Donors & Legacy Gifts
Jeanne and Chip Allen
Peggy and Russell Bair
Janet Bouskard
Libby and John Brady
Karen Collins
Ashen Curry and Ann Work
Gemma Gallovin and
Theodore J. Cutler
Harrriet and Randy Derwingson
David E. Donnelley
Sandy and Dick Drew
Pat and Ted Eliot
Ellis-Leland Foundation
George and Phyllis Ellman
Scott Raymond Evans Foundation
Jeanette and Whitney Evans
Exchange Bank
Lou Gordon
Donna and James Halow
Tom Haesser and Antoinette Kubey
R. Stuart Hummel
Kiwamia Club of Sonoma Plaza
Margaret and Stephen Kyle

Sonoma Valley Fund Board 2010-2011
Harrriet Derwingson, President
Barbara Young, President Elect
Tom Haesser, Secretary
Donna Halow, Treasurer
Whitney Evans, Past President
Joe Aaron
Peggy Baer
John Brady
Karen Collins

Donors & Legacy Gifts
Jeanne and Chip Allen
Peggy and Russell Bair
Janet Bouskard
Libby and John Brady
Karen Collins
Ashen Curry and Ann Work
Gemma Gallovin and
Theodore J. Cutler
Harrriet and Randy Derwingson
David E. Donnelley
Sandy and Dick Drew
Pat and Ted Eliot
Ellis-Leland Foundation
George and Phyllis Ellman
Scott Raymond Evans Foundation
Jeannette and Whitney Evans
Exchange Bank
Lou Gordon
Donna and James Halow
Tom Haesser and Antoinette Kubey
R. Stuart Hummel
Kiwamia Club of Sonoma Plaza
Margaret and Stephen Kyle

Sonoma Valley Fund Advisors 2010-2011
Simon Blattner
Suzanne Brangham
Louann Carlomagno
Ashen Curry
Ted Cutler
Christiane Dohrmann
Richard Drew
Theodore Eliot, Jr.
Robert Erskine
Lou Gordon
Maggie Salenger Haywood

Sonoma Valley Fund Board 2010-2011
Harrriet Derwingson, President
Barbara Young, President Elect
Tom Haesser, Secretary
Donna Halow, Treasurer
Whitney Evans, Past President
Joe Aaron
Peggy Baer
John Brady
Karen Collins

Sonoma Valley Fund Board 2010-2011
Harrriet Derwingson, President
Barbara Young, President Elect
Tom Haesser, Secretary
Donna Halow, Treasurer
Whitney Evans, Past President
Joe Aaron
Peggy Baer
John Brady
Karen Collins

Sonoma Valley Fund Advisors 2010-2011
Simon Blattner
Suzanne Brangham
Louann Carlomagno
Ashen Curry
Ted Cutler
Christiane Dohrmann
Richard Drew
Theodore Eliot, Jr.
Robert Erskine
Lou Gordon
Maggie Salenger Haywood

Sonoma Valley Fund
Grants Committees 2010-2011
ELLMAN FUND:
Maggie Salenger
Haywood, Chair
Judith Bjorndal
Karen Collins
Susan Cook
Ethel Daly
Steve Kyle
Steve Pease

TODD FUND:
Loetta Carr
Harriet Derwingson
Dianne Edwards
Ted Eliot
Donna Halow
George Rathman
Dave Stollmeyer
Barbara Hughes
Robert Judd
Joe Valentine

Sonoma Valley Fund
Nonprofit Services Initiative
Karen Collins and
Donna Halow,
Co-Chairs
Gary D. Nelson
Steve Pease

Sonoma Valley Fund
Youth Initiative Council
Dick Drew, Chair
Ellen LaBruce,
Council Executive
Karla Conroy
Pilar Cruz
Carmenino Hawing

Community Foundation Sonoma County Staff
Barbara Hughes, President and CEO
Joe Valentine, Affiliate Relations Officer

