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Residents who sought out these Sonoma County nonprofits are now paying it forward by helping lift up others

The past few years have been particularly challenging for many Sonoma County residents. The coronavirus pandemic has impacted individuals, families and personal relationships, schools, hospitals and myriad businesses. The heightened need for mental health services, advocates and outlets

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for new experiences has been a powerful motivator for local nonprofits to keep serving our community.

The county is home to more than 3,000 registered nonprofits, each with individual missions to show up and cater to all who call on them. Through their commitment of time, funds and care, they have created a community that's grateful. And with that gratitude, comes the desire to pay it forward. This year's Sonoma Gives focuses on those individuals who have sought out county nonprofits and have since become a part of the mission to help.

Two women who were looking for a leg up found it in the California Human Development Corp. in Santa Rosa and have since joined the organization, which helps secure education, training, jobs and housing. Then there's the alumni from Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm who have taken the lessons they have learned from the unique school's curriculum and made it their life's work. Some nonprofits expanded their services while others continued their goal, such as helping mothers in recovery. While the creation of art and the outdoors have continued to be a safe haven for all.

These organizations would not be what they are without those they help and those who have reciprocated in kind.

MADELEINE SONE WILDLIFE PRESERVE



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Michael Wills, front, and Fred Loehr, members of the board of the Madeleine Sone Wildlife Preserve, walk the 1-mile Loop Trail at the 24-acre property in Sebastopol on Jan. 13.

Ever-lasting legacy of Madeleine Sone

Dutch woman left site of former commune-turned-wildlife-trail to Sonoma County hikers, nature

By **KATHLEEN COATES**
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

‘W’ildlife first” was the motto of the founder of the Madeleine Sone Wildlife Preserve, deep in a redwood canyon in rural Sebastopol. And she lived it deeply. Sone, who had a storied life that began in the Netherlands in 1929 as the daughter of chocolate factory magnate Theodore Driessen, realized relatively early on in life that she wanted to contribute to the public good. That, combined with her mother’s early teachings that wildlife should be protected, eventually led her to establish the preserve and its Loop Trail off Occidental and Furlong roads. A conservationist before it was trendy, she bought up acreage and organized a commune, cutting down only a few trees on the property for cabins and banning most tree cutting and construction with an environmental easement. Sone believed that humans could live in harmony with nature. And this little-advertised gift to everyone who lives in Sonoma County proves that to be true. “That was her big thing,” said former commune resident, Sone friend and secretary of the preserve’s board, Michael Wills. “We didn’t have to eliminate all people, that there would be ways for animals and people to live in the area.”

The many lives of Madeleine Sone

Sone grew up with her father, sister Helen and mother, Charlotte Lesdelean — who came from aristocracy — in a mansion with servants that was later occupied by Nazis and was later burned to the ground. She had three husbands, the first a professor, age 63, who had survived a concentration camp,



STEVEN DIVERDE, 2000

Madeleine Sone was born in Europe and moved to California in the 1960s. and the last, Forrest Sone, who had grown up in China and was a wood sculptor. When her first husband, Carolus Mennicke, died, she left her native Holland for the United States. She moved to New York City in the 1950s at age 29, where she became an abstract impressionist painter and musician. In the late 1960s, she moved to Los Angeles and then to the Bay Area. The Sones made good money buying, rehabilitating and selling dilapidated Victorian homes



CALIFORNIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



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Asucena Zetino received help from Santa Rosa-based California Human Development. She is now the immigration and citizenship senior case manager at the nonprofit.

Finding purpose in advocating

Employees sought out SR nonprofit's services themselves for immigration, housing help

By **DEREK MOORE**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

More than a decade after she left Mexico as a teenager, Asucena Zetino was living on the margins in Sonoma County, working menial jobs while trying not to draw attention to herself because of her undocumented status. Desperate to better her circumstances, she made an appointment for immigration counseling at Santa Rosa-based California Human Development. Three years later, and by then a married mother of two, she celebrated becoming a legal resident of her adopted country. "It changed my life completely," she said. "Honestly, in my mind I let go of a lot of fears that were keeping me from advancing in my life. Professionally. Personally. I had many, many, many barriers in my mind. Becoming a legal permanent

resident gave me back my wings." In 2016, Zetino applied for a part-time job as an administrative assistant at the CHD. Today, she is the agency's senior case manager in the immigration and citizenship division, which means she helps people whose fear she understands all too well. "It feels great to know I'm helping other people who were in my position," she said. "My job gives me purpose and meaning. That's what I do every day."

