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Pasadena Community Foundation Marks National Community Foundation Week

The week recognizes the partnerships and ongoing work that it takes to build, nurture, and expand a healthy community

The 2021 Community Foundation Week takes place November 12-18, and Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) joins the nationwide celebration that recognizes the increasingly important role that community foundations play in strengthening localities and helping residents thrive.

As one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy, community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits. Their collaborative approach in working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors addresses community problems and finds solutions for communities large and small, urban and rural.

Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

Here in Pasadena, PCF's substantial grantmaking program supports local nonprofit agencies in addressing social issues like homelessness and food insecurity, uplifting the arts and students, invigorating environmental and racial equity initiatives, and fostering community and economic development.

"The work of community foundations reaches beyond the practice of giving – it also touches the lives of individuals. There is a tangible, positive impact for individuals and communities as a result of community foundations nationwide," says Jennifer DeVoll, PCF President and CEO. "National Community Foundation Week gives us an opportunity to applaud the partnerships and ongoing work that it takes to build, nurture, and expand a healthy community."

PCF's impact in the greater Pasadena area is notable. **By the end of 2021, PCF will have awarded \$2.7 million in grants to more than 100 local nonprofit organizations.** This year, PCF has continued to take a lead role in pandemic relief while also maintaining its core grant programs. PCF is particularly proud of its partnership with the City of Pasadena with two pandemic relief projects: the citywide effort to distribute vaccines equitably and efficiently, and Micro-Business Grant Program, which ultimately assisted 59 locally- and minority-owned businesses keep their doors open.

Our impact is greater with your support. With your help, PCF uplifts lives and helps create a vibrant, healthy, and livable landscape. Donate to PCF's annual [Friends & Fellows Campaign](#) today.

About Pasadena Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of Pasadena. Managing nearly \$130 million in charitable assets, PCF works with individuals, families, and organizations to establish philanthropic funds, create, and build endowment funds, and distribute charitable gifts to nonprofit organizations.

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