

In the face of these unprecedented times, we've found it helpful to focus on the things that matter and that are in our control. To that effect, we have been deploying our charitable dollars to support some of the non-profit organizations serving the communities where we live and work. Many of these non-profit organizations are on the front lines of providing real-time assistance to those who are most vulnerable and at-risk because of COVID-19.

The below is by no means an exhaustive or recommended list, but simply some of the local organizations we are supporting in this time of need. We have provided some additional information and a link to their sites for your reference. We have also provided a link to the League of California Community Foundations with COVID-19 relief funds to find the ones that may be local to you.

We would gladly welcome you to join us in our effort to Build a Wealthier Community. And if we manage a donor advised fund for you, we would be happy to help you facilitate a grant request to any organization you would like to support.

With gratitude,
The Wealth Architects Family

[Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills](#)

Website: www.csacares.org

CSA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to be the safety net for the most vulnerable members of its community. They offer services to individuals and families on low or fixed incomes, to those who are homeless, and to seniors (60+ years old). Their goal is to provide the basic necessities of life to those in need, including assistance with homeless prevention, food, and health checks for the elderly.

[Los Altos Community Foundation: 2020 Non-profit Relief Fund](#)

Website: https://lacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1780

Los Altos Community Foundation has opened up the 2020 Nonprofit Relief Fund to raise critical resources for immediate use by these nonprofits. LACF will immediately contribute and release \$40,000 in funding to be distributed between the following organizations:

- Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)
- Community Services Agency (CSA)
- Day Worker Center
- El Camino Health Foundation
- Health Trust
- MayView Community Health Center
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- WomenSV

Each has a grantee relationship with LACF, are established organizations in our communities, and can immediately put the additional funds to use in meeting critical needs.

With your assistance, LACF can help our local organizations navigate disruption to their operations, loss of income, and increased demand for their services as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Mountain View Public Safety Foundation

The Mountain View Public Safety Foundation will be distributing \$50 gift cards on three fronts:

1. They will be working with Community Services Agency to identify families most in need in the Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and use their distribution system to get the cards out in an expedient manner;
2. They will provide access to the gift cards to Police Officers and Fire Fighters who can then hand them out when they encounter families in difficult situations;
3. They will also be working with some of the schools to identify families that need help and do not receive other assistance.

Please mail your gifts to:
Mountain View Public Safety Foundation
Reference: Spring 2020 Cops and Gobblers
650 Castro Street, Suite 120-379
Mountain View, CA 94041

Palo Alto Community Fund: COVID-19 Relief Fund

Website: <https://paloaltocommfund.org/covid-19-relief-fund/>

Palo Alto Community Fund launched the COVID-19 Relief Fund which is investing \$100,000 immediately to help address critical needs for vulnerable people in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

With over 40 years of experience supporting local nonprofit organizations, the Palo Alto Community Fund is in a unique position to work with trusted partners to identify those in most need of help and to utilize our established nonprofit network to deploy funds quickly and effectively.

This first wave of Rapid Relief Funding will go to local nonprofits who are providing:

- Direct financial relief for struggling families
- food, healthcare, housing and support services to vulnerable people

Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley

Website: <https://www.shfb.org/health-and-safety/>

Second Harvest Food Bank's mission is to lead the community to ensure that anyone who needs a healthy meal can get one. This organization remains committed to its mission because they know that the most vulnerable community members are deeply and disproportionately impacted by public crises such as COVID-19. They are serving those who are vulnerable and at-risk, as well as partnering with other non-profit organizations to expand their reach.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation – COVID-19 Coronavirus Regional Response Fund

Website: <https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/coronavirus-fund>

Hosted by Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund will work with trusted lead partner organizations in the 10-county Bay Area region. The fund will provide operating grants to the organizations listed below, which have deep roots in the

community. These lead organizations, in turn, will support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO: Neighbors we expect to serve include some of the most vulnerable in our community, such as:

- Residents without health insurance and/or access to sick days
- People with limited English language proficiency
- Healthcare and gig workers
- Communities of color

WHAT: This regional fund will provide flexible resources and focus on basic needs: housing/shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance (determined by need).

WHERE: A network of trusted and effective community-based organizations are collaborating with lead partner organizations to meet the needs within each county.

HOW: Funds can be directed to specific counties. Undesignated funds will be distributed based on a calibration of needs (determined by input from local partners). Fund transfers will take place weekly once any designated county reaches a balance of \$10,000 or more.

IMPACT: This new fund expects to reach tens of thousands of Bay Area residents. Ongoing monitoring of progress and impact will ensure that funds are deployed as per strategic and public health guidance.

Contributors can choose to support any of the ten Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma) in their efforts to address issues associated with COVID-19, or national response efforts managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation.

YMCA of Silicon Valley

Website: <https://giving.ymcasv.org/campaign/ymca-of-silicon-valley-covid-19-response-fund/c278122>

YMCA of Silicon Valley has redeployed their wellness facilities and several of their school sites to be Community Response Centers. While details of all services are still developing, some early examples of this work include:

- **Critical Care for Essential Workers' Children** – They are working with hospitals, medical providers, first responders, and municipalities to repurpose our staff and facilities to provide emergency care for the children of medical providers and first responders. Starting on March 23, two sites with the collective capacity to serve 200 children will open at our El Camino YMCA and the Morgan Hill Unified School District. A third site will open on March 30 at our Southwest YMCA. These care centers will follow strict guidelines in accordance with the Public Health Department. As the need and funding becomes available, they anticipate additional facilities and staff will be redeployed to open even more sites.
- **Child Nutrition Sites** – When schools closed, many children and families lost access to healthy meals. The Y quickly partnered with Child Nutrition Services, Second Harvest

Food Bank, and several schools to distribute essential food to children and families in need through “drive-up and pick-up” stations. Today, 20 sites are providing more than 6,000 healthy meals daily – and this number is growing every day.

- **Blood Donation Stations** – The Red Cross is experiencing a severe shortage of lifesaving blood. The Y is currently working with the Red Cross to set-up stations for individuals to donate blood. The first station is anticipated to open at the South Valley branch within the coming week.
- **Hot and Healthy Meals for Seniors** – The Y is ensuring that their most vulnerable population impacted by COVID-19, older adults, still have access to healthy meals. Staff teams are making home-cooked meals, packaging them, and running them out to the cars of mobile adults and caretakers. More than 120 meals are currently being distributed daily at sites in Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

[League of California Community Foundations –COVID-19 Funds](https://lccf.org/covid-19-funds/)

To find your local Community Foundation that has created a COVID-19 Response Fund, please visit the League of California Community Foundations’ website:
<https://lccf.org/covid-19-funds/>

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