000	Texas Lions Camp
Archdiocese of San Antonio	Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas	Harper PTO	Kerr County YMCA	Pregnancy Resource Center	Texas Public Radio
Arms of Hope	Dietert Center	Harper Volunteer Fire Department	Kerr Crime Stoppers	Raphael Community Free Clinic	Texas Ramp Project
Arthur Nagel Community Clinic	El Progreso Memorial Library	Harper Youth Baseball Association	Kerr Konnect	Real County Public Library	Texas Round Up Animal Alliance
Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Assn	Elevate Adult Education	Hill Country Alliance	Kerr Regional History Center	Riverside Nature Center	Texas Youth Hunting Program
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas	Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry	Hill Country Arts Foundation	Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation	Ronald McDonald House of San Antonio	The Center
Blanco Performing Arts	First Baptist Church of Kerrville	Hill Country CASA	Kerrville Church of Christ	Rotary Club of Kerrville	The Good Samaritan Center
Blessings in a Backpack - Boerne Chapter	Folds of Honor Foundation	Hill Country Community Needs Council	Kerrville First United Methodist Church	Sabinal Public Library	The Grace Center of Fredericksburg
Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center	Fredericksburg Academic Boosters	Hill Country Crisis Council	Kerrville Independent School District	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	The GroundTruth Project
Boerne Education Foundation	Fredericksburg CME Church	Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries	Kerrville Perpetual Care Cemetery Assn	Salvation Army of Kerrville	The Ultimate Gift of Life
Boerne100	Fredericksburg Food Pantry	Hill Country Family Services	Kerrville Pets Alive	San Antonio ISD Foundation	Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department
Boys & Girls Club of Bandera County	Fredericksburg Independent School District	Hill Country Mission for Health	Kerrville Public School Foundation	San Antonio Philharmonic	Tots to Teens Pediatric Dentistry
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Texas Hill Country	Fredericksburg Music Club	Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center	KLRN Endowment Fund	Sanctus Ranch Retreat Center	Transformation House
Brighter Days Horse Refuge	Fredericksburg Parks Foundation	Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization	K'STAR	Schreiner University	Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Briscoe Animal Resource Center of Uvalde	Fredericksburg Theater Company	Hill Country Youth Orchestras	Last Chance Forever	Science Mill	Upper Guadalupe River Center
Buck Wild Animal Rescue	Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department	Hill Country Youth Ranch	Light on the Hill at Mount Wesley	Silver Sage	Uvalde Ministerial Alliance
Casa Über Alles	Fredericksburg-Nimitz Rotary Club	Hill District Grandstand Show	Little Hearts Child Development Center	Special Olympics Texas	Uvalde Wrestling Club
Center Point Cemetery Association	Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools	Holy Ghost Lutheran Church	LOVE Kendall County Kids	Special Opportunity Center	Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas
Central Texas Food Bank	Friends of the Fredericksburg Nature Center	Hunt United Methodist Church	Meals for Vets	St. Anthony's Catholic Church	Volunteer Services Council
Children's Association for Maximum Potential	Friends of the Written Word	Hunt-Japonica Cemetery Association	Mercy Gate Ministries	St. Mark Presbyterian Church	Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Christian Assistance Ministry	Gillespie County Child Services Board	Ingram Independent School District	Morningside Ministries	St. Mary's Catholic Church	Zion Lutheran Church
Christian Men's Job Corps of Kerr County	Gillespie County Historical Society	Junction Community After-School Program			

New Funds

Over 250 funds make up the Community Foundation, and in 2024, 12 new funds were established.

- Chris J. Kaiser Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Community Art Fund
- Eleanor M. Fund
- Fredericksburg Book Festival Endowment Fund
- Fredericksburg ISD Education Foundation Endowment Fund
- Friends of Fredericksburg Fund
- Havill-Brown Charitable Fund
- Ken Harris Performing Arts Fund
- Kerr County United Way Legacy Fund
- Kerrville First Responders Fund
- Lakehills Community Center Endowment Fund
- Playhouse Endowment Fund



Established by Casa Über Alles, the **Chris J. Kaiser Memorial Scholarship** supports local students pursuing careers in the building trades. Pictured at left: Chris Kaiser (1973-2023), a Fredericksburg native, respected home builder, and founding board member of Casa Über Alles.

Longtime Fredericksburg resident, Dr. Alice White, established the **Fredericksburg Book Festival Endowment Fund** to support the annual festival, which was inaugurated in 2025.



Ken Harris established the **Playhouse Endowment Fund** to support Playhouse 2000 and ensure local theatre is successful in perpetuity.



Become a part of our philanthropic community.

For more than 40 years, we've worked with donors to make a difference and support their charitable goals.

Our strong ties with local nonprofits help us connect donors with causes that matter. Whether you want to give directly or set up a fund, the Community Foundation offers flexible ways to give back and strengthen the Hill Country.



Scan the QR code to learn more about funds at the Community Foundation.



What is your Legacy?

Facing the Community Foundation's office is a tribute to James Avery. Its message, "Giving is what it's all about," captures the heart of our mission.

You can create a legacy that impacts your community, too.

Over 50% of all Community Foundation grants are due to estate gifts for local residents.

Creating a will or making a simple change to your will can make lasting impacts on causes you care about.

Leaving a gift doesn't require a lot of time or expense - just a clear decision.



Scan here to learn more about Legacy Giving



Photo credit: Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Financials

Through donations and bequests, the Community Foundation received a record number of contributions in the past year.

Revenue	2023	2024
Contributions	\$6,420,564	\$15,332,971
Investment Returns	\$4,714,302	\$4,281,237
Total Revenue	\$11,134,866	\$19,614,208
Expenses		
Grantmaking	\$6,749,459	\$7,256,872
Operating Expenses	\$631,874	\$787,002
Total Expenses	\$7,603,901	\$8,908,433
Net Assets	\$44,692,362	\$55,399,508

The Community Foundation’s net investment return for 2024 was 9%. The Foundation’s annualized five-year rate of return was 4.5%.

The five most recent audit reports and filed Form 990 are available on the Foundation’s website. Its audit is conducted by Massey Itschner & Co.



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