

26th Annual

# Local Heroes Celebration

November 18, 2025 / Brookside Golf Club



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COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
FOR A GREATER PASADENA AREA



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# Local Heroes Speakers & Grant Categories

<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> .....	Maggie Sabbag
<b>EATON FIRE RELIEF &amp; RECOVERY FUND</b> .....	Scott Christopher
Rapid Response .....	Ivy Lee Keltner
Senior Support .....	Sonia Singla
Restoring Wellness .....	Jeannine Bogaard
Family Resilience .....	Scott Nesbit
Stable Shelter .....	Tony Gronroos
Rebuilding Lives: Altadena Builds Back Foundation	Candice Kim & Mark Mariscal
Spotlight Speaker. ....	Palin Ngaotheppitak, Beacon Housing
Animal & Habitat Recovery .....	Gloria Pitzer
Community Connectors .....	Tracy McCormick
Spotlight Speaker .....	Christy Zamani & Brandon Lamar, Eaton Fire Collaborative
<b>EDUCATION</b> .....	Frank Cardenas
Spotlight Speaker. ....	Elva Sandoval & Linda Lopez Perera, Families Forward Learning Center
<b>PCHF</b> .....	Vivian Kambe
<b>VISTA NOVA</b> .....	George Dulgeryan
<b>YES VIRGINIA</b> .....	Phyllis Crandon
<b>HERE FOR GOOD CAMPAIGN</b> .....	Scott Vandrick

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# When the Eaton Fire struck, Pasadena Community Foundation responded without hesitation.

By the morning of January 8, we had launched the Eaton Fire Relief & Recovery Fund—an immediate lifeline for our neighbors in crisis. In the months that followed, we rallied our partners, realigned nearly all of our grantmaking programs, and established the Altadena Builds Back Foundation to ensure long-term recovery.

**Together with our donors, Pasadena Community Foundation and Altadena Builds Back Foundation have granted \$19 million to support fire relief and recovery efforts.**

Today, we gather to honor the strength of our community and the steadfast commitment of the local nonprofits that stood shoulder to shoulder with us. Their compassion, courage, and tireless work have helped rebuild lives and restore hope.

*Grant categories listed in order of presentation.*

## EATON FIRE RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND

### Rapid Response

Altadena Library Foundation  
Altadena Rotary Charities  
Altadena Town Council  
Beacon Housing  
Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena  
Casa  
College Access Plan  
Door of Hope  
Families Forward Learning Center  
Five Acres  
Flintridge Center  
Foothill Family Service  
Foothill Unity Center  
Friends In Deed  
Friends of the Altadena Library  
Harambee Ministries  
Impact  
Learning Works  
Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development  
My TRIBE Rise  
National Day Laborer Organizing Network  
New Revelation Baptist Church  
Pasadena Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders  
Pasadena Rosebud Academy Charter School  
Project Passion  
Shepherd's Door  
Stars  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Elizabeth of Hungary Conference  
Urban Homestead



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Victory Bible Church Pasadena  
Villa Esperanza Services  
YWCA San Gabriel Valley  
Watchitgrow Inc.  
Young & Healthy

### **Senior Support**

Convalescent Aid Society  
Huntington Health Senior Care Network  
Pacific Clinics  
Pasadena Meals on Wheels  
Pasadena Senior Center  
Pasadena Village

### **Restoring Wellness**

AltaMed Health Services  
Westminster Center

### **Summer Camps**

A Noise Within  
Armory Center for the Arts  
Better Today Better Tomorrow  
Boys & Girls Club Pasadena  
Gamble House Conservancy  
Huntington Medical Research Institutes  
LA County Parks Foundation  
Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development  
Pasadena Educational Foundation  
Pasadena-Sierra Madre YMCA  
Stars  
STEAM:CODERS

### **Family Resilience**

The Harmony Project  
Pacific Oaks College & Children's School  
Pasadena Educational Foundation  
Professional Child Development Associates  
Shoes That Fit

### **Housing**

#### **Stable Shelter**

Civic Soul  
Door of Hope  
Friends In Deed

Greenline Housing Foundation  
Union Station Housing Services

### **Rebuilding Lives: Altadena Builds Back Foundation**

Beacon Housing  
San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity

### **Animal & Habitat Recovery**

Pasadena Audubon  
Pasadena Humane  
Urban Homestead

### **Community Connectors**

Altogether  
Black Education Expo  
Day One  
Eaton Fire Collaborative  
Eaton Fire Survivors Network  
First AME Church  
Jericho Road Pasadena  
Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County  
TEDxAltadena  
United Policyholders

## **EDUCATION**

### **Education Grants**

African American Parent Council  
Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena  
College Access Plan  
Families Forward Learning Center  
Partnership for Success!  
Pasadena Education Network  
Pasadena Educational Foundation  
Reading Partners  
Stars  
STEAM:CODERS  
YWCA Glendale and Pasadena

### **Scholarships**

#### **PCF Scholars**

College Access Plan  
Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development  
Pasadena City College Foundation

#### **Petersen Scholars**

Foundation for the Los Angeles Community  
Colleges



- 1 Civic Soul and Greenline Housing Foundation
- 2 United Policyholders
- 3 New Revelation Baptist Church
- 4 Friends in Deed
- 5 Better Today Better Tomorrow
- 6 Flintridge Center
- 7 San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity





## **Giesen Trust – Children's Arts Education**

Armory Center for the Arts  
Art Center College of Design  
Pasadena Educational Foundation  
Side Street Projects

## **PASADENA CHILD HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Boys & Girls Club Pasadena  
Door of Hope  
Elizabeth House  
Families Forward Learning Center  
Flintridge Center  
Foothill Family Service  
Foothill Unity Center  
Girls on the Run of Los Angeles County  
Pasadena Public Health Department  
Planned Parenthood Pasadena &  
San Gabriel Valley  
Rose Bowl Aquatics Center  
Union Station Homeless Services  
Young & Healthy

## **VISTA NOVA**

Academy of Music for the Blind  
Braille Institute of America  
SoCal Beep Baseball Association  
Wayfinder Family Services



## **YES VIRGINIA**

Boys & Girls Club Pasadena  
Door of Hope  
Families Forward Learning Center  
Flintridge Center  
Harambee Ministries  
Impact  
Pasadena Altadena Coalition of Transformative  
Leaders  
Pasadena Altadena Community  
Endowment Fund – The LINKS  
Treasure Little Children Foundation

- 8 PCF Scholars
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- 10 Gamble House Conservancy
- 11 Partnership for Success!
- 12 Braille Institute of America
- 13 Families Forward Learning Center
- 14 Pasadena Village





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