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Leveraging Partnerships and Building Bridges

On behalf of the Wild Rivers Community Foundation Board of Directors and staff, we would like to thank you—our community partners, neighbors and donors—for believing in a brighter future and working collectively to make Del Norte and Curry counties a better place for all. Your continued collaboration allows our community to prosper in truly remarkable ways. The passion, commitment and desire to make this place great is evident by all the amazing work happening right here at home.

Our board and staff are committed to creating partnerships that help to leverage resources, develop and foster long term relationships and build bridges to future funding to support the good work in the Wild Rivers region.

WRCF continues to serve as the organization chosen by the community to be the “hub” of the Building Healthy Communities Initiative. BHC Del Norte and Tribal lands (DNATL) is a 10-year funding commitment from The California Endowment that focuses on improving health outcomes for its residents through policy and systems changes addressing health inequities. Del Norte and Tribal Lands is one of 14 communities in the state of California (and the only rural site) that received funding and support. BHC DNATL focuses on the following areas: food, youth leadership and youth voice, health career pathways, education, resiliency and the health of the nonprofit sector.

We invite you to read through our yearbook which highlights some of the work the Wild Rivers Community Foundation team is supporting in our region. WRCF continues to lift up our partners, agencies and organizations who are directly on the ground doing the important work to improve the health and well-being of our citizens in Del Norte and Curry counties. WRCF board and staff celebrate your work and thank you for your continued efforts to make the place we call home great for all!



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Zach Hegelmeyer

Memorial Scholarship Fund



Zach Hegelmeyer loved baseball almost before he could walk. As a toddler, he would spend the better part of an hour quietly throwing rocks into the Smith River, lost in his daydream of being a pitcher. From then on every year was full of baseball, from little league through Del Norte High. When he wasn't playing for a team, Zach and his friends would organize miniature games in empty Hiouchi lots that they had nicknamed "Field of Dreams" and "the Sandlot." Playing shortstop at George Fox University, Zach learned that people don't remember you by your stats but by your character on and off the field. Zach took this lesson to heart, always throwing himself into everything—baseball, schoolwork, and relationships—with passion, heart and sincerity. In the company of his warmth and confidence, you felt like you could accomplish even the scariest or most challenging tasks.

The Hegelmeyer family hopes that this scholarship will honor and carry on Zach's legacy by helping scholar-athletes from Del Norte High succeed with the same joy, integrity and courage that he exemplified.



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Wild Rivers COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Curry Counties*

Wild Rivers Community Foundation promotes and encourages generosity, leadership and inclusion to strengthen our communities. This section highlights Wild Rivers Community Foundation funds that serve Del Norte and Curry Counties.

All Children Read & Succeed Fund



The All Children Read and Succeed Fund, established in 2012 by Jim and Gail Griggs, supports early childhood literacy in Del Norte County. The vision and inspiration is that every child in Del Norte County will be a proficient reader. The fund targets tutoring programs to all children who are not at proficient levels for English language arts in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. (2012)



Beachfront Park Labyrinth Fund



The Beachfront Park Labyrinth Fund was established to promote and facilitate construction of the labyrinth including related landscaping and unforeseen projects connected to the labyrinth. The labyrinth will provide space for community, as well as being a tourist destination, attracting walkers worldwide. The point of a labyrinth is to enjoy the journey.

All you have to do is follow the path. There are no wrong turns nor dead ends. There is only the opportunity to make the experience yours. Whether it is walking with your dog, jogging, dancing, navigating with an aid or wheelchair, or contemplative reflective walking, all will enjoy the benefits of a labyrinth overlooking the ocean. The installation of the labyrinth is in conjunction with Crescent City's Beachfront Park Master Plan. The labyrinth will bring people to our community to enjoy all that Beachfront Park offers. (2018)

Ed & Barbara Brattain Memorial Fund



Ed and Barbara believed that sometimes a little financial help can assist someone to achieve a life-changing goal that will enrich their life or improve their personal or family's well-being. Thus, this fund is intended to benefit those in Curry and Del Norte counties who may need that little extra amount to successfully complete a goal and is specifically for those who demonstrate that they have worked hard and are committed to obtaining their specific goal, but need extra support to successfully accomplish it. (2010)

Brattain Family Student Enrichment Fund



The Brattain Family Student Enrichment fund is intended for K–12 public school students in Curry and Del Norte counties. The fund objective is to supplement a student's school-sponsored activities by assisting with the payment of fees and costs. The target student is one with the desire to excel in a school program or activity, but who does not have the financial means to participate. Examples of this could be fees or uniform costs for a sport activity; travel expenses for a school-sponsored event that the student is involved in; fees for additional educational materials to enrich the student's knowledge and education, etc. (2007)

Toni Brixey Memorial Scholarship Fund



A lifelong resident of Del Norte County and a 30-year employee of Seaside and Sutter Coast hospitals in nursing and administration, Toni Brixey was passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. She had an uncanny ability to make every situation better and to inspire others to do the same. When she unexpectedly passed away in 2010, her family,

friends, coworkers and community were able to channel the love she had engendered in the community by establishing a memorial scholarship fund in her honor. Toni's memory will live on forever, supporting the region's health. (2011)

Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Food Bank Fund



Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Food Bank, DBA: Brookings Harbor Food Bank,

serves the residents of Curry County from the Oregon-California border north to Pistol River. Food boxes, available once a month for individuals and families, are provided in a "shopping style" format that encourages clients to select items that will provide balanced meals and eliminate potential food waste. Also available five days a week are "daily supplements" to help reduce hunger. The number of individuals and families within the community that have to make difficult choices about how to allocate their limited funds for food, shelter, and other necessities is very high. The efforts of the food bank's volunteers, supported by the generous donations by the Brookings Harbor community, are helping reduce food insecurity. (2015)

Cal-Ore Life Flight N661TC Flight Team Memorial Scholarship Fund



On July 29, 2016, a Cal-Ore Life Flight air medical plane crashed in northern California while transporting a patient to care. There were no survivors. In addition to the patient, there were three Cal-Ore Life Flight personnel on board: Pilot Larry Mills, Flight Nurse Deborah Kroon, RN, CCRN, and Certified Flight Paramedic Michelle Tarwater, FP-C, NREMT-P. To honor the fallen crew members who gave their lives being of service to others, a memorial scholarship fund has been established to support education for aviation, flight nursing, and flight paramedics in Curry and Del Norte counties. (2016)

