



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

of the
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Annual Report



Into Action

It's often said that crisis and adversity don't build character, they reveal it. The past year has certainly proven this sentiment to be true. Individuals and communities throughout the Hill Country stepped up – neighbors helping neighbors – to support each other in a trying time. A few of the activities the Community Foundation was able to support are reflected in this report.

Donations to the Community Foundation significantly increased in 2020, as did its giving. At the behest of visionary donors, the Foundation created three emergency funds to help residents get household essentials, support charities adapting to meet new and greater needs, and supply frontline workers at schools and nonprofits with the personal protective equipment necessary to maintain a safe environment.

Despite an unpredictable year, the fundamentals of the Community Foundation remained strong: \$4.5 million was granted out, its investments returned a net 8.5%, and its assets reached \$35 million.

With a community foundation that's healthy, strong, and active, we can maintain a Hill Country quality of life no matter what life throws at us.

With gratitude,

Molly Adams

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Board President

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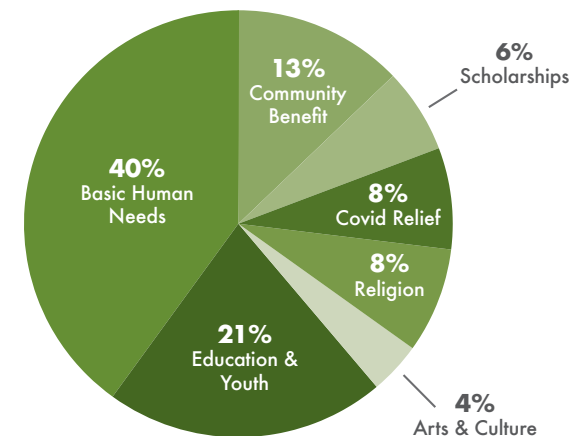
Volunteers at the Dietert Center prepare Meals on Wheels delivery bags. Nearly 300 homebound seniors receive meals Monday through Friday - totalling over 70,000 meals annually.



Grantmaking

The Foundation granted \$4.5 million to the community in 2020.

Where Grants Went



Arts & Culture
\$173,439

Scholarships
\$278,900

Religion
\$338,183

Covid Relief
\$350,733

Community Benefit
\$567,002

Education & Youth
\$930,034

Basic Human Needs
\$1,760,530

Covid-19 Emergency Grants

The Community Foundation created three distinct emergency funds in 2020; all three raised a total of **\$540,000** from several hundred donors.

The funds made grants to organizations for personal protective equipment, technology upgrades, household utility support and groceries, and other pandemic-related needs.

A detail of all emergency grants can be found at www.communityfoundation.net.



Community Impact Fund

For 2020, our Community Impact Fund – which typically accepts applications – decided to proactively make grants to its previous grantees working on the front lines of pandemic response – individual grants of at least \$10,000 went to Meals on Wheels providers, food pantries and community clinics.



Center Point graduate, Elizabeth Bustamante, received the Mike Cayce Memorial Scholarship to pursue a criminal justice major at Texas State University.



Scholarships

There are over 50 scholarship funds at the Community Foundation. Last year, those funds awarded \$279,000 to over 100 Hill Country students enrolled in higher education.

Sisterhood for Good

A women's giving circle with chapters in Fredericksburg and Kerrville, Sisterhood brought over 200 women virtually together to do community philanthropy – despite the pandemic. In Fredericksburg, the Sisterhood granted \$21,000 to the Grace Center; in Kerrville, Light on the Hill won a \$15,000 grant for food relief.



Our Enduring Commitment

The Community Foundation's mission is to foster a thriving Hill Country, inspire greater giving, celebrate legacy and heritage, and steward charitable resources for today and tomorrow.



Our Region

The Community Foundation serves Bandera, Blanco, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kimble, Kerr, Mason, Real, and Uvalde counties.

2020 Grantees

Doyle Community Center

One of the Foundation's covid relief funds supported the center's food programs.



