



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

*Annual Report*





## *From Our Leadership*

**T**he Hill Country wouldn't exist without the powerful force of water. It's sculpted our landscapes and nourished our plants, animals, and people for millennia. Our rivers and streams are a most valuable resource that supports and connects the communities we love.

So, too, does the Community Foundation. Thanks to our donors, the Foundation's resources flow to support and connect nonprofits throughout our region who are nourishing lives and making a difference.

In the past year, the Community Foundation has made \$9.2 million in grants to nonprofits throughout the Hill Country. These grants have supported general operations, scholarships, capital campaigns, and special programs. Grants have also funded meals for youth and seniors, civic art projects, health care, housing, mental health counseling, and many other services that enhance the quality of life in our region.



The Community Foundation is strong today and here for the long term. We'll keep the support flowing, just like a river.

With gratitude,

**Tina Woods**  
Board President

**Austin Dickson**  
Chief Executive Officer



# Grantmaking

In 2023, the Community Foundation granted \$9.2 million to nonprofits throughout its 10-county service area. There were over 200 organizations that received a grant from the Foundation. Grantees offer a range of services and opportunities to local residents.

## CHILDCARE



**A Child's Place Learning Center** in Kerrville - \$30,000  
Children enjoy a popsicle break outside.



**The Junction Community After School Program** - \$10,000  
Jose germinating carrot seeds.



## SENIORS

**The Center in Boerne** - \$10,000  
Meals on Wheels volunteers prepare for their daily route.

## LOCAL ART



**Symphony of the Hills** - \$10,000  
Players rehearse with the Grand Symphony Chorus prior to the holiday concert.



## BASIC NEEDS

**Blessings in a Backpack - Boerne Chapter** - \$15,000

Volunteers fill backpacks for area children in need.



# Grantmaking Cont.

On average, the Community Foundation granted \$175,000 per week in 2023.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Sprouts, a children's educational program at the **Riverside Nature Center** in Kerrville, is underwritten by the Community Foundation. Above, Peter Lewis, Foundation Trustee, reads about Texas' natural heritage.

**Gem of the Hills** - \$7,500  
Seniors learn the art of canning in a demonstration at the Gem in Blanco.



**Fredericksburg Nature Center** - \$7,000  
Beautiful blooms abound in vibrant color at the nature center's habitat.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTS

The Community Foundation offered a \$30,000 matching grant to help the **Kerrville Fire Department** obtain a 6x6 all-terrain vehicle for water and wildland fire rescues. The Department raised the matching funds in less than three months.



To celebrate its 50th anniversary, **Mini Mart** raised funds from customers and vendors to match its own corporate donations. Local volunteer fire departments benefited from the campaign.



After years of fundraising through the **Marktplatz Fund**, the Community Foundation granted over \$1,000,000 to the City of Fredericksburg to complete renovations to Marktplatz.



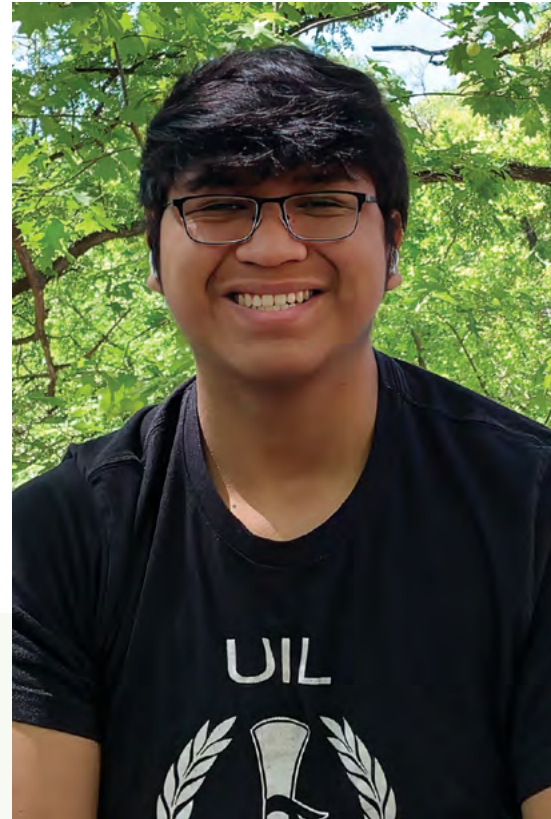
# Scholarships

A quality education is only possible when there is opportunity. The Community Foundation is committed to opening doors for young people through its scholarship programs.