Caldwell & Sund Family Trust



Kevin Caldwell and Donna Sund-Caldwell moved to Crescent City from southern California in 1984. Both family physicians, they decided that Del Norte County was a great place to live and to raise their three children, Marisa, Dylan, and Connor, who have now all successfully moved on to college educations. Kevin and Donna continue to operate their own family medicine practice, Redwood Medical Offices. Throughout the years, they have been involved in the local community in innumerable ways, with a focus on providing cultural and academic opportunities that create a nurturing environment for their own children, as well as all children of the area. This endowment has been created to ensure financial stability in this continuing community participation and enrichment. (2006)

Crescent City Historical Preservation Cemetery Fund



Our county's citizens are getting older and their loved ones want a beautiful resting place for them. The Crescent City Cemetery has at times been in disrepair due to poor funding for maintenance. There are currently four organizations operating at the cemetery: Catholic Church, Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge, and the Del Norte Veterans. All donations go toward maintaining the appearance of the whole cemetery as needed. (2016)

Dean Cantwell Memorial Scholarship Fund



Dean Cantwell grew up in Iowa and moved to Crescent City in 1992. He retired from a career as a contractor who built major subdivisions in the Monterey and Santa Cruz area during the housing development boom. After spending years working in relatively affluent communities as a laborer, albeit a successful one, Dean developed a passion for helping young people improve themselves through education. Dean began

contributing each year to Rotary's annual 3rd Grade Dictionary Program—whereby each 3rd grader in Del Norte County is given their own dictionary—and to Rotary's annual award of scholarship monies to deserving high school students. As the years passed, Dean developed a dream to create a four-year scholarship award to one deserving young person from Del Norte. Tommy and Donna Sparrow have honored and fulfilled Dean's most precious wish by making this scholarship a reality. (2013)

John & Barbara Cary Family Fund



John and Barbara Cary moved to Curry County from Southern California in 2000 for work. They met their sophomore year of

college at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. Both were working in food service at the time. Coming full circle upon retirement, both became active volunteers addressing food insecurity within the community. Food insecurity affects people of all ages—from children, to working families, to seniors. Barb is an OSU accredited Master Gardener who has applied her training and knowledge related to vegetable gardening to various growing and nutrition initiatives. She is most proud of her ongoing summer "hands on" vegetable growing and education program for local pre-school children. The Cary Family Fund is established to support charitable organizations within Curry County with an emphasis on food insecurity. (2015)

CASA – Del Norte Endowment Fund



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Del Norte was established as an

independent program in 2002 to be a powerful voice for the abused and neglected children of Del Norte County. Their mission is to support and assist children in the juvenile dependency program by providing well-trained volunteers to advocate objectively in the child's best interest. CASA Advocates provide a consistent and important one-on-one advocacy, which can make a lifetime difference to each child. CASA Advocates work with the child, the family, juvenile court, and supporting agencies to ensure each child is placed in a safe, permanent, and loving home where they have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. In 2005, CASA of Del Norte received an

anonymous donation to open an endowment fund. The purpose of the fund is to support ongoing recruitment, screening, and operation in the form of daily support to the CASA volunteer advocates. (2005)

Wayne Roberts & Kevin Hartwick Catch It Fund



The "Catch It" fund was established by local rodeo enthusiasts with the vision of enhancing and expanding

programs and opportunities within the region for youth and their families. This fund is intended to support and benefit local youth activities and agricultural pursuits directly or indirectly related to the Del Norte County Fair. (2006)

Circle of Change Endowment and Expendable Funds



Women of the Wild Rivers region have come together to form a giving circle with combined resources in order to support local charitable causes and enrich the

lives of the members of our community by contributing funds to build and grow cultural, economic, and educational programs within the region. The endowment fund is intended to provide a perpetual annual gift to the region for various projects and programs including those providing support to women, children, seniors, the arts, and economic development. The expendable fund will support regional programs and projects as chosen by the members of the circle throughout the year. The expendable fund focuses on issues affecting women, children, seniors, the arts, and economic development. (2008)

Coulson Family Fund



The Coulson Family Fund was established in 2013 by Betty and Walter Coulson and their children. Walter got his start in logging and loved the industry. The

Coulson Family Fund supports charitable work in our region by addressing changing needs as they arise. (2013)

Curry Health Network Equipment Fund



Curry Health Network consists of their hospital, Curry General Hospital, and a series of clinics in Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford, OR. It also includes their well-equipped new clinic setting at Curry Medical Center in Brookings. This fund has been set up to support the procurement of new equipment for the hospital and its outlying clinics. (2012)

Del Norte Area Fund

Del Norte Area Fund was established in 1988 with an initial gift provided by the late George and Millie Merriman. It was their hope that a foundation patterned after Humboldt Area Foundation could be established for Del Norte County. Fund income is designated for projects in the Del Norte area. (1988)

Del Norte Area Youth Fund



This advised endowment fund, a component fund of the Del Norte Area Fund, was

established with proceeds from the Kid Town project in Crescent City. It is intended to provide support for projects related to youth throughout Del Norte County. (2001)

Del Norte Child Care Council Fund



The Del Norte Child Care Council is a private nonprofit corporation

established in 1980. Its mission is to provide and support services that promote and encourage quality care, education, and healthy growth and development of all children and families in the Wild Rivers community. The agency provides childcare, referrals to services, childcare training, school age and preschool childcare centers, traffic safety and car seat training, and supervised visitation and other child abuse prevention activities. The Council is governed by a volunteer board of directors and audited annually. Contributions to this fund will assist the Council in expanding and supporting its activities and services to the children of the Wild Rivers community. (2005)



Fairy Godmother's Boutique

The '80s Ladies include Laura Benson, Haley Bohannon, Marcy Bradbury, Lisa Gottwals, Rachelle Lobre, Natalie Lopez, Valerie Starkey, Tammy Wakefield, Debra Wright, Lezlie Duncan, Charlene Knowlton & Billie Kaye Gavin-Tygart

Generosity comes in many forms...and through acts of kindness can inspire others. A group of women who grew up in the '80s in Del Norte County and get together every year decided they wanted to find a way to give back to their hometown.

The group saw an incredible need for young women to have access to dresses and accessories along with the experience of being transformed from head to toe for their prom and graduation. They set out to fulfill that need by collecting dresses, jewelry, handbags, shawls, shoes and gift certificates to restaurants, florists and salons, then displayed the items at the 6 Degrees of Celebration store owned by '80s Lady Billie Kaye Gavin-Tygart.

"The joy on the girls' faces when they found the perfect dress was amazing," said Charlene Knowlton. "Almost 50 high school and middle school girls received accessories and dresses for their prom and 8th grade graduation. "Things went well for a first-year project and we plan to do it again—even bigger—even bigger—next year."

"We're a group of strong, independent and kind women who want to instill the same qualities in other young women," said Knowlton.