Fund Balances as of December 31, 2010 (not audited)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR SONOMA VALLEY: $120,591
DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS: $516,071
NONPROFIT PARTNER FUNDS: $2,965,863
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS $3,602,525

Revolvable Promises to Give (estimated): $3,494,400
Note: Legacy or Planned gifts that are revocable are not included in financial reports

The Sonoma Valley Fund’s mission is to strengthen our community through philanthropy and legacy giving.
Grant Making in Sonoma Valley

In 2010, Sonoma Valley Fund, with Community Foundation Sonoma County, awarded $167,380 to the local community in grants and scholarships. Sonoma Valley Fund awarded seven grants from the George and Phyllis Ellman Fund totaling $30,500 to support a diversity of work.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

**Community Initiatives**

**A Focus on Youth**

Formed at the outset of 2010, the Coordinating Council for Youth Development in Sonoma began its work by assisting grade 4-8 students with activities that enriched their summers. The Council, with the aid of civic organizations, foundations and individuals, enhanced the school district’s newly structured summer school by providing support for study trips, expert guest instructors and teen mentors. It also offered over forty local summer activity scholarships for at-risk students. We give special thanks to the Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley, Exchange Bank, the Scott Raymond Evans Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Sonoma Plaza and for a number of individuals for their commitment to youth in Sonoma Valley, and for ensuring the success of the summer programs.

With continued focus on middle school students, the Youth Initiative’s coordinator recruited expert instructors and implemented diverse enrichment courses for over 300 students in two 2011 after-school sessions. These programs, designed in cooperation with the school district’s curriculum, enhance the overall learning experience, with the goal that youth choose to remain in school through graduation and are then ready for college and careers.

**Celebrating Community and Volunteerism**

Bouverie Preserve of Audubon Canyon Ranch was the spectacular setting for the Sonoma Valley Funds’ annual community celebration. The event attracted more than 200 community members to recognize and honor special volunteers, the 2010 “Sonoma Valley Stars,” selected by SVF’s Partner organizations. This special group of people demonstrates the true spirit of volunteerism in our community.

"This great project does something that many of us non profit leaders have been too busy to take on — lower our overhead costs by working with other programs. The analysis was helpful and the SVF follow up work is tailored to fit our specific situations. Some of what we found is so simple... I can’t believe we weren’t doing it already. Hopefully, this is the start of a collaboration, whereby we all can benefit from the experience and connections that SVF brings to the table."

— Richard Dale, Executive Director, Sonoma Ecology Center

"This initiative will reduce costs, facilitate collaboration, and hopefully lead to consolidation of nonprofit efforts."

— Gary Nelson, Nelson Personnel

**Assisting Valley Nonprofits**

Led by Sonoma Valley Fund’s NonProfit Services Initiative committee, a Stanford Business School pro bono Alumni Consulting Team (ACT) recently completed an analysis of 14 Sonoma Valley nonprofit organizations. The purpose of the study was to determine the feasibility of using pooled purchasing to reduce non-program costs. Through a combination of external research and interviews, the team sought to identify those opportunities with the highest probability for savings. Final recommendations were presented to nonprofit executive directors, board and finance chairs and were based on the potential size of benefit; ease of implementation; and sustainability.

The steering committee and ACT believe that findings could result in significant savings. Using a conservative prediction of 12% to 17%, combined savings could range from between $265,000 to $375,000. An implementation team continues to work with Sonoma Valley nonprofits via the Executive Director Roundtable and other one-on-one assistance, and the results of this initiative will be tracked over the next two years.

**Building Legacies**

**Sonoma Valley Fund Partners**

An important part of our mission is to support our Partners and other Valley nonprofits in their development of endowment and legacy programs. The goal is to build a secure source of funds in the future so that the important services and good work in our community can continue.