The Foundation awarded \$467,550 to 106 students in 2023.



**Kayuki Warren:** Recipient of the 2023 Capt. Mark "Tyler" Voss Memorial Scholarship. She is a Boerne High School graduate studying biomedical science at Texas A&M University.



**Robert Ramirez:** Recipient of the 2023 Miriam E. Kay Scholarship. He is a Tivy graduate studying economics at the University of Texas at Austin.

# Women's Philanthropy

Sisterhood for Good, a women's giving circle with a group in Fredericksburg and in Kerrville, convenes each spring for fun events and lots of giving to local causes.



Sisterhood for Good Leadership Team members, Deb Renick, Leigh Dempsey and Liz Althaus award The Grace Center's grant check to Sonja Gutierrez and Hattie Allen for \$24,000!



Members of the Kerrville SFG Leadership Team (front row: Karol Schreiner, Lisa Dyal and Holly Jones) present a grant check for \$13,000 to representatives of Christian Men's Job Corps.



**Summit 2023: Making Waves:** Karen Guerriero, Kerrville Pets Alive! Founder, answers a question at Summit during the lunch panel about volunteer management. Karen was joined by Brenda Thompson (Dieter Center), Agnes Hubbard (Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries) and John Willome (The Good Samaritan Center).

## NONPROFIT EDUCATION

Over 150 leaders from throughout the Hill Country convene every September for the Community Foundation's *Nonprofit Summit*. It's a day-long professional development event. This year focused on fundraising and volunteer management.



# 2023 Grantees

A Child's Place Learning Center	Comfort Area Foundation	Gillespie County Child Services Board	Hunt Volunteer Fire Department	Little Hearts Child Development Center	St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Admiral Nimitz Foundation	Comfort Baptist Church	Gillespie County Crime Stoppers	Hunt-Japonica Cemetery Association	LOVE Kendall County Kids	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Alamo Public Telecommunications Council	Comfort Cemetery Association	Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance	Ingram ISD	Medina Volunteer Fire Department	St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Alamo Springs Volunteer Fire Department	Comfort Education Foundation	Golden Hub	Ingram Volunteer Fire Department	Mercy Gate Ministries	St. Peter Upon the Water
Ambleside School of Fredericksburg	Comfort Golden Age Center Foundation	Good Samaritan Center	Junction Community After-School Program	Mountain Home Volunteer Fire Department	St. Philip's Episcopal Church
American Red Cross - Hill Country Chapter	Comfort Volunteer Fire Department	Grace Center of Fredericksburg	KABOOM!	Museum of Western Art	St. Vincent de Paul - Notre Dame Conference
Animal Defense League of Texas	Cross Trails Ministry	Habitat for Humanity Kerr County	Keep West Kerr Beautiful	New Hope Counseling Services	Still Water Camps
Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County	Der Stadtische Friedhof Fredericksburg	Harper Agricultural & Livestock Organization	Kendall County Women's Shelter	Notre Dame Catholic Church & School	Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department
Arcadia Live	Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas	Harper Community Park Association	Kerr Arts & Cultural Center	Our Lady of the Hills College Prep	Symphony of the Hills Association
Arms of Hope	Dietert Center	Harper Volunteer Fire Department	Kerr County Child Services Board	Pedernales Animal Welfare Society	Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department
Arthur Nagel Community Clinic	Doss Volunteer Fire Department	Hill Country Alliance	Kerr County Crime Stoppers	Peterson Health Foundation	Texas Heritage Music Foundation
Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Assn	Doyle Community Center	Hill Country Arts Foundation	Kerr County Junior Livestock Assn	Peterson Hospice	Texas Lions Camp
Bandera Volunteer Fire Department	El Progreso Memorial Library	Hill Country CASA	Kerr County Sheriff's Foundation	Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department	Texas Public Radio
Bandera Kronkosky Public Library	Families & Literacy	Hill Country Charity Ball Association	Kerr County YMCA	Playhouse 2000	Texas Ramp Project
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas	Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry	Hill Country Community Needs Council	Kerr County Vincentian Organization	Pregnancy Resource Center	The Center in Boerne
Blessings in a Backpack - Boerne Chapter	FIRST in Texas	Hill Country Crisis Council	Kerr Konnect	Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly	The Ultimate Gift of Life
Bluebonnet Children's Center	First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville	Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries	Kerr Regional History Center	Rainbow Journey Sanctuary	Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department
Boys & Girls Club of Bandera County	First United Methodist Church of Johnson City	Hill Country Family Services	Kerrville Church of Christ	Raphael Community Free Clinic	Transformation House
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Texas Hill Country	Fredericksburg Academic Boosters	Hill Country Horse Rescue	Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation	Riverside Nature Center	Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Castle Lake Volunteer Fire Department	Fredericksburg CME Church	Hill Country Mission for Health	Kerrville First United Methodist Church	Rotary Club of Kerrville	Uvalde Ministerial Alliance
Center Point Cemetery Association	Fredericksburg Dog Park Association	Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center	Kerrville Perpetual Care Cemetery Assn	Rotary District 5840	Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas
Center Point Volunteer Fire Department	Fredericksburg Food Pantry	Hill Country Rehabilitation House	Kerrville Pets Alive	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Volunteer Services Council
Children's Association for Maximum Potential	Fredericksburg Music Club	Hill Country SPCA	Kerrville Public School Foundation	Salvation Army of Kerrville	Walnut United Methodist Church
Christian Assistance Ministry	Fredericksburg Nature Center	Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization	Kerrville Urban Trail System	San Antonio Food Bank	Waring Volunteer Fire Department
Christian Job Corps of Gillespie County	Fredericksburg Theater Company	Hill Country University Center Foundation	KLRN Endowment Fund	Schreiner University	Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Christian Men's Job Corps of Kerr County	Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department	Hill Country Vocal Arts Society	K'STAR	Silver Sage	Willow City Volunteer Fire Department
Christian Women's Job Corps of Kerr County	Friends of the Fredericksburg Nature Center	Hill Country Youth Orchestras	Lakehills Community Center	Sisterdale Volunteer Fire Department	Zion Lutheran Church
Cibolo Center for Conservation	Gem of the Hills	Hunt United Methodist Church	Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department	Special Opportunity Center	
City of Fredericksburg			Light on the Hill at Mount Wesley		
City of Kerrville					