For more information about the group or to donate dresses and accessories to the "Fairy Godmother's Boutique," call Lezlie Duncan at 707-218-6402.





Teams from Humboldt, Del Norte and Curry counties practice leadership and facilitation skills to improve their work with regional projects.

Wild Rivers Community Foundation, serving as the backbone organization supporting the Building Healthy Communities Initiative, has played a critical role during the past eight years in convening and facilitating diverse groups of people. With a commitment to growing local leaders, WRCF launched the Collaborative Innovation Leadership and Facilitation Program this year. The program focuses on the practical concepts, tools and skills needed to help people who don't know each other, and may not even trust each other, to collaborate authentically and rapidly to solve their toughest, most intractable challenges.

Some of the critical issues being tackled by participants include food insecurity, disaster preparedness and children's literacy. The training is focused on real-world challenges, using real situations and real data as much as possible so the learning is grounded and immediately applicable. Thirty-five leaders working in collaborative groups from Curry, Del Norte and Humboldt counties are part of building this network of "change agents" with a supportive community of practice that includes ongoing learning and development over the course of a year.

Learning Together: Across the Region

Del Norte County Historical Society Fund



Del Norte County Historical Society was established in 1951 by a group of

citizens who wanted to record the rich history of Crescent City and Del Norte County. In 1965 the Society opened its museum in downtown Crescent City and took over operation and maintenance of Battery Point Lighthouse for the county through an agreement with the US Coast Guard. The board of the historical society set up a fund with Wild Rivers Community Foundation in 2006 to bolster support for these and related efforts. The fund provides support for the museum's research facility and the ongoing operations of both the museum and the lighthouse. Other financial support for the Society's efforts comes in the form of volunteer labor, memberships, entrance fees, and sales of books and other items at both facilities. (2006)

Del Norte County Public Library Discretionary Fund

The Del Norte County Public Library Discretionary Fund provides general support to the library to enhance learning and ensure access to information throughout the library's service area. This fund was established to enable the board of directors for the library, as fund advisors, to explore new ways to advance the library's mission. (2006)

Del Norte Library Foundation Fund



The foundation was established in 1997 to ensure that the Del Norte Library will continue to meet the needs of the community in the future. Income

from this endowment directly supports the library by purchasing needed items and enhancing library services. (1997)

Del Norte Senior Center Endowment Fund



The Del Norte Senior Center Endowment Fund was established as a means of

supplementing the funds received by the Del Norte Senior Center from federal and state grants in order to carry out its programs for Del Norte County seniors. The ultimate goal of the endowment fund is to ensure the long-term continuation and expansion of the many life-enriching and supporting programs for seniors through the senior center. The programs involve the three essential elements of healthy living for seniors: nutrition, health maintenance and socialization. This planned giving program will support the senior center in providing these services for generations to come. (2005)

Maritess Faith Demoret Memorial Fund



Originally from Pensacola, FL, Tess moved to Gasquet, CA in 2009 with her husband Robert Sewell. A deeply spiritual person, she had a strong connection with the

natural world and a profound impact on the lives of the many people who loved her. Tess planned on returning to school to earn her MSW before she passed away in an auto accident at the age of 31. It was her dream to help children who are abused and create a kinder, more loving world. This fund was established to carry on her dreams and protect the children who cannot protect themselves. Please help us honor her memory and carry on her dreams by helping this very righteous cause. (2011)

Duncan Family Fund



The Duncan Family Fund, established in 2005 by Anne Marie and Gregory Duncan, benefits children by supporting programs and projects in the Wild Rivers region. (2005)

Education for Life Hmong Scholarship



"It takes a whole community for a student to achieve education for life," shared the Rev. Dr. Paul

Joseph T. Khamdy Yang. With that vision, in honor of Dr. Yang, to bridge the Hmong-American community and larger communities, and to support our Del Norte County Unified School District students' future in higher education, Hmong American National Development Services established the Education for Life Hmong Scholarship on May 12, 2014. With the magnificent support of many community members, HANDS was founded by three Del Norte High School students: Jeremiah Yang, Jonathan Yang, and Destiny Yang. The Education for Life Hmong Scholarship is to be given to one recipient of Hmong decent, and one out of the two recipients must be female. Thank you for your extravagant generosity for our children and our future now. Education for life. (2015)

G. Russell Field Scholarship Trust Fund



G. Russell "Russ" Field, a photographer for the US Navy and a longtime resident of Smith River, died on February 10, 1998, leaving his estate to Humboldt Area Foundation

for the creation of the G. Russell Field Scholarship Trust Fund. A memorial endowment fund, the annual net income provides scholarship awards to graduating seniors of Del Norte High School planning to attend four-year accredited colleges or universities and pursue courses of study in fields other than theology and chiropractic medicine. His trustee, Joan Field, confirmed that Russ denied himself a great deal in order to be able to create this fund to help young people, "our hope for the future." (1999)

Friends of Brookings-Harbor Aquatic Center



Friends of the Brookings-Harbor Aquatic Center is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the

development of a sustainable community aquatic center to enhance access to year-round fitness and recreational programming that will promote wellness and improve quality of life for every member of our community regardless of age, fitness level, or physical capabilities. An indoor aquatic center offering active recreation and fitness programs affords countless avenues to address community wellness needs including concerns about health (obesity and chronic diseases), the economy (job creation), and society in general (after-school activities and opportunities for the disabled and seniors to remain active despite physical limitations). (2011)

Friends of the Del Norte County Fair Fund



This fund was the longterm vision of community partners and the 41st District Agricultural

Association Board. The fund's purpose is to finance special projects which will ultimately enhance the community's overall use of our fairgrounds and support current and future projects and activities at the Del Norte County Fair. (2006)

Friends of the Family Resource Center



The first Family Resource Center (FRC) in Del Norte County was established in Crescent City to provide a warm, inviting, and accessible place where families can enjoy a variety of enriching activities and connect with many support services, from community resource and referral services to school readiness programs. Centrally located in a neighborhood near schools and outdoor play fields, the FRC provides a safe, neutral, and supportive environment that offers family fun activities, birthing classes, playgroups, parent support groups, nutrition education, early

developmental screenings, books, games, and resources for check-out, parent and educator trainings, meeting space for partners, a children's garden, story times, movement and music, art and science activities, and parent education classes. The FRC is so valuable that First 5 Del Norte has committed to provide long-term financing to ensure the site is a permanent resource for the community. However, to expand activities and programs to serve more families, and to meet current needs for children and youth, the FRC needs new financial community support. (2015)

Friends of Langlois Public Library Fund



The Friends of the Langlois Public Library opened their fund to support

the work of the Langlois Public Library. As an organization, they hope to grow their funds and use them for future library construction. This library plays an important role in the small community, providing Langlois with a central meeting place for many. (2011)

