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The Community Foundation of the Bay Area
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These are unprecedented times. Now more than ever, we count on you, your commitment and generosity. To spark the recovery and help create a Bay Area stronger than yesterday, better than today, eager for tomorrow.

Join us and be a part of the solution.

This year we have seen change, courage, and leadership, both inspiring and sobering. The recession is on the wane, but the fallout and suffering from continuing unemployment, foreclosures, and decimated public services bring an urgency to our collective responsibility that calls us to action.

In response to the economic turmoil, we launched our Nonprofit Transitions Fund, and intensified our Safety Net grantmaking. Internally, we restructured, and decreased costs. In the coming year we will be implementing a new strategic plan, with a new focus, new structure, and always, with the end goal of more impact in the community.

The brevity of this streamlined annual report reflects our commitment to saving resources, both environmental and monetary. We hope as you read this report, and the complete story online at sff.org, you are moved to join us in changing the world for the better.
IN 2009, WE:

Received $113 million in bequests and donations from our donor partners.

Awarded 5,498 grants, totaling more than $80 million.

Welcomed 16 new donor advised funds with more than $15,407,236 from individuals, families, and groups.

Celebrated five inspiring local leaders with our Community Leadership Awards.

Honored eight exceptional college-bound high school students with the Koshland Young Leader Awards.

Remained steadfast in our commitment to address disparities and strengthen the rights and voices of the most vulnerable in our community.

Listened and responded to our community, surveying and interviewing 280 grantees and identifying areas of need including: Safety Net Services, Emergency Loans for Nonprofit Organizations, and Support for Organizations in Transition.

Co-chaired, with City Attorney Dennis Herrera, Mayor Gavin Newsom’s Community-Based Organizations Task Force and issued a report providing San Francisco with a roadmap for how to maintain core services for San Francisco’s most vulnerable, while reforming our nonprofit system.

Launched our partnership in the Community Leadership Project, a collaboration between foundations and communities of color to strengthen grassroots organizations and support low-income people and communities of color throughout the region.

Brought visibility to hard-to-count populations for the 2010 Census by strengthening local nonprofits’ visibility campaigns.

Partnered with a collective of 17 public and private education leaders to create a permanent campaign to promote San Francisco public schools.

Continued our investment in a full-service community school approach that supports families and communities to help children and youth succeed in school and provides opportunities for them to become confident, caring, and contributing adults.
Helped incubate community school sites in San Rafael, Richmond, Emeryville, Redwood City, and Half Moon Bay, and sustain community school networks in San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties.

Strengthened our engagement with regional leaders and White House staff to promote the holistic approach to issues of transportation, climate, housing, and energy in developing sustainable regions.

Launched the Strength from Within program to provide much-needed support to organizations devoted to grassroots organizing and addressing health disparities and environmental injustices.

Deepened our work on strategy to reduce global warming emissions, including policy change, climate justice efforts, and transit-oriented development initiatives.

United with philanthropic and public partners in the California Cultural Data Project, to provide the cultural community with data on arts and culture to help ensure their success.

Launched 510ARTS.com with our colleagues in the East Bay, an unprecedented partnership that shines a spotlight on arts and culture as proven catalysts for urban development, economic vitality, quality of life, and community sustainability.

Spotlighted 61 local artists – poets, writers, artists, photographers, printmakers, filmmakers, and videographers – with awards totaling $323,840.

Created our Program Related Investments fund to extend the reach of our assets in support of strategic priorities through loans to intermediary organizations.

Granted $600,000 to help the most vulnerable in the Bay Area meet their basic survival needs, including ensuring basic food, shelter, and crisis services for thousands of vulnerable families and seniors though our Emergency Safety Net Fund.

Worked diligently in partnership with our donors and nonprofit and public leaders toward securing long term solutions to housing and economic security.

Welcomed thousands of new and familiar visitors to sff.org, Donor Center, and Grantee Center.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Andy Ballard, Stephanie DiMarco, Vice Chair, David Friedman, Chair, Charlene Harvey, Sandra R. Hernández, M.D., Secretary, James Hormel, Tatwina Lee, Marcela C. Medina, Hugo Morales, John Murray, Kurt C. Organista, Ph.D., and Peggy Saika.
**Strategic Grants from Endowment Earnings**

- **Amount Granted**: $20.7 Million
- **Number of Grants**: 923

**Category Breakdown**

- **Community Development**: 20%
- **Community Health**: 19%
- **Environment**: 18%
- **Education**: 12%
- **Arts & Culture**: 13%
- **Social Justice**: 12%
- **Other**: 6%

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1 / Includes Art Awards
2 / Includes Koshland Civic Unity Program, Nonprofit and Philanthropy Sectors, Community Relations Mini-grants, and Holiday Grants
3 / Includes Religious; International, Foreign Affairs, and National Security; Philanthropy, Voluntarism, and Grantmaking; and Other. Categories defined by national standards.
### Advised Grants

**Amount Granted**: $59.7 Million  
**Number of Grants**: 4,575

### Grants Summary

**Fiscal Year 2009**

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DONORS ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE FOUNDATION’S WORK

Our donors’ commitment and vision for a better Bay Area will make a lasting impact. Here is a sampling of our approximately 500 donor funds. For a complete list of funds and trusts, please visit sff.org.
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AND THANKS,
AND EVER THANKS.

-William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

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