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A thriving and resilient region where generosity and collaboration create equitable opportunity.

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The Foundation leads, serves, and inspires enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region.

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As an expression of the Foundation's commitment to inspire philanthropy, *Impact* is intended to highlight stories of the impact of charitable giving, and share important lessons and insights we derive from our work in the community. To receive a copy, email [info@sacregcf.org](mailto:info@sacregcf.org).  
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## FROM OUR CEO

# A Message from Kerry

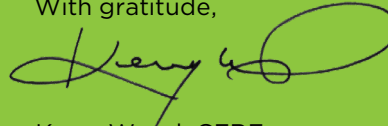


At the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, our work centers on one powerful idea: when generosity aligns with community need, it creates measurable, lasting change. That is clear in this issue's feature on organizations across Yolo County strengthening food access. Their efforts show that philanthropy does more than fund programs; it reinforces a network of care that helps ensure no neighbor goes without.

Each day, we partner with individuals, families, and businesses to steward charitable giving strategically so generosity leads to meaningful outcomes. Over the past year, that partnership resulted in \$22 million in grants and scholarships supporting students, advancing health equity, and strengthening local nonprofits. Behind every dollar is a tangible result: a more just and vibrant Sacramento region, for all.

I invite you to explore this issue of *Impact* and our full Year in Review to see what your philanthropy makes possible. Thank you for helping build a stronger, more equitable Sacramento region.

With gratitude,



Kerry Wood, CFRE  
*Chief Executive Officer*

P.S. I hope you'll join us throughout the year to connect with fellow philanthropists and explore ongoing efforts to foster a thriving Sacramento region through community-centered philanthropy. ▶ **Register for events at [sacregcf.org/events](https://sacregcf.org/events).**

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Pramila Kriplani and Roy Brewer have joined our Board of Directors, and Jessica Hubbard is our new Chief Impact Officer. ▶ **Meet our volunteer leaders and staff at [sacregcf.org/our-team](https://sacregcf.org/our-team).**





“As a past recipient, I know the life-changing effects that scholarships can have on a student’s academic and career path. Now, as a scholarship application evaluator, I get to give back.”

— KEVIN ARELLANO

A scholarship can be more than financial support. It can also open doors and spark a lifelong commitment to giving back.

Kevin Arellano experienced that impact firsthand. As a student, he received the Graydon-Myrth Fox Scholarship, established by local donors, which helped him pursue his education at the University of Texas, Austin. Today, he gives back by volunteering as a scholarship evaluator, helping identify and encourage the next generation of local students. His journey is a testament to the power of community-supported funding for higher education.

The Foundation’s new **Community Scholarship** now offers a simple way for anyone to be part of stories like Kevin’s. Gifts of any size are combined to fund meaningful awards for students pursuing community college, four-year degrees, or trade programs.

It’s one more way our region can come together to support local students today — and the leaders they will become tomorrow.

► **Learn more and make a gift to the Community Scholarship at [sacregcf.org/scholarship](https://sacregcf.org/scholarship).**

# A Community Effort to End Hunger

## How philanthropy strengthens the network of care feeding families in Yolo County

Across Yolo County, neighbors are showing up for one another in practical, meaningful ways: packing weekend meals for students, delivering food to seniors, and connecting patients with fresh produce. In these everyday interactions, food becomes a tangible expression of community care.

Hunger is complex and affects people differently. Addressing it requires collaboration, creativity, and listening closely to community needs. Philanthropy can play an essential role by helping organizations pilot new ideas, respond to emerging challenges, and strengthen partnerships that build a more resilient food system.

As part of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's commitment to advancing health equity and addressing food insecurity in Yolo County, a



**MONICA HAULMAN**  
*Director of Community Impact*

community-driven \$1 million grant from the Impact Fund is supporting both urgent needs and long-term solutions.