Friends of the Wonder Bus



The Wonder Bus is a mobile book and toy lending library. The Wonder Bus travels throughout Del Norte County offering enriching

early literacy programs at preschools, apartments, elementary schools, and community events. The Wonder Bus also serves Del Norte's outlying, isolated communities. This collaborative effort provides accessible and responsive library and early literacy programs and services, educational resources for parents, siblings and caregivers and skill-building tools to Del Norte's children ages 0-8. First 5 has funded the staffing of the Wonder Bus for many years. However, the current demand exceeds the resources needed to expand programs that help our children prepare for kindergarten and become successful readers in school. With community support of donations to this fund, the Wonder Bus will be able to serve more children and to provide new books and educational programs to Del Norte children. (2014)

Vivian & Leonard Goodwin Endowment Fund



The Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery is a nonprofit ecological project working

to increase and perpetuate the native runs of steelhead and Chinook salmon in the Smith River, which is the last free-flowing river in California. The fish hatchery was built in 1968 entirely with donated funds, labor, and materials. The property was donated and the hatchery sits at the confluence of Dominie and Rowdy creeks. The Vivian & Leonard Goodwin Endowment Fund was established to benefit the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery. Mr. Goodwin, who founded the fund, passed away on August 16, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Vivian. (2006)

Green Diamond Resource Company Fund



The Green Diamond Resource

Company Fund, established in 2005, will consider grant requests for fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration, forestry/habitat education, and research. (2005)

Richard Hanson & Bonnie Cushman Memorial Fund



Richard Hanson and his sister, Bonnie (Hanson) Cushman, were lifelong residents of Fort Dick. They

both loved people and served the community in their own ways. Bonnie was always very proud of Richard's many years of service as chief of the Fort Dick Volunteer Fire Department. This fund was set up in their honor to continue lifting up the community they loved by supporting the bravery and dedication of the Fort Dick Volunteer Fire Department. The fund will aid them in acquiring new machinery and equipment, maintaining their buildings, and other such needs that arise. (2016)



This community-based initiative is entering its final two years of a 10-year, \$1 billion statewide campaign funded by the California Endowment. The Del Norte and Tribal Lands BHC site, one of only 14 across the state, is dedicated to creating and supporting health equality, services and opportunities in our neighborhoods and schools.

Pacific Pantry Ready to Serve



Nearly one in four residents in Del Norte & Tribal Lands (DNATL) struggle to access quality, healthy food. When kids can't eat, they can't learn. Lack of consistent access to food can cause a lifetime of trauma. With the support of Building Healthy Communities, the Food Policy Council conducted interviews and brought together a diverse group of resident, business owners and agencies to cocreate consistent access to healthy, affordable food for all.

This research led to the opening of the Pacific Pantry in April of 2018. Designed as a "choice pantry," it creates a more dignified experience and minimizes food waste.

"People really like to choose what they want and need," said Brittany Rymer, Community Food Council's director. In the first three months, the pantry served more than 2,800 individuals, a higher number than expected, with over 120 families per week.

Community Block Grant Funding through the city of Crescent City provided the base funding to support the dream of opening a choice pantry at the Family Resource Center of the Redwoods. Local businesses such as Ocean Air Farms, Alexandre Dairy and Rumiano Cheese are examples of community coming together to provide fresh local food to those who need it most.

Pacific Pantry, located at the rear of the Family Resource Center of the Redwoods at 494 Pacific Ave., Crescent City, is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

For more info or for how to get involved call 707-464-0955.



Fresh produce and dairy products at Pacific Pantry in Crescent City are provided by local agricultural businesses.

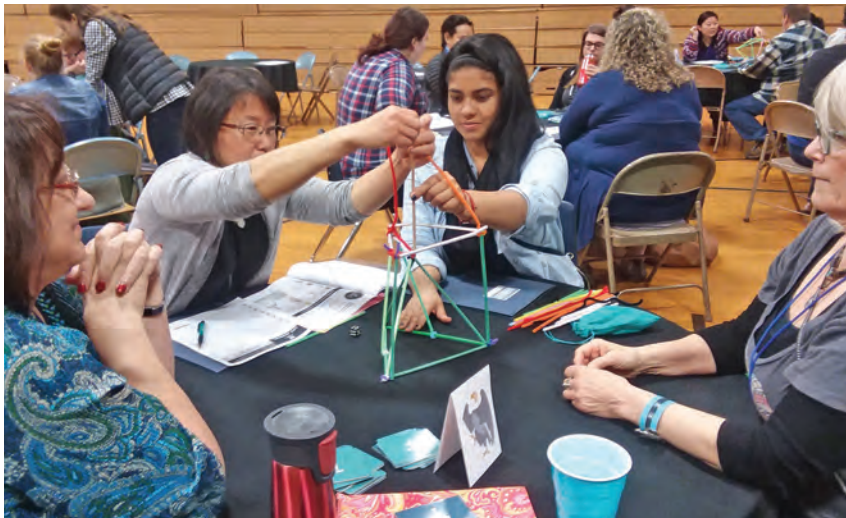
Resiliency

“When we are all informed about the impact of childhood trauma we can support more meaningful connection and experiences that build resilience and help our young people thrive and overcome adversity.” – Community partner

Life is full of intersections and traffic lights. Many young people see green lights: They have a path forward with clear direction for their future and the skills and support system to cope when challenges arise. Others see yellow or red lights: Each intersection full of barriers and experiences that impact their lives. All of their energy is put towards just surviving each day. In Del Norte and Tribal lands we have more than 950 young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are currently not in school or work.

“One thing that was missing is nobody told me I can go to college, or how to go to college. No one told me about employment or how to even begin to look for work. So when I graduated all these doors just started closing. My life just closed in on me.” — Opportunity Youth

WRCF, as the backbone for Building Healthy Communities, is investing in opportunities for youth to find meaningful connections to their peers, elders and their lifelong learning and career aspirations. Through a group of partners known as Resilient DNATL we are building the capacity of individuals, families and our systems to recover from trauma and adversity. Trauma is an underlying issue and when not addressed early, can lead to low literacy rates, low graduation rates and ultimately impact lifelong health.



Participants in a CAPC resiliency workshop, supported by BHC, use straws to construct a “child’s brain” to learn how negative and positive experience impact young lives.

For more information visit bit.ly/acesconnection



Redwood Voice

Redwood Voice is a leadership network in Del Norte County that helps young people develop skills and abilities in media, storytelling, organizing and policy change. It was founded and is led by youth and local partners.

