

# ANNUAL REPORT



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





The historic Guthrie Building is the Foundation's new headquarters.

The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country is our region's philanthropic endowment. As a public charitable foundation, our mission is to support a thriving Hill Country by:

- Making grants to local nonprofits
- Managing charitable assets for families, organizations, and communities
- Awarding academic scholarships
- Developing strong nonprofits
- Leading on civic issues in cities, counties, and throughout the region

## A LETTER

# From Our Leadership

In this annual report, we have captured some of the past year's highlights: features on local visionaries, grants that built community, and activities that created opportunities for all. The Community Foundation works to support all types of charitable causes – large and small – that make the Hill Country a better place to call home.



This past year we purchased a place for us to call home, too: the historic Guthrie Building (built in 1887) in Kerrville. The 135-year-old structure is a former headquarters for a newspaper, City Hall, a police station, a law firm, and two different art studios. We're making it our own as well as a place for the community to gather for meetings and events. We hope you'll stop by for a visit!

As we head into our fifth decade of serving the community, the Foundation remains strong as ever on its 40th birthday. Over \$6 million was granted out last year and total assets crested \$40 million. With a community foundation that's healthy, strong, and active, we can maintain a vibrant Hill Country quality of life for many years to come.

With gratitude,

**Austin Dickson**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Mark Haufler**  
Board President



## A THRIVING

# Community

Through grantmaking, events, and creativity, the Foundation builds community throughout the Texas Hill Country.

**ARTS** are essential for a thriving community; The Foundation granted over \$275,000 to arts organizations last year including a \$15,000 unrestricted grant to **Hill Country Youth Orchestras**.



Pictured above are students performing at a recent concert.

**COLLABORATION** makes a strong community; the Foundation supports *Sisterhood for Good*, women's giving circles in Fredericksburg and Kerrville. Over 150 women raised funds for several important causes.

Karol Schreiner, a *Sisterhood for Good* leadership team member, presents a grant to Christian Women's Job Corps.



Cindy Heifner, Executive Director of the **Needs Council** accepts a grant from Liz Althaus (seated) and Rex Ann Hill (standing), *Sisterhood for Good* leadership team members.

Meeting **BASIC NEEDS** is a hallmark of the Foundation's annual giving and ensures everyone can thrive. In 2021, the following grants were made to help households obtain essential groceries and supplies:

- \$125,000 to St. Vincent de Paul
- \$120,000 to the Hill Country Community Needs Council
- \$50,000 to Light on the Hill
- \$28,000 to the Doyle Community Center
- \$16,000 to Christian Assistance Ministry



## ALIGNED Vision

An expansive, positive vision for the future is what motivates the Foundation and its donors to invest in Hill Country communities.

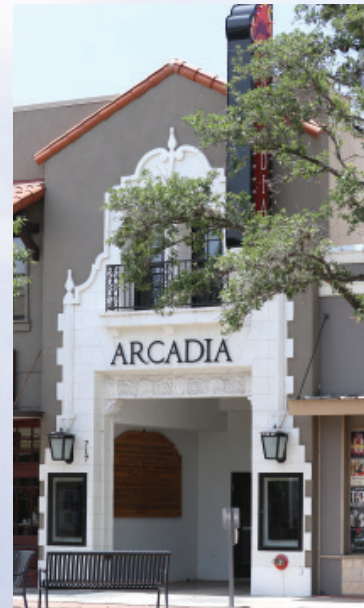


Pictured above is Mackenzie Wade, Schreiner University graphic design department alumnus who designed the mural, entitled *Riparian*, which was inspired by Kerrville's natural history and beauty. The Foundation funded the cost for the project in partnership with the City of Kerrville, Big Seed, the Texas Department of Transportation, and Schreiner University.



The **Marktplatz Fund** was the vision of Tim Crenwelge, former Fredericksburg mayor and Community Foundation board president. In 2021, the Fund raised nearly \$1 million to support renovations to Fredericksburg's iconic city park.