Additionally, when research revealed that many residents were not accessing the charitable food system because available foods did not align with their needs, a supplemental \$150,000 from the Impact Fund provided partner agencies with added purchasing power at Yolo Food Bank's Partner Agency Store and expanded inventory to reflect identified priorities. Within weeks, purchases increased by nearly 50%, with additional protein options, along with seasonings and spices, added to better meet community needs.

Ending hunger in Yolo County requires many partners working together. The snapshots that follow, along with the full stories at [sacregcf.org/food-profiles](https://sacregcf.org/food-profiles), illustrate what is possible when local people rally around a shared goal: that no neighbor goes without.



### **Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC)**

When pantry clients weren't sure how to cook with some ingredients they received through a distribution, STEAC created a cookbook. That spirit of responsiveness defines this Davis-based nonprofit, which distributes Kids Packs to 400 students each week, delivers groceries to senior housing sites, and assembles Homeless Packs with pull-top cans and soft foods for those with dental challenges.



### **Meals on Wheels Yolo County**

At Meals on Wheels Yolo County, volunteers make 90-95% of deliveries, many of whom form lasting friendships along their routes. From its Winters kitchen, the organization prepares 2,000 dietician-developed meals each day, serving 1,200 seniors monthly across cities and rural communities alike. Beyond home delivery, Café Yolo gatherings bring music, guest speakers, and connection to senior centers countywide.

### CommuniCare+OLE

At CommuniCare+OLE, a medical appointment might end with fresh produce in hand. Outside its Woodland clinic, 12 raised garden beds yield 3,000 pounds of food annually for patients, paired with cooking classes rooted in “culinary medicine.” With federal funding ending, this food-as-treatment model now relies on continued community support.



### Center for Land-Based Learning

When the Mobile Farmers Market rolls up, shoppers find more than produce — they meet the farmers who grew it. Operated by the Center for Land-Based Learning, the market doubles SNAP dollars and fills gaps when benefits run out. The organization recently partnered to plant 100 fruit trees in West Sacramento, creating a neighborhood food forest, another way local agriculture and local need intersect.



### Yolo Food Bank

Nearly one-third of Yolo County residents experience food insecurity, including 52% of agricultural worker households. Yolo Food Bank uses research like this to guide its work, collaborating with its partner agencies to distribute 8.8 million pounds of food annually. A recent \$1 million grant from the Foundation’s Impact Fund is expanding Family Food Boxes and gleaning efforts that rescue produce from local farms.

► Find complete profiles of these organizations and discover how you can support their work (including during Big Day of Giving) at [sacregcf.org/food-profiles](https://sacregcf.org/food-profiles). While there, consider a gift to the Impact Fund to support community-driven solutions throughout the Sacramento region.



# Love & Generosity

How Donna and Brian built a shared approach to giving back.



Donna and Brian at their wedding, surrounded by family



**KELLY SIEFKIN, CFRE**  
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Donna and Brian didn't expect to find each other — or to begin a new chapter in giving — but both happened at the right time. They met through mutual friends at a fundraising event at the Harris Center at Folsom Lake College. Both were divorced, with grown children and full lives. After weeks of comparing calendars, they finally got together for lunch and felt an instant connection, bonding over travel, hard work, optimism, and a shared commitment to giving back.

A year later, they were married, surrounded by family. To celebrate,

Donna's colleagues made gifts in their honor to the Impact Fund at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, a tribute that reflected the couple's shared values and long history of community involvement.

Donna, a former Board Chair of the Foundation and an estate planning attorney at Boutin Jones, has spent much of her career helping others think thoughtfully about generosity. She already had plans in place for future giving, but as she and Brian began building a life together, they started talking about how they wanted to give now in a way that felt shared, simple, and aligned with the causes they care about most.

Together, they established the Courville King Family Fund to

support organizations close to their hearts, including Meristem, the Los Rios Community College Foundation, their church, and other local nonprofits strengthening the region. For them, it is less about structure and more about intention: creating a clear, coordinated way to support their community together.

