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

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Holiday Partnership grants benefit 60 charities

HAF+WRCF awarded 60 grants totaling nearly \$76,000 to charitable organizations through its annual 2023 Holiday Funding Partnership Grant Program that assists underserved residents in four counties.

Funding partners of the grant program include Humboldt Health Foundation, the Mel & Grace McLean Foundation, the Smullin Foundation and Providence, Community Health

Investment.

Organizations in California's Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties, and Oregon's Curry County, received grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 for holiday assistance programs offered between November 15 and January 1.

Learn more and see the full list of grant recipients at hafoundation.org/news.



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Volunteers sort donations at Eureka's Food For People, which received a HAF-WRCF grant for its annual holiday food distribution program.

Make the most of your year-end charitable giving

We have been touched by the generosity of our communities in 2023, with significant increases in giving prompted by the many challenges, issues and series of natural disasters. Yet as quickly as the foundation can grant the money, there are many needs that remain large and unmet.

The end of the year is when much charitable giving is traditionally done. Approximately 31% of all annual giving occurs in December and approximately 12% of all annual giving occurs in the last three days of December.

Ways to give:

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) allow donors to establish a fund for immediate tax benefits and then recommend grants to nonprofits on their timeline. HAF+WRCF offers DAFs, as do many financial institutions.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Individuals age 70½ and older can direct up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from their IRA to operating charities through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).



Wally's House received a \$25,000 HAF-WRCF grant in 2023 for expansion of its child abuse intervention center and services.

However, it is important to note that Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) cannot receive QCDs.

By making a gift of appreciated stock to a charitable organization, you can maximize your gift and avoid paying capital gains tax and may receive a charitable deduction for the fair market

value of the stock.

Please remember these important ways you can make year-end contributions :

- Gifts sent by the US Postal Service must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2023.
- Credit card gifts and online gifts must be completed by 11:59 pm, Dec. 31, 2023, local time.
- Gifts of securities must be received in the nonprofit's account by Dec. 31, 2023 – consider initiating these gifts no later than Dec. 20, 2023, to ensure time for processing.
- Always consult your tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

Not sure where to give and how to connect your philanthropic goals with the needs in the region? Feel free to call our team to hear more about current needs or how to give a gift to the Opportunity Fund at HAF+WRCF to support emerging needs as they arise in our region. Visit hafoundation.org/our-funds or contact Donor Relations Manager Lindsey Zito at Lindseyz@hafoundation.org or 707-267-9903.

Emergency equipment for Mattole region

The Lower Mattole Fire Safety Council, serving residents of the remote Mattole Valley, Petrolia and Honeydew, received a \$11,000 grant from HAF+WRCF in November.

The council will use the funds to purchase radios and communications equipment

to improve communications between neighbors and first responders during emergencies such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes.

The new equipment will include powerful two-way radios, repeaters, solar arrays, batteries, cables, and antennae. The grant will also cover labor costs associated with coordination and programming of equipment for the council's Neighborhood Emergency Services Team (NEST).

"Having this level of communication in a rural area such as ours is key to



"This funding is crucial for when the power or the phones go out. It will allow our coordinators to check in with neighbors and reach outside emergency responders easier."

— Sarah Vroom, Executive Director Mattole Restoration Council

surviving emergencies," said Ali Freedlund, a director with the Mattole Restoration Council. "Once we get all this new equipment in place, we will be in a good position to respond to just about anything,"

Funding for this grant was provided through

HAF+WRCF's Disaster Response and Resilience Fund (DRRF), which was established in 2021 as a response to the 2020-21 fire season. Funded by contributions of individual donors and philanthropic partners, the DRRF has assisted groups that provide community support for those most vulnerable in response to fires, storm events, earthquakes, and other natural and human-made disasters.

Learn more about DRRF at hafoundation.org/disasterfund or email donorserVICES@hafoundation.org.

Supporting Curry County's food bank

In November, HAF+WRCF representatives attended the Brookings-Harbor Community Helpers' inaugural "Gala by the Sea" fundraiser for its food bank.

Dinner ticket sales and a silent auction netted \$13,000 toward establishing a new, larger building. During the event, HAF+WRCF's donors and funders were recognized for their continued and dedicated support of the food bank, which offers various food programs, information, resources and non-food essentials.

Learn more at www.brookingsharborfoodbank.org.

Strategy grants for our communities

HAF+WRCF disbursed \$81,000 in Strategy Grants in November to groups helping underserved people in our four-county service region.

The Foundation's strategy focuses on building a "Just Economy, Healthy Ecosystems and Environments, Thriving Youth and Families, and Racial Equity."

Grant recipients:

Curry County's Northwest American Indian Coalition for its "Healing of the Canoe Program" that benefits underserved youth.

The **Karuk Tribe** for its Language Revitalization Strategic Planning.

Tri-County Independent Living in Del Norte County for its interview and sensory room for youth and families with disabilities and/or trauma.

Trinity County Resource Conservation District for Trinity County's Farmers Market Initiative.

The **Humboldt Asian and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity** (HAPI) for general operations.

More than \$700,000 in Strategy Grants have been disbursed since July 2022.

Supporting Humboldt's senior citizens

The committee for the Senior Citizens Foundation Fund, established with HAF+WRCF in 1987, approved six grants totaling \$15,500 in November.

The foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of the community's elderly. Through gifts, bequests and donation, it is building a permanent endowment to supply private funds to augment public funding for senior services.

The latest grants were given to:

California CareForce for a free, two-day healthcare clinic in 2024 for underserved Humboldt residents.

Humboldt Senior Resource Center for its Senior Home Repair program that addresses problems such as electric and heating malfunctions, plumbing

issues, broken doors and windows, and installation of safety devices.

Adult Day Health Care of Mad River for the purchase of two power lift-assist recliners for use in its facility.

Redwood Coast Village for the Trillium Scholarship fund for individuals who cannot afford the annual membership dues.

Food for People for its Senior Brown Bag program, which provides low-income seniors with a monthly supply of nutritious food.

Healy Senior Center for its rural Meals on Wheels program, which provides seniors between Willits and Fortuna with five meals a week.