# New Funds

Over 250 funds make up the Community Foundation, and in 2023, there were 20 new funds established.

- Alton Petsch Fund
- Anne Pluenneke Endowment Fund
- Diana & Larry Howard Fund
- Dr. Darrell Baskin Family Endowment Fund
- Fredericksburg Police Department Foundation Fund
- Gleditsch Endowment Fund
- James Avery Charitable Fund
- Joan & William Bryson Performing Arts Fund
- Keep West Kerr Beautiful Fund
- Kerrville Runs on Water Fund
- Loveless Family Scholarship Fund
- Lucky Lindy Segall Fund
- Mini Mart Charitable Fund
- Nimitz Rotary Club Charitable Fund
- R&D Ferris Family Fund
- Sabinal Public Library Fund
- Scoles-Louie Charitable Fund
- Schaeffer Family Fund
- Silver Sage Fund
- Vic Vaughan Family Foundation Fund



**Diana and Larry Howard,** longtime Kerrville residents, opened a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation.



**The Fredericksburg Police Department Foundation Fund** supports the department's needs beyond the annual city budget. Pictured from left: Chief Brian Vorauer, Officer Materno Sanchez, Corporal Luke Smith, Sergeant Shane Purvis, Lieutenant Derek Seelig

Vic Vaughan, founder of Vaughan Automotive in Boerne, created the **Vic Vaughan Family Foundation Fund**, which supports some of the company's as well as the Vaughan family's philanthropic priorities.



Sylvia Fritz Dobbs, CEO of Mini Mart, LP, opened the **Mini Mart Charitable Fund** to support the company's local giving goals. "The expertise of the Community Foundation is exactly what Mini Mart needs to effectively give back to the communities we've served for over 50 years."



# Financials

Through the generosity of community members and sound investment strategies, the Community Foundation has grown in the past year.

Revenue	2022	2023
Contributions	\$9,138,996	\$7,386,145
Investment Returns	(\$4,681,901)	\$5,567,031
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,457,095</b>	<b>\$12,953,176</b>
Expenses		
Grantmaking	\$5,806,422	\$9,151,764
Operating Expenses	\$685,376	\$764,947
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,491,798</b>	<b>\$10,548,585</b>
Net Assets	\$41,111,243	\$44,317,616

The Community Foundation's net investment return for 2023 was 14%. The Foundation's net five-year rate of return was 6.3%.

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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