The Roger & Gloria Villalobos Mullendore Endowment Fund

Gloria and Roger Mullendore have joined the growing group of Endowment Builders at the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). Specifically, their fund will help organizations that provide food assistance to the needy.

Roger was first introduced to the community foundation at a Local Heroes breakfast where he was the Board representative for the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, a grant recipient that year. Roger shared his enthusiasm for the event with his wife, Gloria. She called the Foundation to learn more about our work. Since then the Mullendores have become annual Fellows and supported PCF’s 60th Anniversary Gala.

Gloria and Roger have taken care of parents and other elderly relatives, so Gloria enthusiastically agreed to serve on the Foundation’s Senior Grants Task Force. One of the areas of need that emerged for the frail elderly was food security. “I am proud of the work our Senior Grants Task Force did...(it was) a hard-working, serious and thoughtful group and the entire experience has been personally enriching for me.” As a result of this work, Senior Grants guidelines will be announced for the 2015 grant cycle.

Named endowments at the Foundation can be established for a gift of $10,000 or more to support one of these areas of interest: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services, or Youth.

Join the Fellows Today

You can express your love for Pasadena with a gift to the Fellows Fund. Large or small, a single gift to the Foundation strengthens our capacity to help improve and enrich lives right here in our hometown.

- Foundation Friends $1 – $499
- Fellows $500 – $999
- Supporting Fellow $1,000 – $2,499
- Sponsoring Fellow $2,500 – $4,999
- Distinguished Fellow $5,000 – $9,999
- Esteemed Fellow $10,000+

Make a onetime gift of $10,000 or more to establish a named endowment that supports our community in perpetuity.

Fellows Support PCF’s Local Grant Making Programs

Below Left: Rob Myers, EVP Development, Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services and PCF Board member Peter McAniff check out truck purchased with PCF grant funds.

Below Right: PCF supported the renovation of La Casita del Arroyo. Steve Madison, Bill Bogaard, Tom Seifert and Michael Beck cut the ribbon at the re-opening celebration.
Priscilla Gamb

New Board member Priscilla Gamb’s deep knowledge of Pasadena stems from a life woven into its very fabric. She attended local schools as a child and then after college, had a career here as a teacher and vice-principal. Volunteerism is important to Priscilla. She’s served in many capacities for local organizations, including as past President of the Board of both Young & Healthy and the Pasadena Child Health Foundation and is currently on the board of Pacific Oaks College. Priscilla also put her volunteer experiences to work for Huntington Hospital, serving as Director of Volunteer & Customer Services for more than 25 years. She administered all hospital volunteer programs, policies, guidelines, and procedures for 1,400+ volunteers and over 90 volunteer programs.

“I see joining the Pasadena Community Foundation Board as a beautiful opportunity to stay in the volunteer world and provide tremendous benefit to the people of the greater Pasadena area. That PCF so purposefully supports many different organizations is a testament to its growing leadership role in our community.”

Priscilla and her husband Jim (himself a former PCF board member) have two children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in Seattle.

Mike deHilster

The Pasadena Community Foundation is pleased to welcome Marketing & Development Manager Mike deHilster. Mike comes to PCF after five years of managing the grant application process at the Fletcher Jones Foundation, a private foundation headquartered in Pasadena. He also had a thriving freelance practice as a writer and editor, and non-profit consultant for small arts organizations. Mike will support the marketing and fundraising efforts of PCF and its component funds and help to manage the grant making process.

“I’m excited to be a part of a growing organization and to work with such a fantastic staff and board. The chance to use my knowledge and skills to make a tangible, wide-ranging impact on my own community is a true gift.”

Mike has a background in music and worked at the Music Center as Curriculum Manager until moving into the foundation world. In his spare time, Mike likes to hike, golf, or read a good book. He lives in Sierra Madre with his wife Addie.

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The Yes, Virginia Fund Announces 2014 Grantees

Since its inception, the Yes, Virginia Fund has invested over $245,000 in the lives of children in our community. Each year the committee raises funds and contributes a portion of these funds to a growing endowment fund. The balance is distributed to local non-profit agencies to provide toys, books, gifts, and special experiences for children at the holidays. This year’s fundraising efforts led by co-chairs Diana Rafeedie and Roxanne Treloar included a Santa’s Workshop, a Classy & Sassy Ladies Luncheon, and a mail appeal.