Donna and Brian's story is a reminder that philanthropy is deeply personal. It evolves with life's milestones and is most meaningful when it reflects who you are — and who you are becoming — together.

► **Visit [sacregcf.org/donors](https://sacregcf.org/donors) to explore ways to involve your family in thoughtful, lasting giving.**

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 900+

Number of nonprofits registered to participate in Big Day of Giving on Thursday, May 7. Look for the new Discovery Assistant on GivingEdge to find causes that match your interests during Big Day of Giving and year-round! ► [givingedge.org](https://givingedge.org)

## WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

Supporting the work of your favorite nonprofits beyond your lifetime can be as easy as filling out a simple form to establish your personalized Legacy Fund — an effective option whether you already have an active charitable fund with us or are newer in your philanthropic journey.

We work with you and your advisors to review your goals, discuss your options, and determine the best giving strategy. There's no cost to establish your Legacy Fund at the Foundation, which can be updated throughout your lifetime, and you immediately enjoy access to our staff, become a partner in local initiatives, and know your gift will be stewarded to your wishes, so your impact endures. ► [sacregcf.org/legacy](https://sacregcf.org/legacy)



## CONNECTING THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

Through Big Day of Giving and Cultivate, nonprofit staff and volunteers gain tools, connections, and shared learning that help strengthen their work across the region. At recent gatherings, participants came together to exchange ideas, explore new opportunities, and build skills that deepen their impact in the communities they serve. ▶ **See more photos at [facebook.com/sacregcf](https://facebook.com/sacregcf)**



**“These organizations know what their communities need and are leading the way. I’m grateful the Foundation, our partners and donors, are walking alongside them, and helping ensure they have what they need to keep making a lasting difference.”**

— AMY E. BROWN, COMMUNITY IMPACT MANAGER

New funding is helping four nonprofits in Del Paso Heights strengthen their work with youth and families, thanks to flexible support that allows each organization to invest in what matters most.

▶ **Learn how they’re using the awards at [sacregcf.org/dph](https://sacregcf.org/dph)**





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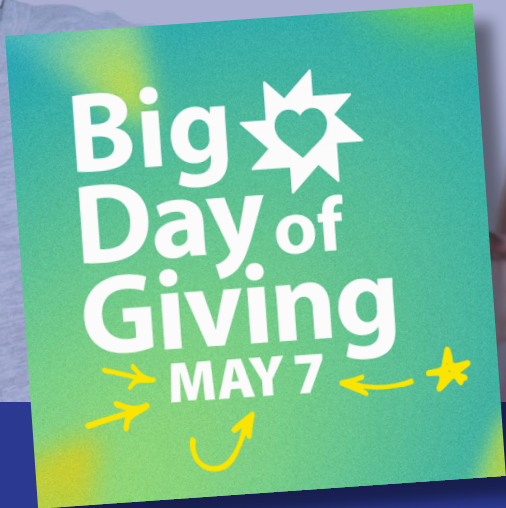
## Give Smarter to Local Nonprofits

Accessible year-round at [givingedge.org](http://givingedge.org), GivingEdge is the website that hosts **Big Day of Giving**. It contains hundreds of profiles of the nonprofits that serve our entire region. We'd like to introduce you to one.

### CASA SACRAMENTO

Founded in 1991, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Sacramento pairs trained volunteers with children in foster care to provide one-on-one advocacy and a voice in court. Since its founding, CASA has served 4,728 children with 1,985 volunteers contributing 283,000 hours—helping improve permanency, education, and long-term stability outcomes.

► Find CASA Sacramento on GivingEdge at [givingedge.org](http://givingedge.org)



Get ready for Big Day of Giving at [bigdayofgiving.org](http://bigdayofgiving.org):

1. Get ready to give on Thursday, May 7, and invite your friends and family to join the fun!
2. Consider sponsoring the effort through your company or Donor Advised Fund.