“Our goals are to create a following for Redwood Voice and turn it into a hub where young people feel safe, can share their values and let their voices be heard,” said Meng Lo, youth media coordinator for Redwood Voice.

Participation in the program helps youth establish important relationships within the community and create awareness of and strengthen the importance of youth voices in making positive changes.

Redwood Voice collaborates with many local and statewide partners and networks to create meaningful, hands-on experiences for youth, teens and young adults that build empathy and understanding across the community.

Visit redwoodvoice.org to see stories written and produced by local youth.



Wild Rivers Community Foundation serves as the backbone for Building Healthy Communities (BHC), which brings together diverse groups of residents, youth, community partners, government agencies and nonprofits to guarantee that growing up in this community fosters lifelong health and success for all.

Kindergarten Readiness:

Putting children on the path to success!



A Crescent City preschool student receives a BHC backpack filled with school readiness supplies and resources.

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hat does it mean to be ready for kindergarten?

When we asked teachers, most agree on the basics: Children need to know their colors and ABCs, how to write their names, how to share, and how to sit still and follow directions. However, when we talked with families it became clear that many were unaware of this information and the supports available to help them meet teachers' expectations.

When we started the Kindergarten Readiness initiative, more than 50 percent of incoming kindergarteners in Del Norte county were not ready. In recent years, the number of prepared kindergarteners has steadily increased because of the collaboration and awareness across the community.

That's where Building Healthy Communities' "School Readiness" campaign comes in.

3READ23 Initiative

The Kindergarten Readiness project is part of the community-wide "3READ23" initiative to guarantee that all third graders are reading at grade level by 2023. The 3READ23 initiative was developed by educators, business and community leaders, parents and nonprofits who came together as the School Systems Implementation Team and the Literacy Core Design Team. All partners realize that the path to literacy and a happy, successful future for our children begins long before kindergarten.

In 2018, more than 800 school-readiness backpacks were distributed at local preschools, public agencies and via the Del Norte Unified School District's Seamless Summer Meals program at schools from Smith River to Klamath. The backpacks were also available at the Wild Rivers Community Foundation office. The backpacks contained basic school supplies and information for parents to help prepare and connect them to resources to be Kindergarten Ready.

Growing Our Own Health Workforce



Retired RN and current WRCF board member Monica Sperling provides training for phlebotomy and blood pressure with Youth Training Academy participants.

Del Norte is a rural community with limited access to healthcare professionals. The entire community has supported recruitment and retention of physicians for many years with limited success. After talking with many employers, homegrown healthcare professionals and youth desiring to enter the field, it was clear that a radically different approach needed to be taken.

"I really believe that Del Norte County, because we're such a small community in such a rural area, we're going to have to be the leaders and California can catch up to us." — Health Employer

A new partnership and collaboration between local health care employers and educators formed dedicated to "Growing Our Own Health Workforce." Employers committed to engaging directly with youth in and out of the classroom, providing guest speakers, internships and mentorship opportunities.

To engage youth earlier on middle and high school teachers are receiving training and labs that allow them to integrate more health related information into their curriculum. College of the Redwoods is also hosting The Youth Training Academy each summer, including a Health Careers Exploration path and local health employers provided internship opportunities through the E3 program with the school district and workforce center. Our communities' future health and wellness depend on the success of our young people today and that is owned by all of us.

Bringing educators, employees and youth together.

"I need an adult to believe in me, and help me navigate a path to success."

– Del Norte youth

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Zach Hegelmeyer Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund



Zachary Warren Hegelmeyer died unexpectedly on February 15, 2018, while surfing in Bali, Indonesia. Zach was born in Riverside, CA on November 11, 1991, to David and Michele

Hegelmeyer. Soon after, the family moved to Crescent City where Zach grew up. Zach excelled at team sports, playing baseball and basketball for Del Norte High. He attended George Fox University where he continued playing baseball and graduated cum laude. Zach moved to Bend, Oregon in 2013, bought a house around the corner from his parents, and worked as a bartender and brand ambassador for 10 Barrel Brewing. He loved walking his girlfriend's dog Ike along the Deschutes River and snowboarding on Mt. Bachelor. Zach was a passionate young man who loved adventure and devoted a fierce intensity to his work, relationships, and fun. He was known for his charisma, sincerity, and goofy sense of humor. Zach's Christian faith inspired him to value loyalty, fairness, and compassion; he was quick to include outsiders and encourage those who doubted themselves. The Hegelmeyer family hopes that this scholarship will honor and carry on Zach's legacy by helping scholar-athletes from Del Norte High succeed with the same joy, integrity and courage that he exemplified. (2018)

Gil & Ann H. Hess Memorial Fund



When Gildard Hess was 19 years old he moved from Iowa to Oakland, CA. Though Gil had only completed one quarter of college before

taking a job as a welder for a sheet metal manufacturing business, he became the owner and built the business from a few people to over 150 employees. Another of Gil Hess' innovative achievements is his patented design of the baggage carousel, which is still used today in airports around the world. Married for 55 years, Gil and Ann Hess enjoyed great success in life and in business. In 1970, Gil and Ann retired to Del Norte County. Gil felt strongly about supporting students who may not shine in an academic setting, but who share his visionary thinking and entrepreneurial spirit. Therefore, the Gil & Ann

H. Hess Memorial Fund is primarily dedicated to supporting innovation and entrepreneurship in Del Norte students. (2013)

Dr. Janis C. Heuser Feline Fund



The Dr. Janis C. Heuser Feline Fund was established in 2014 to support the total loving care and keeping of cats and kittens, including medical care, spay, neuter, a permanent shelter for

abandoned cats and a retirement center. This endowment fund will support the work in Gold Beach and central Curry County for providing complete and loving care and keeping of cats and kittens. Dr. Janis C. Heuser has been serving the needs of cats and kittens in Curry County for over 27 years. The endowment fund will continue her work now and in the future to provide ongoing support for cats and kittens in Curry County. (2014)

Amy Kaufmann Memorial Fund



Amy Kaufmann loved life. She enjoyed hiking, wilderness camping, snowboarding, mushroom hunting, fishing, rafting the Smith River, traveling, playing softball, and she loved her job working at Dr. Peter Tardiff's

veterinary office. Amy loved all animals, especially her dog "Green." Amy was very concerned about the welfare of family pets and the alarming rate of unwanted pets and the uncontrolled pet population. Part of the problem can be attributed to the limited financial resources of some pet owners. The Amy Kaufmann Memorial Fund was established after Amy's life was tragically taken on January 25, 2010, at the age of 26. Amy was very actively involved in the free spay and neuter clinics in Crescent City and the Del Norte Humane Society's K9 Olympics fundraiser. Amy's Fund was created to be used in perpetuity for the spaying and neutering of Del Norte County cats and dogs. (2010)