A Doggie 4 You

Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area

ALS Association of Texas

Ambleside School of Fredericksburg

American Cancer Society

American Red Cross - Hill Country Chapter

Animal Defense League of Texas

Arcadia Live

Arms of Hope

Arthritis Foundation

Arthur Nagel Community Clinic

Austin Angels

Bandera County EMS Memorial Fund

Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Association

BCFS Health & Human Services

Bethany Lutheran Church

Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Texas Hill Country

Brighter Days Horse Refuge

Caritas of Austin

Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio

Center Point Volunteer Fire Department

Central Texas Food Bank

Champions Fore Charity

Child Advocates

Children's Association for Maximum Potential

Christian Assistance Ministry

Christian Job Corps of Gillespie County

Christian Men's Job Corps of Kerr County

Christian Women's Job Corps of Kerr County

City of Camp Wood

City of Fredericksburg

City of Kerrville

Comfort Area Foundation

Comfort Baptist Church

Comfort Cemetery Association

Comfort Chamber of Commerce

Comfort Golden Age Center Foundation

Comfort Heritage Foundation

Comfort High School

Comfort Table & Pantry

Comfort Volunteer Fire Department

CommuniCare Health Centers

Community Health Development

Cross Trails Ministry

Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas

Dietert Center

Divinity Family Services

Doyle School Community Center

Every Texan

Families & Literacy

First Baptist Church of Leakey

First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville

Fredericksburg Academic Boosters

Fredericksburg CME Church

Fredericksburg Dog Park Association

Fredericksburg ISD Education Foundation

Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club

Gillespie County Child Services Board

Gillespie County High School

Gillespie Crime Stoppers

Golden Hub Community Center

Habitat for Humanity Kerr County

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fredericksburg

Harper Agricultural Livestock Organization

Harper Community Park Association

Harper Historical Society

Harper Library

Harper Volunteer Fire Department

Hill Country Arts Foundation

Hill Country CASA

Hill Country Community Needs Council

Hill Country Crisis Council

Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries

Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association

Hill Country Family Services

Hill Country Memorial Hospital

Hill Country Mission for Health

Hill Country Rehabilitation House

Hill Country University Center Foundation

Hill Country Youth Orchestras

Hill Country Youth Ranch

Honor Veterans Now

Hope Alliance

Hunt United Methodist Church

Hunt-Japonica Cemetery Association

I Care San Antonio

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Impact Christian Fellowship

Ingram ISD

Ingram Volunteer Fire Department

James Avery Invitational

Kendall County Women's Shelter

Kerr Arts & Cultural Center

Kerr County United Way

Kerr County YMCA

Kerr County Young Life

Kerr Crime Stoppers

Kerr Regional History Center

Kerrville First United Methodist Church

Kerrville Perpetual Care Cemetery

"We received twice the grant amount this year as compared to last; the Community Foundation really came through for us in a difficult year."

*Brenda Fudge, Executive Director,
New Hope Counseling Center*

Kerrville Pets Alive

Kerrville Public School Foundation

K'STAR

Light on the Hill at Mount Wesley

Mason County Food Bank

Medina Community Library

New Hope Counseling Services

Notre Dame Catholic Church

Nueces Canyon Consolidated ISD

Our Lady of the Hills College Prep

Pedernales Animal Welfare Society

Peterson Health Foundation

Peterson Hospice

Playhouse 2000

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly

Rainbow Senior Center

Raphael Community Free Clinic

Riverside Nature Center

Rotary Club of Kerrville

San Antonio Food Bank

Schreiner University

Silver Sage Senior Center

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special Opportunity Center

St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Peter Upon the Water

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Symphony of the Hills Association

TECABOCA

Texas Lions Camp

Texas Public Radio

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Texas Tech Alumni Association

The Good Samaritan Center

The Grace Center of Fredericksburg

The Museum of Western Art Foundation

The Pregnancy Resource Center

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Kerrville

The Ultimate Gift of Life

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

The University of Texas Medical Branch

Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department

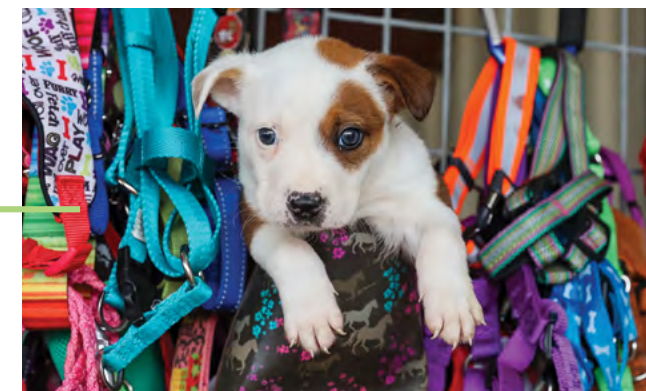
Volunteer Services Council

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

Zion Lutheran Church

A Doggie 4 You, Pipe Creek

A Doggie 4 You received a challenge grant to support its tremendous growth in the shelter's pandemic-related needs.



New Funds

Over 220 funds make up the Community Foundation, and in 2020, two new funds were established.



James Eastland Memorial Fund

Tweety and Dick Eastland (shown here with their 11 grandchildren) created a scholarship in memory of their son, James, who died in 2015. James was a Tivy and UT graduate, husband and father, Vice President of Camp Mystic, and active in Kerr County civic life.



Kerr 4-H Fund

With six clubs in Kerr County, 4-H develops life, social, and leadership skills in children from 1st through 12th grade. The Kerr 4-H Fund supplements annual operating needs of the local clubs. 4-H members (pictured above) identify plants for Natural Resources project.



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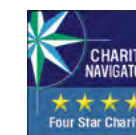
Financials

Revenues	2019	2020
Contributions	\$2,324,515	\$10,988,951
Investment Returns	\$3,263,384	\$2,577,267
Total Revenue	\$5,587,899	\$13,566,218
Expenses		
Grantmaking	\$2,347,712	\$4,476,391
Operating Expenses	\$549,332	\$528,095
Total Expenses	\$2,897,044	\$4,995,106
Net Assets	\$26,033,292	\$34,604,404

The Foundation's net investment return for 2020 was 8.5%.

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.

The Community Foundation is accredited by the Community Foundations National Standards Board and receives recognition for excellence from both Guidestar and Charity Navigator.





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