

The Women's Fund

Changing Lives of Women & Girls



Girls' Health in Girls' Hands Scholarship Recipient, Celeste Islas, now a student at U.C. Berkeley, thanks Women's Fund donors for their support

*When a woman thrives, her family thrives.
When a family thrives, the community thrives.*

Creating Pathways for Women & Girls

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County invests in women and girls now to create a better future for all. We bring resources, people and ideas together to improve the quality of life and increase opportunities for local women and girls. Women's Fund donors fuel grants to help women and girls empower themselves and one another.

The Women's Fund: Investing in Change

- **Granted more than \$2.1 million** to support the future of girls and women's economic opportunity
- **Spearheaded Girls' Health in Girls' Hands (GHGH)**, a girl-led movement for leadership, empowerment and advocacy
- **Created GHGH Scholarships**, awarding nearly \$300,000 in scholarships thanks to Women's Fund donors
- **Launched the Women's Economic Security Initiative** to help women and their children move out of poverty
- Commissioned and funded ***The Lives of Women & Girls Status Report***
- **Developed the Women's Business Education and Loan Program** in partnership with the El Pajaro Community Development Corporation
- **Established the first micro-loan fund for women** in Monterey County with 1st Capital Bank

The power of the Women's Fund endowment is that the commitment you make today impacts the lives of women and girls forever.

—Dan Baldwin, CFMC President/CEO

Imagine a future where every woman and girl in Monterey County has what she needs to be healthy, confident and able to fulfill her dreams.



"The Women's Fund is an incredible leverage tool. When we direct our philanthropy towards women and girls, the entire community benefits. I am honored to be a part of a sustainable funding source to improve the lives of women and girls in Monterey County."

—Maija West, Chair, Women's Fund Leadership Council

Healthy, Safe, Vibrant Communities

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Why Invest in Women & Girls?

Economic Self-Sufficiency

Too many women and girls in Monterey County are without the means to support themselves and their families.

Education

Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty, but low-income women face serious obstacles to realizing their educational goals.

Health

Serious health disparities persist along socioeconomic and demographic lines.

Safety

Women of all ages are vulnerable to violence, harassment and bullying, and do not feel empowered to speak out and seek assistance.

■ More than 1 in 6 Monterey County Girls drop out of high school.

■ Fewer than one-third of girls who graduate from high school pursue a higher education.

■ Two-thirds of women who work full-time earn less than \$50,000 per year.

■ Two-thirds of working women can't afford quality child care.

■ 25% of adult women have no health insurance coverage.

Source: *The Lives of Women & Girls Status Report*

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The Power of Endowment

Although the needs of local women and girls will change, the importance of addressing those needs will remain constant. An endowed fund is a permanent philanthropic resource. A percentage of the fund's value is available to grant each year, while the principal is invested to grow over time. This enables the fund to make grants in perpetuity. Your gift to the Women's Fund is leveraged for greater impact. With your support, we will make a difference today and continue to make a lasting impact for generations.



2018 Women's Fund Lunch emcee Erin Clark (l) and speaker filmmaker Sarah Hirsh Bordo

Impact — More Than \$2.1 Million Invested in Women & Girls

Future of Girls

ACTION Council, Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County • GHGH Scholarships • Girls Inc. of the Central Coast • Monterey County Health Department – POSTPONE Program • Monterey County Rape Crisis Center • Planned Parenthood Mar Monte • Unity Care Group • YWCA Monterey County

Women's Economic Opportunity

ACTION Council • Breast Cancer Assistance Group of the Monterey Peninsula • Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas • Community Human Services • El Pajaro Community Development Corporation • Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra • Girls Inc. of the Central Coast • Go Kids Incorporated • Hartnell College - Women Supporting Women Program • Hartnell College Foundation • Monterey Peninsula College Foundation • Natividad Medical Foundation • North Monterey County Unified School District • Salinas Public Library • Sun Street Centers • Tellus / Diganos • University Corporation at Monterey Bay • Village Project, Inc. • Women's Funding Network Foundation • Women's Studies Programs – MPC • Youth Arts Collective (YAC) • YWCA Monterey County

2018 Women's Fund Grants

Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County - \$25,000 for Girls' Health in Girls' Hands (GHGH) program support
Girls' Health in Girls' Hands Scholarships - \$121,000 in 61 scholarships
Monterey Peninsula College Foundation - \$5,000 emergency assistance for women
Rising International - \$25,000 Safe and Sound program (Monterey County)
Women's Foundation of California - \$20,000 for Women's Policy Institute Monterey County cohort, 2019-20

Total Granted (2003–2019).....\$2,107,898



Girls' Health in Girls' Hands participants Ilyanna Rose and Roxanna Sanchez.

Beth Cary King

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help you achieve your charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or give us a call.

To inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Monterey County