Noel & Margaret LaCombe Fund



Mr. and Mrs. LaCombe, longtime residents of Crescent City, established this fund to provide scholarships to Del Norte High School

graduating seniors. Noel and Margaret did not have the opportunity to further their education. Mr. LaCombe passed away in 1992 and Mrs. LaCombe, in January of 1998. (1991)

Let the Music Play Fund



The Let the Music Play Fund was established in 2014 to support charitable work in the

region with an emphasis on music and the arts for middle school students. Specifically, Act 1 of Let the Music Play Fund helped to support the purchasing of musical instruments for the music program at Smith River School. This fund will continue to serve as a vehicle to support music and the arts for our middle school students throughout Del Norte County and adjacent tribal lands. (2014)

Lighthouse Repertory Theatre Performing Arts Center Building Fund



The Lighthouse Repertory Theatre Performing Arts Center Building Fund will provide the theater group

the home it needs and a community arts center available for public use. Since LRT was founded in 1978, it has performed dozens of musicals, dramas, and comedies for thousands of people in a school auditorium. The Lighthouse Repertory Theatre is organized to foster and produce the best obtainable and most adaptable plays of the living theatre for the entertainment and benefit of the community. (2005)

Martinelli Family Trust Fund



The Martinelli Family Trust was set up in 2005 by Thomas and Robin Martinelli. It was their intention to have this trust focus on the needs of children, the elderly, and the disadvantaged of our community. Their initial funding of the trust will be used to help those in need of temporary housing, food, and on occasion, emergency pharmaceutical assistance. Hopefully, future funding will target various projects in the Wild Rivers community. (2005)

Maureen McHugh Martinelli Spirit of Buona Ventura Memorial Endowment Fund



Spirit and Charity. These words capture the life and essence of Maureen McHugh Martinelli.

Established in 2007, the Maureen McHugh Martinelli Spirit of Buona Ventura Memorial Endowment Fund will support St. Bonaventure School's annual Maureen McHugh Martinelli Spirit Day and promote social justice and charity through matching student support of Heifer International. (2007)

No Hungry Kids – Wild Rivers Coast



No hungry kids is the goal of this fund. Set up with the assistance of community partners, children's nutritional needs will be addressed by providing meals and improving food security for children, primarily during the summer. This is to be accomplished through the coordination and facilitation of existing resources and contributions. (2008)



Northcoast Marine Mammal Center Expendable Fund



The Northcoast Marine Mammal Center (NMMC) rescues and rehabilitates sick, injured and entangled marine mammals so they can be released back into the wild. Even though the work is done by volunteers and costs nothing, the average spent on food and

medical care for just one animal is \$900. Most of the marine mammals rescued are the result of encountering people, dogs, trash and fishing gear. NMMC works hard to educate the community on the impact they have on marine mammals and the importance of preserving the oceans where they live. Establishing this fund helps insure that the Northcoast Marine Mammal Center will continue to give marine mammals a second chance at life. (2018)

North Jetty Cats Plus Endowment Fund



The North Jetty Cats Plus Endowment Fund was established in 2005 to provide for the total care and keeping of cats and kittens in Curry County, OR including medical care, spaying, neutering, and shelter. As an endowment fund, the capital will remain intact and the interest income will provide ongoing support to North Jetty Cats Plus. Over the past 13 years North Jetty Cats Plus has medically treated, spayed/neutered and adopted into loving homes nearly 4,000 cats and kittens. This fund was established by Ursula Elliot and Janis C. Heuser, DVM to financially guarantee that the medical and loving care demonstrated in the past will continue and expand in the future. Long-term goals include providing ongoing support for a feline retirement center, shelter, boarding facilities, and a cat cemetery where cats can be laid to rest with gratitude and love. (2005)

NEW

Dr. Cecilia M. Patton, DC, Scholarship Fund



Ann Bolger established this scholarship in honor of her daughter Dr. Patton. Ann Elizabeth Bolger, a Chicago native, fell in love with Crescent City after her daughter moved here in 2004. Dr. Cecilia Marie Patton loves to see people get well through chiropractic, particularly with Chiropractic BioPhysics (CBP) a method of spine analysis and treatment. She supports CBP NonProfit, a brilliant group of doctors and researchers who work tirelessly to advance chiropractic science and effectiveness. As an Advanced Certified CBP practitioner, Dr. Patton achieves spine realignment results that are unique and different for people compared to what traditional chiropractic allows. With her

mother's love of education and Dr. Cecilia Patton's first-hand knowledge and experience they wish to encourage interested students to pursue a humanitarian chiropractic degree with a focused specialty in CBP technique as a fulfilling career choice.. (2017)

Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Curry County Fund

In response to physician shortages, the Wild Rivers Community Foundation established the Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Curry County Fund. The fund helps recruit medical doctors by offering a medical school loan repayment plan in yearly increments for each year served in Curry County, up to a maximum of four years. Applicants must serve in a needed field of medicine in Curry County for at least two years to qualify. (2008)

Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Del Norte Fund



In response to physician shortages, the Wild Rivers Community Foundation established the Physician Recruitment Loan Repayment Del Norte Fund. The fund helps recruit medical doctors by offering a medical school loan repayment plan in yearly increments for each year served in Del Norte County, up to a maximum of four years. Applicants must serve in a needed field of medicine in Del Norte County for at least two years to qualify. (2007)

Physicians of Sutter Coast Hospital Fund



Income from the Physicians of Sutter Coast Hospital Fund, an advised fund, is available for distribution to North Coast nonprofit organizations to serve humanitarian, cultural, educational, or charitable purposes. (1995)

Ray "Buck" Rosendahl Memorial Pet Assistance Fund



In 2004, Buck and his bride Tracie began an amazing and life-changing journey together in beautiful Gold Beach, OR. There they opened and developed Woof's Dog Bakery and Pet Supplies, a holistic pet nutrition center.