Pictured left: former Fredericksburg city manager, Kent Myers, and Tim Crenwelge.



Many Kerrville residents had a vision of updating a nearly 100-year-old theater to entertain modern audiences and contribute to local culture. The Foundation granted \$180,000 towards the restoration of the **Arcadia Theatre** in 2021.



## COMMITTED TO Opportunity

A quality education, a stable home, and a good job are only possible when there are opportunities. The Community Foundation is committed to opening doors of opportunity to as many as possible.

The Foundation awarded \$307,000 in **SCHOLARSHIPS**, helping over 100 students pursue a quality education.



**Caleb Fineske**, a Kerrville Tivy HS graduate, received the James Eastland Memorial Scholarship. Caleb is attending Middlebury College.



**Sadie Eidson**, a Fredericksburg HS graduate, received the Community Foundation Scholarship for Fredericksburg High School. Sadie is attending Trinity University.



The Foundation granted \$30,000 to **Habitat for Humanity** in Kerr County to help build its #114, #115, and #116 homes.



GED graduates of Families & Literacy celebrate completion of their course requirements.



Over \$50,000 was collectively granted to **Families & Literacy**, and the **Christian Men's and Women's Job Corps** in the area. These organizations provide essential skills training for adults.



# 2021 Grantees

A Doggie 4 You	El Progreso Memorial Library	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Playhouse 2000
Admiral Nimitz Foundation	Families & Literacy	Johnson City First UMC	Pregnancy Resource Center
Ambleside School of Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg CME Church	Kathleen C. Cailloux Humane Society	Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly
American Red Cross - Hill Country	Fredericksburg Dog Park Association	Kendall County Animal Shelter	Rainbow Senior Center
Animal Defense League of Texas	Fredericksburg Music Club	Kendall County Women's Shelter	Raphael Community Free Clinic
Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County	Friends of the Fredericksburg Nature Center	Kerr Arts & Cultural Center	Riverside Nature Center
Any Baby Can of San Antonio	Frontier Times Museum	Kerr County Jr. Livestock Show Assoc.	Rotary Club of Kerrville
Arcadia Live	Gillespie County Child Services Board	Kerr County Vincentian Organization	Rotary District 5840
Arms of Hope	Gillespie County Historical Society	Kerr County Young Life	Salvation Army of Kerrville
Arthur Nagel Community Clinic	Gillespie County Crime Stoppers	Kerr County Crime Stoppers	San Jose Cemetery
Bandera Junior Livestock Show Assoc.	Golden Hub	Kerr Konnect	Schreiner University
BCFS Health & Human Services	Good Samaritan Center	Kerr Regional History Center	Silver Sage Senior Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas	Habitat for Humanity - Kerr County	Kerrville Area Texas A&M Mothers' Club	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Big Fix Homeless Cat Project	Harper Agricultural and Livestock Organization	Kerrville Chalk Festival	Special Olympics Texas
Big Seed	Harper Community Park Association	Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation	Special Opportunity Center
Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area	Harper Historical Society	Kerrville Church of Christ	St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Hill Country	Harper ISD Band Boosters	Kerrville First United Methodist Church	St. Boniface Episcopal Church
Brighter Days Horse Refuge	Harper Library	Kerrville Perpetual Care Cemetery Assoc.	St. Mark Evangelistic Association
Children's Assoc. for Maximum Potential	Harper Volunteer Fire Department	Kerrville Pets Alive	St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Christian Assistance Ministry	Headwaters for Heroes	Kerrville Public School Foundation	St. Mary's Catholic Church
Christian Job Corps of Gillespie County	Heart of the Hills Heritage Center	KLRN	St. Mary's Catholic School
Christian Men's Job Corps of Kerr County	Hill Country Arts Foundation	K'STAR	St. Peter Upon the Water
Christian Women's Job Corps	Hill Country CASA	Light on the Hill at Mount Wesley	St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Cibolo Center for Conservation	Hill Country Community Needs Council	Mercy Gate Ministries	Still Water Camps
City of Fredericksburg	Hill Country Crisis Council	Misión de Candelilla	Symphony of the Hills Association
Comfort Area Foundation	Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries	Morgan's Wonderland Inclusion Fdn.	Texas Heritage Music Foundation
Comfort Baptist Church	Hill Country Family Services	Museum of Western Art Foundation	Texas Lions Camp
Comfort Cemetery Association	Hill Country Memorial Hospital	New Beginnings Church	Texas Public Radio
Comfort Chamber of Commerce	Hill Country Mission for Health	New Hope Counseling Services	Texas Ramp Project
Comfort Golden Age Center Foundation	Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center	Northwest Hills UMC	Texas Youth Hunting Program
Comfort Heritage Foundation	Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization	Notre Dame Catholic Church	The Texas Tribune
Comfort Public Library	Hill Country University Center Foundation	Notre Dame Catholic School	The University of Texas at Austin
Comfort Table & Pantry	Hill Country Youth Orchestras	Optimist Club of San Antonio	Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department
Comfort Volunteer Fire Department	Hill Country Youth Ranch	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	Tots to Teens Pediatric Dentistry
Cross Trails Ministry	Honor Veterans Now	Our Lady of the Hills College Prep	Ultimate Gift of Life
Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas	Hunt Preservation Society	Pedernales Animal Welfare Society	Volunteer Services Council
Dietert Center	Hunt United Methodist Church	Peterson Health Foundation	Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Doyle Community Center	Hunt-Japonica Cemetery Association	Peterson Hospice	Zion Lutheran Church



