

Dear Friends,

We are writing to you because you are a valued partner with Community Foundation Sonoma County, and we want you to be among the first to know that Barbara Hughes will be retiring from the Foundation at the end of 2012. The Board of Directors is working on a succession plan that will keep Barbara engaged in the work of the Foundation for as long as needed to assure a smooth transition.

Under Barbara's steady leadership, the Foundation has accomplished much in these recent years. Through your generosity, we have seen an increase in assets despite a tough economic climate. To support our community for years to come, we have strengthened and diversified our investment portfolio. Working together, we helped to establish the Oliver Ranch Foundation as a supporting organization of the Foundation. In the next few weeks you will receive news about the creation of a new Sonoma County Scholarship Foundation. Barbara's devotion has helped the Community Foundation to grow and to respond to the changing needs of our community.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of our Board of Directors. Thank you for your continued belief in the great possibilities of our community.

Most sincerely,

Pete Golis  
Board Chair

It has been a joy and an honor to serve as President and CEO of the Community Foundation for the past three years. The Community Foundation is devoted to the lasting health, abundance and vitality of Sonoma County, the place we call home. Our work is possible because of you, our friends, donors, and nonprofit partners who support the people and places of our county in an infinite number of ways.

I have been spending more time on the east coast due to family needs and this will continue for the foreseeable future. I will retire at the end of this year to attend to those needs and will explore new ways to remain engaged in our community.

I am proud to have been a part of the Community Foundation story and to have had the opportunity to work with, and learn from, an unparalleled board and staff. The important work of the Foundation continues, and our staff is committed to maintaining the level of service and attention you expect from us.

Thank you. Your passion and commitment to Sonoma County unite us in powerful ways. I am deeply grateful for the important part that you play in the work of the Community Foundation.

Warm Regards,  
Barbara Hughes  
President and CEO