We Are Still Here
“Helping Children Thrive!”
Dear Community Foundation Estero Bay Donors,

The board of directors of the Community Foundation of Estero Bay could never have imagined the events that occurred during our past fiscal year due to the Corona Virus. In fact, while developing the information within our first ever Donor Impact Report, we too conducted Zoom meetings and social distancing in an effort to help the vulnerable in our community. As we try to envision the remainder of 2020 and the future for children, families, friends and neighbors within the Estero Bay region and beyond the CFEB Board believes the Foundation’s mission to support some of the most at risk children and youth in our community is more important now than ever before.

2020 marks 28 years of giving grants and scholarships within the communities of Cayucos, Los Osos, and Morro Bay! The Foundation successfully expanded its outreach into Cambria and added additional programs for funding eligibility. Through your support and generosity, we’ve had an enormous impact on the lives of children.

Every day we are delighted to be a quiet part of helping a child have a happy childhood. Like you, we recognize that future challenges cannot be fully predicted for the youth of Estero Bay, but we are immensely proud of working with our Donors, community organizations, local businesses, and local leaders to provide youth recreation and enrichment program scholarships. We will continue through our work, to grow the programs that the CFEB supports so that the youth of our region can lead happy, healthy lives and have fond memories of growing up along the Estero Bay.

Thank You,

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IN YOUTH SPORTS AND ENRICHMENT GRANTS SINCE 1992
Here’s A Little About What We Did Last Year, With Your Help!

In our 2019 fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, the Community Foundation provided financial support to one hundred and forty-seven children (147) from qualifying families so they could play soccer, basketball, or baseball. Additionally, the Foundation provided financial help to fifty-seven (57) children who attended an after-school enrichment program, a summer camp or music lessons.

By far your support helped us achieve the Foundation’s greatest accomplishment to date. During the summer of 2019, (with gratitude to our generous Donors) we are proud to say the Foundation provided free swim lessons to one hundred and forty-one children (141) from eighty-nine families (89)! The Foundation extends gratitude to our generous Donors for helping to make this possible. This is significant because not only is swimming a fun and healthy sport, but the only sport that could potentially save a child’s life.

How Children Qualify

To qualify for the Foundation’s financial support a family must qualify for a free or reduced priced meal at their child’s school. According to the California Department of Education, to qualify for a free meal the annual income for a family of four cannot exceed $33,475, and to qualify for a reduced priced meal cannot exceed $47,638.

In 2019 & 2020 the Community Foundation Estero Bay provided funding for 347 children totaling $77,911.
DONORS
GIVING AND YOUR LEGACY

LEGOY GIVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

When you make a bequest, you are planting a special gift into your will that provides continued giving and will have a lasting positive impact on the children in your community.

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose to have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended.

Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

MISSION & VALUES THE FOCUS IS ON CHILDREN

With your support, the Community Foundation of Estero Bay continues to provide financial assistance for qualified children enrolled in nonprofit sports and enrichment programs in Cayucos, Los Osos, Morro Bay and Cambria. The board recognizes that a variety of elements contribute to healthy, safe, and thriving children within our community. The heart of our mission has been and continues to be focused on children and their access to recreational sports and enrichment. For us, our mission statement is clear, and it guides the work of the foundation.

At the Community Foundation of Estero Bay, we appreciate our Donors. We recognize that there are many choices available when selecting an organization for charitable giving. We know that when a Donor chooses the Community Foundation of Estero Bay, they are making an investment in the lives of children in their own communities. The all-volunteer board of the CFEB brings together Donors like you with organizations, private foundations, businesses, and community leaders to create the financial support needed to provide sports and enrichment programs for the youth along the North Coast. Donors give in so many ways and are provided with an immediate tax deduction in the year that the contribution is made.

All funds that are provided for permanent endowment or are Donor restricted are managed by the Community Foundation of Estero Bay as directed. This includes the management of funds through investment so that your gift can increase over time.

Community Foundation Estero Bay Mission Statement

The Community Foundation of Estero Bay is a local 501(c) 3 non-profit dedicated to providing financial assistance to Estero Bay area children who financially would otherwise not be able to participate in Estero Bay area recreational activities. The Foundation provides financial assistance by paying a portion of the enrollment fees for children of qualifying families, for their children’s participation in various organized sports, recreational, and enrichment activities within the Estero Bay area of Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos and Cambria.
In April of 2021, the Foundation will join many other organizations around the nation in celebration of young children! The launch of this new celebration and fundraising effort will take place over 30 days during April which has been designated “Month of the Young Child.”

“Children’s Day in the Plaza” is in April at Mission Plaza. The Foundation plans to be there showing the County how our organization supports children on the North Coast!!

The month long celebration will occur hand in hand with a dynamic electronic giving program which will be new for the Foundation. The CFEB has adopted the plan to help fill the void of our community celebrations such as the Dixon Spaghetti Dinner which ended in 2019 and our annual Morro Bay Sing’s event which is currently postponed.

This new event is a way to further connect with families and the community, and to share information about the Foundation and its mission. Let’s celebrate the children of Estero Bay in April 2021! Together we grow and together we can “Help Children Thrive”.