# New Funds

Over 225 funds make up the Community Foundation, and in 2021 15 new funds were established.

- Ann & Dickie Robertson Fund
- Arthur Nagel Community Clinic Fund
- Center Point Cemetery Association Fund
- Comfort Cemetery Association Fund
- Chatito & Marianela Fund
- The Elevate Fund
- Fentress-Cummings Initiative Fund
- Fredericksburg Firefighter Relief Fund
- Gena Griffin Charitable Fund
- Jim & Rita Arket Charitable Fund
- John J.B. Miller Arts Fund
- Kerrville Police Foundation Fund
- Marianne Love Duke Remschel Foundation Fund
- Mike & Cynthia Allen Fund
- The Seaver Fund



The **John J.B. Miller Arts Fund** will support arts in Kerr county.



Established as an endowment, the **Fredericksburg Firefighter Relief Fund** will financially support any Gillespie County volunteer firefighter injured in the line of duty.

The **Kerrville Police Department Foundation Fund** allows residents to contribute to the Department's various needs. This year's campaign raised funds for a drug dog and all of the related equipment and training. More than 100 donors supported the effort.



**Cynthia and Mike Allen** established a donor-advised fund to facilitate their local giving. The Allens are long-time Kerrville residents and active in the community.



# Financials

Through donations, bequests, and investment return, the Community Foundation continued to grow in the past year while simultaneously increasing its local giving.

Revenues	2020	2021
Contributions	\$10,988,951	\$9,740,414
Investment Returns	\$2,577,267	\$3,270,778
Total Revenue	\$13,566,218	\$13,011,192
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grantmaking	\$4,476,391	\$6,787,255
Operating Expenses	\$528,095	\$544,931
Total Expenses	\$4,995,106	\$7,332,186
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$34,956,732</b>	<b>\$41,224,766</b>



The Foundation's net investment return for 2021 was 9.3%. Its five-year net investment return is 7.6%.

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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## *Thank you, Molly!*

Molly Adams, a Hunt native and Branch President of Security State Bank & Trust, served as the Community Foundation's President throughout 2020 and 2021. We are grateful for her leadership!

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