



The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is to enhance and preserve the quality of life within the greater Rancho Santa Fe area by promoting responsible and effective philanthropy. In pursuit of this mission, the Foundation:

- Will increase awareness and understanding of the unique role played by the Foundation in identifying community needs.
- Will assist in addressing those needs with financial awards and organizational support.
- Will assist donors in building and preserving enduring assets for charitable purposes in the greater Rancho Santa Fe area.

Chairman's Column

The world has changed a great deal in the last 10 years, as corporate governance practices have begun to make their way into the non-profit world. Although the paperwork has increased, the adoption of "best practices" is not necessarily a bad thing.



The Council on Foundations (COF) is the principal organization that oversees foundations of all types, all around the world. They are headquartered in Washington D.C. and serve as a comprehensive resource to foundation Boards of Directors, staff and donors.

One of the most visionary things that COF has developed recently is the adoption of National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This policy was developed to formalize national standards for operations and conduct by community foundations. The policy was adopted in June 2000. Today, more than half of the community foundations in the United States (425 of 700) have voluntarily pledged their intent to comply. The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is one of those.

The next formal step is a lengthy one, and will require us to submit our standards-related documentation for review and to receive independent confirmation of compliance. Upon successful completion of this review, we will be granted permission to use the national seal symbolizing the accomplishment represented by adhering to National Standards.

We are proud of our ethical and professional business practices and this is one more way of demonstrating to our community that the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is a genuine philanthropic resource.

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board, I wish you and your families a happy and relaxing summer!

Gayle Gillies Mize
Chairman

Featured Donors

Philanthropy is not a hereditary behavior ... it is a learned behavior, and typically this behavior is learned within the family unit. Our donors in this issue are certainly not newcomers to philanthropy ... it is an attitude that pervades everything they do!



Don and Judy Oliphant moved to the Ranch in 1985 with their three children. From the beginning, they taught their children the value of giving back, just as they had been taught by their families. This is what motivated their decision to create the CHAD Project, which provides scholarships to financially challenged kids who "just need a chance". CHAD is an acronym for Character, Honor, Academics and Determination, and serves as the underlying theme as they select their students. "We are helping students who are academically able yet financially unable to go on with their education after high school, whether it's a university, community college or trade school."

To date, the CHAD Project has provided seven students with scholarship support totaling nearly \$85,000. These students have graduated from San Pasqual Academy or are students who have been recommended by Young Life and Reality Changers. They are required to submit an application, their high school transcript, letters of recommendation and a personal essay. Upon acceptance, each student is required to maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA each semester and to perform 20 hours of community service every six months ... these students are learning the value of giving back!

The CHAD Project is growing and there is no lack of eager students seeking help. The Oliphant family is hoping that others in the community will join with them in providing funds to assist these worthy kids in obtaining the higher education that they dream of, but are so often denied. Please contact Christy Wilson at the RSF Foundation for further information.



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RANCHO SANTA FE Women's Fund On November 16, 2004, the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund held its inaugural meeting at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Since that time, 92 informed, intelligent, caring women have joined together to form this dynamic group.

On March 23, 2005, the Women's Fund was honored to have Laurie Besteman from the Washington Women's Foundation as its guest speaker for the first General Meeting. Mrs. Besteman explained that women who join a women's fund like this, and make a major financial and, often, time commitment, are those who think beyond their front doors, beyond their immediate neighborhoods, and are concerned with the greater good.

She emphasized that by combining our time with our money and educating ourselves more fully about philanthropy we have a stronger voice and a much greater impact on the issues that concern us in our community. "As our knowledge grows, our influence multiplies." Add our pooled money to that equation, and our influence multiplies many times over.

Should you wish to join the Women's Fund, or if you are already a member and know someone who might be interested, this information will help with the decision.

- The RSF Women's Fund is a donor advised fund at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation.
- We are asking for a five-year commitment from each woman.
- Annual donation is \$2,250, payable by check, donation of securities, credit card or as a grant from a donor advised fund.
- This year, based on a membership of 100 women, \$100,000 will be placed in a permanent endowment at the RSF Foundation, \$100,000 will be committed to current grantmaking and \$250 will cover the administrative expenses.

- Three committees will oversee the Women's Fund: Advisory, Grants and Programs/Membership.

If you would be interested in learning more about the RSF Women's Fund, please contact Debbie Anderson at 858-756-6557.

Checks may be made payable to Rancho Santa Fe Foundation- RSF Women's Fund and mailed to:
 P. O. Box 811
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Spring Grants Made to Local Organizations

From Discretionary Funds

Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito	\$ 5,000
Boy Scouts of America	\$ 10,000
Community Concerts of Rancho Santa Fe	\$ 1,000
Family Literacy Foundation	\$ 5,000
Girl Scouts, San Diego Imperial Council	\$ 2,000
Helen Woodward Animal Center	\$ 2,000
Kids Korps, USA	\$ 3,000
Neighbor Help	\$ 3,000
Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild	\$ 2,000
Rancho Santa Fe Community Center	\$ 4,000
Rancho Santa Fe Community School Endowment	\$ 5,000
Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society	\$ 8,000
Rancho Santa Fe Library Guild	\$ 2,500
Rancho Santa Fe School District	\$ 3,000
Rancho Santa Fe Youth Soccer	\$ 5,000
San Diego Chamber Orchestra	\$ 5,000
San Diego Symphony Orchestra	\$ 5,000
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy	\$ 1,000
San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy	\$ 3,000
Torrey Pines High School Foundation	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$ 76,500

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