The Yes, Virginia Fund was established as a fund of PCF in 1994. Taking its name from the famous 1897 letter to the editor of the New York Sun from Virginia O’Hanlon, the editor responded “Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity…”

The Pasadena Community Foundation believes in the power of endowment to create hometown legacies. PCF has worked with the Yes Virginia Committee for 20 years to help grow the endowment to $220,000.

2014 Yes, Virginia Grantees

Door of Hope
Elizabeth House
Flintridge Center
Friends Outside in LA County
Harambee Ministries
Haven House
Impact House
Mother’s Club Family Learning Center
Treasure Little Children

Above: Co-Chairs Roxanne Treloar & Diana Rafeedie
Right: Brenda Wendt & Melissa Maldonado

Front Row: Jean Crabtree, Lorna Wallen, Lois Matthews, Suzy Crowell.
Back Row: Jennifer DeVoll, Lucy Guernsey, Barbara Bice, Ruth Mayeda, Collette Armstrong.

Top of Page: Morgan Rothenberg
Above: Ann & Eliza Babcock
Right: Deborah Moore, Adele Binder, & Eileen Read
Local Heroes Breakfast

Last June, PCF awarded approximately $500,000 in grants within six areas of interest: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services & Youth.

1. Breakfast Sponsor, East West Bank
   L to R: Jennifer DeVoll (PCF) and East West Bank representatives, Jeanette Peevy, Adriene Williams, Jennifer Cheung, and Kathy Fergen

2. Arts & Culture grantees included Armory Center for the Arts, Side Street Projects, Pasadena Museum of California Art & SAPPA.

3. Eddie Newman and Faye Davidson

4. Terry Tornek, Judy Wilson & Rich Webster

Legacy Luncheon

This fall, PCF honored Legacy Society members and Endowment Builders.

1. Wayne & Judy Carter

2. Karl Swaidan & Rita Diaz, Hahn & Hahn

3. Presenting Sponsor Northern Trust
   (from L to R) — Mimi Evers, Charlie Mustachia, Susan Lindgren, Simon Rawlinson, Tim Stinson
Library Facade Restoration Project Raises $90,000

Celebrating 130 Years of Reading, the Pasadena Public Library hosted events all year long to mark this milestone anniversary. With the help of, the Pasadena Public Library Foundation, The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library, and the Pasadena Community Foundation, part of the anniversary festivities included a campaign to restore the Walnut Street facade of this architectural treasure. The building was designed by the firm of Myron Hunt and H.C. Chambers and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Donors to the campaign were feted at a cocktail party in the Great Hall. Hors d’oeuvres were served from “books,” music played by both brass and string quartets and literary figures Jane Austen, Oscar Wilde and Henry Thoreau mixed and mingled. Funds raised will be matched by the City of Pasadena to complete the restoration.

1. Sylvia Chinn & Buff Megaw
2. Connie White, Jerilyn McAniff, Octavia Howell Thuss
3. Joan Cathcart, Jan Sanders, Peter McAniff, & Connie White
4. John Reeder & Bill Denzel
5. Jane Austen, Oscar Wilde & Henry Thoreau
PCF Helps the Playhouse “Save Butts”

In 2013, PCF awarded a grant of $25,000 to help the Playhouse kick off a campaign to replace the 632 seats in the main stage theater which were installed over 20 years ago. In anticipation of its 100 anniversary in 2017, the Playhouse needed to invest in the theatre’s infrastructure to improve patron comfort.

The overall project cost for seats, carpet and floor lighting was $415,000. They recently ran a successful “Save our Butts” email campaign championed by Henson Alternatives puppets. The effort raised $94,150, which exceeded their goal and completed the project’s funding.

PCF Supports Retrofit for Mobile Woodworking Bus

In 2014 PCF awarded a $15,000 grant to Side Street Projects for a new smog filter on the woodworking buses that teach students about art, design, and engineering using only hand tools, raw materials and their imagination. The bus visits local Pasadena schools and also welcomes all PUSD third graders through the My Masterpieces program.

This retrofit was required to comply with state law and to keep our air quality clean.