What do DICK’S SPORTING GOODS, COAST LITTLE LEAGUE and the COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ESTERO BAY have in common?

On February 15, 2020, these groups collaborated, and the Foundation was able to give qualifying Little League Players equipment grants in the amount of $75. The equipment grants were utilized to purchase baseball equipment such as gloves and bats for the 2020 season. Three Foundation members were onsite at Dick’s to assist with grant purchases.

The Foundation gave out twelve grants for a total of $900. Coupled with the generous 20% discount Provided by Dick’s Sporting Goods, the players paid only $5.00 each for their equipment!

It was fun to watch the excited Little League players picking out their equipment, some of them for the very first time! Next year we hope to double (or triple!) the amount of grants that are distributed. As far as the Foundation was concerned, this outreach event was a HOME RUN!

“Morro Bay Sings...” 2020

The Foundation has discussed Morro Bay Sings..., which is traditionally held in October. After an in depth analysis of local safety regulations for events the Foundation Board has made the difficult decision to postpone Morro Bay Sings until 2021. We are grateful to our donors and the community for their consistent support and generosity at the event over the years. Morro Bay Sings... is the Foundation’s signature event and we look forward to the future when the event returns as a safe, fun filled evening for the Estero Bay area. Look for more information about “Morro Bay Sings...” in late Spring 2021!
The Community Foundation of Estero Bay is proud of its long-standing support of the City of Morro Bay’s Recreation Division programs. The Foundation now collaborates with other non-profit and public providers of youth sports, recreation, and enrichment programs within the Estero Bay communities of Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos, and Cambria. The programs supported by the Foundation through its kind Donors improves the quality of life for hundreds of children and youth each year.

**SOUTH BAY SOCCER**

“Working in connection with the Community Foundation of Estero Bay has allowed us to offer more scholarship opportunities than ever before. Having this financial support from a local organization is so important on many levels. It helps to alleviate stress for parents financially, provides relief for the league, and opens the door for kiddos that might not have had the financial opportunity to play Baseball before. We cannot thank Community Foundation of Estero Bay enough for their continued support in our programs growth and outreach.”

Alexis Gaffney, Coast Little League

“The Community Foundation of Estero Bay has partnered with South Bay Soccer Association for several years. The foundation has generously supported hundreds of our low income families by providing their players with scholarships. There are so many young athletes in our community that may not have been able to play soccer had it not been for the incredible support from the Foundation. Thank you for all of your help!”

Rachel Fern-Flores, President SBSA

**COAST LITTLE LEAGUE**

“The Community Foundation of Estero Bay’s scholarship funding to Infinite Music™ allowed our nonprofit to fulfill our mission of providing affordable and accessible music education for deserving youth, enhancing the well-being of many more local kids.”

Sarah Mason, Founder/Director, Infinite Music™

**INFINITE MUSIC**

Photos courtesy of infinitemusic.org
"Working with the CFEB has been a positive experience for the City of Morro Bay as well as a lifesaver for many Estero Bay residents. The funds generated through the philanthropic efforts of the Foundation have consistently afforded opportunities to our area youth – activity, sport, and enrichment programs that the family may not have been able to afford. These activities provide lifelong learning experiences where social, emotional, and physical well-being is nurtured. We are fortunate to be partners with the CFEB! Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference."

Kirk Carmichael, Director Recreation Division
City of Morro Bay

DONOR IMPACT ON LOCAL FAMILIES

"The scholarship program has made a huge difference in my family’s life. My husband and I both have two fulltime jobs. The amount we would have to pay would be crippling to our family. The scholarship program is greatly appreciated by all the families that are able to utilize this program. We have no family in this area, so it is nearly impossible to have additional help. My kids have a blast at Kids’ Club, they come home with amazing arts and crafts. And all the staff are kind and fun, I do not worry about my children’s well-being while they are there."

Allison - Mother of Two Participants

"I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the foundation for providing a scholarship for my granddaughter. This scholarship helped me out tremendously when I suddenly had my three grandchildren move in with me. Without the financial assistance this scholarship has afforded me, I could not afford childcare. . . . The scholarship also has allowed me to sign up my granddaughter for softball. It is a wonderful opportunity for her to experience the many positive benefits of learning to play a team sport. . . . These scholarships have helped me and many others in the community. I can only hope the foundation can continue to provide them so future generations will be able to avail themselves as needed."

Rose - Guardian of a participant
2019-2020 DONORS

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

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Anderson Family  Zorus and Judy Colglazier  Jody Mulgrew  Stan & Elaine Rosenfield
Dave & Cheryl Armas  Joseph & Rebecca Fernandez  Marlene Peter

ALL STARS FOR CHILDREN

Ancient Peaks, SM Adventures  Susan Choy-Knighton  John & Sue Headding  Chris Parker
Tim & Ellen Barkas  Claiborne & Churchill Winery  Stan & Janice House  Tony Peckham
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  Doug Hall & Janene Copper  Neal Maloney  Paul Van Beurden

TEAM PLAYERS FOR CHILDREN

Rodger & Stevie Anderson  Rosemary Donnell  Bill Newman  Dan & Marie Salyer
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