

UNION BANK – ELEVEN YEARS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In June 1998, Union Bank solidified its commitment to support the community of Rancho Santa Fe. The bank welcomed new neighbors to its building – the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, Rancho Santa Fe Community Center and the Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild, which have since called the Union Bank building home. But this was no ordinary move – the three organizations moved into 1,500 square feet of donated space, for which they have never been required to pay rent.

“Prior to this, the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation had never had an office. Locating here in the Union Bank building was truly the beginning of the community’s recognition of the important work we do”, says Christy Wilson, executive director of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation. “We continue to remain very grateful to those at Union Bank who make this possible.”

The bank’s donation is an example of extraordinary generosity and community support. In terms of dollars and cents, the organizations would be required to pay approximately \$70,000 a year to lease a comparable space. And because there has been no cost to the three organizations, they have been able to use their funds to support the community, including grants from the RSF Foundation to the school, RSF Community Center, RSF Library Guild and much more. The Art Guild has provided substantial support to Friends of San Pasqual Academy and A.R.T.S. - A Reason to Survive, as a result of successful fundraisers and sales from the Gallery. While, the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center no longer occupies space in the building, initially its development office was located here – from which all of their special events and fundraising activities were planned.

Union Bank’s commitment to these nonprofit organizations has allowed these groups to create a central place in the Village where they can work toward a common goal – bettering our community.

“At Union Bank, we’re committed to reinvesting into the communities in which we live and work,” said Gloria Barden, vice president and branch manager at Union Bank’s Rancho Santa Fe office. “We understand the importance of the work these organization do, and are happy to support them with their vision to improve the community.”