With two locations on the southern Oregon Coast, they touched many lives while making meaningful friendships along the way. Ray "Buck" Rosendahl left this earth on February 17, 2016, at his home with family and friends by his side after battling cancer. He was 71 years young. "Buck" will not be forgotten. The Ray "Buck" Rosendahl Memorial Pet Assistance Fund was established in 2016 in his honor to provide support for the total care of animals in Curry County. (2016)

R. Baird & Jane Rumiano Family Fund



Baird and Jane Rumiano have lived in Crescent City for most of their adult lives. They raised their two boys, Joby and Tony, in Del Norte. Both

attended local schools and completed their college education at Humboldt State University. Del Norte and Humboldt counties have been good to the Rumianos. They wish to give back to the community by way of this fund intended to build financial stability, community participation, and enrichment by supporting athletics, scholarships, training for volunteers and volunteerism, and other programs supporting self-sufficiency in the people, the natural resources, and the beauty of our area. Baird is owner of Rumiano Cheese Company and Jane has been a high school tennis coach and instructor for over 30 years and still continues her love of the game. (2009)

Philip & Beth Schafer Fund

Longtime residents of Del Norte County, Philip and Beth Schafer have been avid supporters of the community and have established a fund to support the mission of a variety of charitable organizations in Del Norte County, such as the Scholarship Foundation, the Del Norte Library Foundation, Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery, the Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness (DNACA), St. Joseph's Catholic School, CASA, Sutter Coast Hospital's philanthropic fund, and Lighthouse Repertory Theatre's building fund. (2008)

Search & Rescue Endowment Fund



A young child with autism, Colin Buchanan was lost along the North Fork of the Smith River in 2004 while hiking and fishing with his father. When the Del Norte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team received the call, they immediately recognized the severity of the situation for Colin, who is nonverbal and unable to call out for help. Search and Rescue responded quickly and the child was picked up by a helicopter 30 minutes before nightfall. Colin Buchanan's family established this fund to provide ongoing support to Search and Rescue for everyone in Del Norte County. They are a skilled team of committed community volunteers, providing ground searches, technical rescues, swift water rescues, and dive rescues in coordination with the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office. As the fund advisors, the Search and Rescue Board of Directors makes recommendations for expenditures. (2005)

Smith River Salmon & Steelhead Habitat Restoration Fund



This fund supports habitat restoration projects and related planning and education within the Smith River watershed.

The Smith River is legendary for its native salmon and steelhead. These fish have always been a part of the culture and human habitation within the watershed, beginning with Native Americans thousands of years ago to the local community and tourists visiting the watershed today. This fund represents the collaboration of three entities: Green Diamond Resource Company, Del Norte County's largest private landowner; Smith River Alliance, a watershed organization founded in 1980 that is active in river and fish restoration projects; and the Smith River Advisory Council, an independent group of representatives from public and private entities with a shared interest in watershed habitat restoration projects. (2005)

South Fork/Big Flat Endowment Fund



The South Fork/Big Flat Endowment Fund was established by Bob Steven in memory of John and Mildred Nickelsen. Bob felt blessed to be able to continue John and Mildred's legacy by giving back for the betterment of Del Norte County. Del Norte County was built on industry, and John's career that he loved was tied to the timber industry. At Bob's direction, this fund supports charitable work in Del Norte County to address changing needs as they arise. (2016)

NEW South Fork/Big Flat Endowment Scholarship Fund



Siblings John and Mildred Nickelsen learned the true meaning of grit at a very young age. Losing their father in an accident when they were kids forced them to face the adult world early on. This challenge in their youth made them strong and they both led successful, fulfilling lives. John and Mildred were firm believers in education and that one should never stop learning and developing. They were true examples of what can be accomplished through determination, hard work and commitment even in the face of adversity. In memory of John and Mildred, the South Fork/Big Flat Scholarship Endowment Fund was established by Bob Steven. At Bob's direction, scholarships from this fund will be awarded in Del Norte and Curry counties to support students pursuing science, professional and industrial careers. (2018)

Ted Souza Memorial Fisheries Fund



The Ted Souza Memorial Fisheries Fund was established by the Friends of Del Norte to commemorate a dedicated life of serving as a long-time board member and treasurer. Ted was an avid outdoorsman with a true love for the Smith River. He was a fisherman who committed his life to saving and restoring our historic salmon and steelhead runs on the Smith River. Ted worked hard to keep state fishing regulations commensurate with the decline in fish runs. He supported laws like no

bait fishing and catch and release only policies. With his youthful energy and pragmatic outlook, Ted stayed actively involved in local environmental issues into his 90s, an inspiration to us all. Ted's personal motto was: "It is OK to grow older, just don't get old." These funds will be used to further Ted's interests in fisheries habitat restoration and scientific research to help further the health of salmon and steelhead populations on the Smith and other local rivers. (2017)

Eileen A. Tardiff Memorial Fund



Eileen Tardiff was a loving wife and mother of nine children. She was active in her local community before her diagnosis and struggle with dementia

that resulted in her death in 2005. Through her illness, her family learned of the pressing need in the community for assistance in matters involving senior citizens. They established this field of interest fund in her memory to help ensure that seniors in our community receive the assistance they need. (2004)

Dustin Weber Memorial Fund



Dustin was 25 years old, adventurous, had a dazzling smile, and was loved by all. He enjoyed hiking with his dad and riding his mountain

bike. He was a graduate of Mountain View High School in Bend, OR. Dustin moved to Klamath, CA in February of 2011 to fix up a house that was given to him by his grandmother on Requa Hill. On March 11, 2011, Dustin and some friends went down to the mouth of the Klamath to take pictures of the waves from the tsunami. Dustin was hit by a large surge wave while his back was turned and was swept out to sea. His body was removed in April, 400 miles north in Astoria, OR. He may be gone but never forgotten. October 5, 1985–March 11, 2011. (2012)

Wild Rivers Community Fund



The Wild Rivers Community Foundation promotes and encourages generosity, leadership,

and inclusion to strengthen our communities. It works to keep local capital within the Wild Rivers region. This fund was established to provide opportunities for general discretionary giving to support the Wild Rivers region. (2005)

Wild Rivers Health Forever Fund



As physicians who have raised their families in Del Norte County, they believe quality, accessible health care is

essential to the future of the Wild Rivers coast of northern California and southern Oregon. The Wild Rivers Health Forever Fund is dedicated to preserving, improving, and expanding health care services for the residents and visitors of the region. Fund goals include the addition of chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, cardiology, primary and specialty care physicians, nurses, and physician assistants. Simply, the commitment is to help local residents receive quality, affordable health care without having to leave the area. (2013)



Philanthropic Partnerships

Leveraging Resources to Create Impact and Opportunities

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ild Rivers Community Foundation (WRCF) is honored to collaborate with so many diverse philanthropic partners throughout the year to address community needs as they arise in Del Norte and Curry counties.

WRCF believes in the power of partnerships and in the power of people coming together with a united focus and a shared purpose. We engage in these partnerships to build scale and impact that we otherwise alone could not obtain. The collaborative partnerships this past year helped to leverage dollars and impact for Curry and Del Norte County in many diverse ways including the following: Keeping the doors of a veteran-serving organization open, funding to support the organizations on the ground providing support to those affected by the Chetco Bar Fire, Disaster and Resilience Preparedness facilitation and support, training volunteers to work with foster youth as advocates, provide snacks for after school programs, provide support for sack lunches for Veterans, funding to purchase a new steam table to keep food warm for seniors, support for community theatre and the arts, funding to support literacy through the purchase of books to children in Klamath, and funding Career Technical Education opportunities and projects as presented by youth.

