



HUMBOLDT AREA  
FOUNDATION

*Wild Rivers*  
**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## Our Strategic Goals

Racial Equity  
Thriving Youth & Families  
Healthy Ecosystem & Environment  
A Just Economy & Economic Development

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## Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2023

# Latest grants address equity, vulnerabilities

So far in 2023, HAF+WRCF has awarded more than \$100,000 in “Strategy Grants” to charitable organizations and projects furthering a healthy, just and equitable region where families can thrive.

The grants address pressing needs and range from \$1,000 to \$30,000, with an average of \$10,000. Recipients include those that focus on themes such as youth leadership, environmental justice, racial equity, economic development and nonprofit capacity building.

“Across our rural and Native Lands there are many incredible groups working in and with the communities they serve to increase equity and to understand, ad-

dress and decrease vulnerabilities,” said Craig Woods, Director of Grantmaking for HAF+WRCF. “It’s an honor to support these efforts.”

Grant recipients include: Healy Senior Center, YouthAbility, Oasis Advocacy & Shelter, St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Black Humboldt, Circulo de Hombres, Humboldt Community & Access Center, Project Rebound (Cal Poly Humboldt), NAACP Eureka Branch, and North Coast Native Protectors.

These grants are highly competitive and applicants are encouraged to speak with the our grant-making team at grants@hafoundation.org.

## HAF+WRCF launches redesigned website

HAF+WRCF has launched a beautiful, new website that is easier for our donors, partners and the public to learn about our strategic work, access grant and other resources, and engage with philanthropy in our communities.

The website can be found at [hafoundation.org](http://hafoundation.org) or [wildriverscf.org](http://wildriverscf.org).

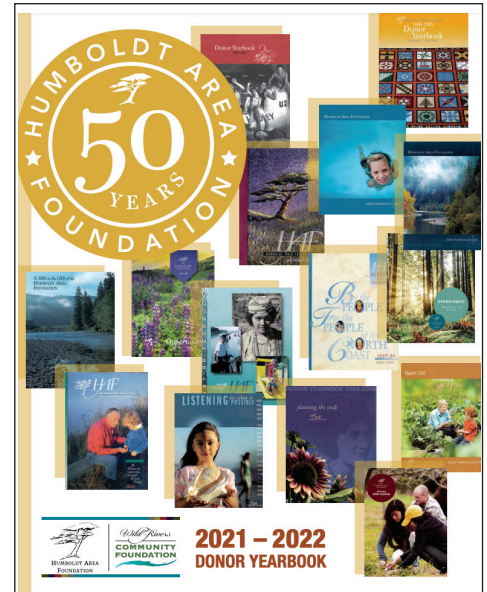
Donors will find a new donation platform that makes it simpler to make gifts with credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay. There is easy access to information on how to start a fund, search funds, obtain donor and investor services, and plan a legacy gift.

Visitors will find the latest news about HAF+WRCF, its programs, affiliates and its community partners, as well as cur-

rent and archived publications such as yearbooks, annual reports and newsletters. Visitors can also learn about our affiliates: Equity Alliance of the North Coast, Humboldt Health Foundation, Native Cultures Fund, CORE Hub and Trinity Trust.

The new website has been upgraded from an out-dated management system to WordPress, a global standard that is more reliable and more secure.

HAF+WRCF’s Marketing and Communications Team worked closed with Humboldt County-based web developer Jennifer Fitch Studio1062 and various HAF-WRCF staff members including our Technology Manager Seer Snively.



## Yearbook spotlights donors’ impact, 50th anniversary of HAF

HAF+WRCF has released the 2021-22 yearbook celebrating the impact that donors have made throughout our four-county service region of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity and Curry counties.

The yearbook includes an 8-page spread celebrating the organization’s 50th anniversary and its founder Vera Vietor, with plenty of photos and historical milestones.

The publication also features descriptions of active funds and grantmaking efforts and celebrates the work of our affiliates.

The yearbook is available to view and download at [hafoundation.org/yearbook50th](http://hafoundation.org/yearbook50th).



Golden Age Center Trinity bus driver Bill Foote.

## \$10K for Trinity center

In February, HAF+WRCF granted \$10,000 to Golden Age Center Trinity to help it expand its bus service for rural Trinity County to include Lewiston, Douglas City and Junction City. It also kept the round-trip fee to \$5.

"It's fantastic! We're so thrilled that we could expand our services like this," said board member Roberta Dileo.



Anna McGibbons, CFA with Angeles Investment Advisors.

## Investing in our future

On March 29, HAF+WRCF conducted its "Annual Investment Review" with Anna McGibbons, CFA, Senior Managing Director with Angeles Investments Advisors, LLC.

The review offers insight into HAF+WRCF's investment portfolio, discussion of performance during the past year; and examples of how investing supports great work in our communities.

A video of the presentation is available on YouTube at [hafoundation.org/investment2023](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=investment2023).

# \$1.2 million set aside to assist Rio Dell quake recovery efforts

In March, HAF+WRCF set aside at least \$1.2 million for nonprofit organizations, tribes and government entities helping residents of Rio Dell and surrounding areas displaced by December's 6.4-magnitude quake.

"These funds will continue to help with immediate assistance provision and build a more resilient community going forward," said Michelle Carrillo, HAF+WRCF's Interim Vice President of Strategy, Programs and Community Solutions.

The \$1.2 million is in addition to the nearly \$600,000 that HAF+WRCF directed to recovery efforts led by incredible volunteers and organizations active on the ground. The money came from gen-



Holly Hensher, Senior Program Officer of Strategy, Program & Community Solutions, helps load propane tanks to be delivered to Rio Dell residents impacted by earthquake in January.

erous contributions from the foundation's donors and philanthropic partners, Carrillo said.

"In light of this disaster not reaching the FEMA threshold for public aid, HAF+WRCF

and the broader philanthropic network recognized early on how critical philanthropic dollars would be to response and recovery for Rio Dell and the surrounding Eel River Valley," Carrillo said.

She added, "We are committed to working with local community groups, tribes and governmental entities to support a healthy recovery process, particularly for those who might be especially vulnerable to the long-term impacts of displacement, trauma and housing insecurity."

## HAF+WRCF named 'Nonprofit of the Year'



During its annual membership award banquet in January, the Crescent City Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce named HAF+WRCF its 2022 "Nonprofit of the Year." HAF+WRCF staff attending the event and accepting the award were (left to right) Alan Nidiffer, boardmember; Sarah Milsap, VP of Finance and Administration; Sara Dronkers, Chief of Staff; Scott Graves, Communications Manager; Gina Zottola, VP of Advancement and Philanthropic Innovation; Laurel Dalsted, Director of Donor Relations and Development; Jarad Petroske, Communications Director; Michelle Carrillo, Director of Strategy, Program and Community Solutions; and Billie Kaye Tigart, Administrative Assistant.