"I have been a supporter of endowment giving for many years and serve on the Endowment Committee of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley. I am proud of the success of the committee and the 17 members of our Heritage Circle who have made endowment gifts or pledges. During 2010 a legacy gift of $100,000 was received."

— Helen Fernandez

"Museums are places to let go of the everyday and let the imagination soar. If a single child comes into an exhibit and becomes inspired to come back again — or to value his or her own artistic senses — then we are doing something monumental. So it is with our Sonoma Valley Museum of Art. We want this place to be here for future generations — a small, but “smart” museum with the real intention and ability to inspire. What better way to make that happen than to partner with the Sonoma Valley Fund and join the SYMA Legacy Society."

— Gerry Snooker, Diane Krause, Kimberly and Simon Blattner

**Our Partners**

**Sonoma Valley Ellman Fund Grants**

**Auburn Canyon Ranch** — to restore degraded habitats, protect rare and endangered species and conduct the monitoring necessary to ensure that gains in habitat restoration are maintained.

**Blue Wing Adore Preservation Committee** — to produce a coordinated strategy/road map with California State Parks designed to galvanize public interest, complete essential studies, raise funds, and inspire a constituency for stabilization and reuse of this historic building.

**Building Legacies**

**Sonoma Valley Fund’s** unique role in our community as an affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County is designed to take advantage of the Community Foundation’s sound investment management of donor funds and the gift planning expertise of its staff. Community Foundation Sonoma County has operated for 28 years and currently manages nearly $150 million in assets.

During its initial three years, the SVF has put in place an outstanding Board and Advisor Team comprised of community leaders, partnered with 15 nonprofits to develop endowment and legacy programs, and sponsored educational forums. SVF’s legacy program promises to exceed $3 million, and funds invested for our fifteen nonprofit Partners exceed $2 million.

**Sonoma Valley Fund Partners**

An important part of our mission is to support our Partners and other Valley nonprofits in their development of endowment and legacy programs. The goal is to build a secure source of funds in the future so that the important services and good work in our community can continue. We decided to make a Legacy gift because assisting the Sonoma Valley Fund is in its important work in our own neighborhood is a high priority for us."

— Ted and Pat Ellet

**LANDPATHS** — to support Flowery Elementary School’s 3rd grade program, In Our Own Backyard, which connects students in the Valley through field-based activities and a grassland restoration project while supporting broad educational needs.

**Sonoma Community Center** — to support the installation of a 5,800-gallon rainwater harvesting system to reduce water pollution in Nathanson Creek and educate the community on water supply issues and landscaping alternatives.

**Sonoma Ecology Center** — to support the K-12 Watershed Education Project which delivers environmental content and outdoor experiences for over 1,000 students per year in 8 – 15 hour modules held in classrooms and field locations.

**Sonoma Land Trust** — to create two scenic overlooks along the Loop Trail at the Glen Oaks Ranch and to increase awareness of the natural resources of Sonoma Valley and promote greater appreciation of local conservation efforts.

**Sonoma Classical Music Society** — to support the work of the Sonoma Classical Music Society.

**La luz Center** — to support the installation of a rainwater harvesting system to benefit the center.

**Shoreline Center** — to support the work of the Center.

**Sustainable Sonoma Valley Initiative (SSVI)** — to support the work of the Initiative.

**Tatel Fire Protection** — to support the work of the Protection.

**Vista Museum** — to support the work of the Museum.

**Watershed Institute** — to support the work of the Institute.

**Sonoma Valley Museum of Art** — to support the work of the Museum of Art.

**Sonoma Valley Nonprofit Service IPA** — to support the work of the Service IPA.

**Sonoma Valley Environmental Consulting (SVEC)** — to support the work of the Consulting.

**Sonoma Valley Teacher Training Program (SVTTP)** — to support the work of the Program.

**Sonoma Valley United Way** — to support the work of the United Way.

**Sonoma Valley Vines and Roses** — to support the work of the Vines and Roses.