WRCF Partnership Grants

WRCF facilitates two grant rounds each year to support nonprofit organizations, service clubs, schools, tribal governments and faith-based institutions that are providing valuable services to our citizens in the Wild Rivers Region. The following grant rounds would not be possible without the commitment and collaboration of our partners and donors.

Holiday Partnership Grants: This collaboration with our partners supports those institutions and organizations that help provide holiday meals, warm clothing, shoes, and even toys for children who might not otherwise receive them during the holidays providing much needed hope.

Summer Youth Mini Grants are awarded to organizations that provide fun, safe, enriching and healthy activities for children and teens during the summer months when they are not in school. A variety of activities, from acting classes to sports to art camps, offer personal growth and are available throughout Del Norte and Curry counties..

Since its inception in 2004, WRCF has awarded over **\$2.7 million** in grants and scholarships in Del Norte and Curry counties. Our partnerships and collaborations with private funders, donors, businesses and other foundations help us to leverage dollars to powerfully impact the communities we serve. Thanks to our partners for their generosity and commitment to our communities.



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How do you get started?

Your CPA or estate planning attorney can help you decide what is best for you or for more general information, you can contact Gina Zottola at Wild Rivers Community Foundation at (707) 465-1238.

Legacy Society

Wild Rivers Community Foundation thanks all those who have included a gift for charitable work in their will or living trust. The following are Wild Rivers Community Foundation's Legacy Society members whose gifts will support work they value for future generations. If you would like to join the Legacy Society, please call Donor Services at 707-465-1238. You can join and be listed or remain anonymous.

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Del Norte Nonprofit Alliance

Working together
to improve
nonprofits in
Del Norte County

In 2013 Wild Rivers Community Foundation launched its first “Brown Bag Lunch” gathering for nonprofits after hearing that many of them were not connected to each other nor in relationships with one another. The lunches continued for a couple years but lacked deep impact on the sector as a whole. However, the lunches did provide a strong foundation for nonprofits to move from being in deep, trusted relationships with one another to actually working together to improve the health and well being of the entire nonprofit sector in Del Norte County.

Nonprofit leaders asked WRCF for support so they could better understand the current struggles and opportunities that Del Norte nonprofit organizations face. In the fall of 2016, Del Norte began a powerful journey toward change by listening deeply to the perspectives of local nonprofit executive directors, board chairs and community partners. The group found key insights that rang true for nonprofits across the sector and, together, they envisioned a brighter future for all nonprofits in Del Norte unified as the Del Norte Nonprofit Alliance.

With clear goals in mind to share resources and lift each other up, the Alliance applied for and received funding through BHC in 2017 to hire an official staff person to organize and lead the Alliance’s efforts from the WRCF office.

The Alliance’s next step is to create “cafe” style back office support program in which members of nonprofit organizations can pick and choose the services they need, such as finance, human resources and grant writing.

To contact the Del Norte Nonprofit Alliance email Keri Mosey, nonprofit coordinator, at kmosey@wildriverscf.org

Chetco Strong — a statement and a source of pride for a community that was threatened by one of Oregon's largest wildfires during the summer of 2017.

Wild Rivers Community Foundation was asked by community members and nonprofits to be the holder of donations to support organizations on the ground who were working directly to provide relief to those affected by the Chetco Bar fire. WRCF reached out to a diverse group of residents and community leaders of Curry County to form a committee to assist in granting out dollars rapidly. Each week the Chetco Bar Fire Fund Committee connected with local nonprofits organizations and listened to the community at large for what the most urgent needs were. A total of \$51,000 in donations poured in from donors, businesses and foundations in and outside of Curry County. These funds were held by WRCF and 100 percent of those funds were distributed back out into the community.

The donations provided much-needed funding to local food banks, churches providing direct support and outreach, soup kitchens, evacuation shelters, and volunteer fire departments and for supplies to reestablish water services to many homes.

While the flames and smoke of the Chetco Bar Fire will remain forever etched in the minds of residents, so should the outpouring of financial support and volunteer work offered by so many people near and far. WRCF and the Chetco Bar Fire Fund Committee are proud to be a part of such a warm and caring community.

Thank you all.
Sincerely,

Chetco Bar Fire Fund Committee

Gerry Livingston, facilitator

Andre Bay, Curry community member

Pam Winebarger, Brookings Harbor Community Helpers Food Bank

Dale Thomas, WRCF Curry board member and resident of Curry

Harry Hoogesteger, WRCF Curry board member and resident of Curry

Jan Barbas, Curry community member

Gina Zottola, WRCF Director

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Christina Wilber, Brookings Harbor Nazarene Church

Roxanne Hayes, Del Norte Economic Development Corporation

Brandy Haselden, Umpqua Neighborhood Works

Dan Brattain, WRCF Curry board member and Cal-Ore Life Flight

A close-up photograph of a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a light blue collared shirt, holding a small black chick. The chick is perched on her hands, and she is looking directly at the camera with a gentle smile. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden structure.

Chetco
Strong

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In Memory of
WRCF board member

Norma Fitzgerald



Norma Fitzgerald was many things — beloved wife, mother, farmer, educator, insurance agent and active civic leader — and at the heart of everything she did was a desire to give back to her community.

A WRCF board member and 50-year resident of Curry County, Norma passed away March 31, 2018, at the age of 86. She left behind a legacy of helping others — particularly children — that continues to inspire those throughout Curry and Del Norte County today.

“WRCF was a place that both of us found to help fulfill our visions for better health care, more accessible educational opportunities and development of youth in Curry County. Her zest for helping others inspired us all.” said WRCF Vice Chair Dale Thomas.

Norma’s family settled in Curry County in 1969, where they raised sheep, cattle, and timber. Over the past 50 years Norma taught more than 1,000 children from kindergarten through second grade, including music and was a principal at the Pistol River School. After teaching Norma jumped into a new career selling life insurance, quickly becoming “Agent of the Year.” She worked for decades as a top-producing New York Life Insurance agent while operating a ranch north of Brookings on Carpenterville Road.

“It’s hard to believe she’s actually gone because she’s always been such a live wire,” said Norma’s son, Ted Fitzgerald. “Through these experiences, Norma saw the vital connections between natural resources, people and communities. She was an enthusiastic member of the Wild Rivers Community Foundation because it stands for a lot of the things she believed in.” WRCF board and staff are grateful for Norma’s contributions in our region and will continue to honor her legacy.

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