Paying it forward

Since its founding in 1967 as the North Bay Human Development Corp., many whose lives have been changed by the nonprofit agency have returned the favor by going to work there, or by taking what they have gained out into the world to help others.

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ART ESCAPE



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Teacher Susan Heeringa-Pieper works with students Olivia, 8, and Jovani, 9, during a Feb. 3 art class at Art Escape in Sonoma. Heeringa-Pieper also teaches an encaustic art group for ages 16 and up.

Encouraging creativity for all

Sonoma Valley nonprofit’s goal is to shrink cost and language barriers through tailor-made programs

By **KATHLEEN SCAVONE**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Tucked along Highway 12 there is an oasis for budding artists called Art Escape, a nonprofit organization whose mission is “art is for all.” And this Sonoma nonprofit’s mission is perfectly personified both inside and outside the unassuming yellow bungalow.

Case in point, located outside the building: Residents who frequent Art Escape know all about the Frida’s Art for All Box. This special box is where new or seasoned artists can find art supplies needed to create their next masterpiece. Items in the box are free to the public, and donations are always welcome.

It’s this reciprocation of give and take that keeps creatives of all ages and backgrounds coming back for more. Every year, more than 3,000 people participate in inclusive and engaging programs that allow them to cultivate their creativity, discover new mediums and find support at Art Escape.

One step inside the bungalow and guests are transported to a mixed-media art show of student work displayed on the silver and off-white walls. The regularly changing gallery is proof that creativity, inspiration and art come in many forms.

Continue through to find tons of supplies, a grand antique book press and an outdoor kiln set up in the back patio for glassblowing classes.

Artists respond to community’s call

Art Escape was founded in 2012 by a group of artists who wanted to create something special for the Sonoma Valley community. Janis Kobe, Gayle Manfre, Kate Ortolano, Thena Trygstad and the late Penny MacNaughton understood many in the surrounding neighborhoods faced barriers when thinking about attending a prestigious art school. Some of those included cost, language barriers and a shortage of culturally relevant offerings.

The team’s goal is to shrink those barriers as much as they can while creating tailor-made programs for all to have access to.

The programs Art Escape offers are free or low-cost, which is made possible by funding from the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation, individual and corporate donors.

“Art Escape is one of our key community partners providing culturally relevant, affordable and easily accessible arts programs that enhance both the educational and creative development of our children here in Sonoma Valley,” said Cheryl Shimek, co-president, Sonoma Plein Air Foundation Board. “We at the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation are proud to work with and support Art Escape’s efforts.”

Like many nonprofits in the community, Art Escape took action during the ongoing pandemic. They wanted to continue to give back to the community that has supported them all these years by distributing 3,000 art kits and crafts books to students as a way to keep their creative minds working.

Catering to young, creative minds

Since Art Escape opened its doors, over 18,000 students have learned from skilled instructors and artists alike. Some have become teachers themselves and are giving back to a new generation of creatives.

Some in that new generation are already attending the Teen Art Lounge.

The free program offers both an art and social experience for students ages 12-18. The group of teens tackle new projects including wood burn-



Olivia, 8, chooses a feather to draw during an art class Feb. 3 at Art Escape in Sonoma. Since Art Escape opened its doors, over 18,000 students have learned from skilled instructors. Some have become teachers themselves.

ing, large-scale painting and more. They are encouraged to work on their own projects, too.

Twice a month on Fridays, the group begins a session by creating their name tags, which they can also label with their pronouns. It’s a seemingly little act that creates a sense of mutual respect and expresses each person’s uniqueness that is celebrated within the group, along with art.

“Art is a vehicle for relationships and aids in forgetting about the events of the school day if needed,” Ortolano, co-founder of Art Escape said. “Here it is kindness that prevails.”

Tiny artists get inspired

There’s something special for little artists running around Sonoma, too, particularly on Wednesdays.

The classroom where Flowery School Wednesdays takes place is always charged with the electricity of 10 actively engaged third through fifth graders who have been released early from nearby Flowery Elementary School. Art Escape staff gathers the set of 10 students per month and lets the creativity flow.

Susan Heeringa-Pieper, a teaching artist who leads the class, likes to start with some fun warm-up activities like having the kids hold a graphite 6-B pencil in their non-dominant hand and drawing art’s five universal shapes, including circles, squares and triangles.

“For me, Art Escape gives me the freedom of being able to work with such young, enthusiastic minds, and the ability to create an open and creative curriculum,” she said. “As a teacher here, I can bite off more than I can chew, using different mediums, and the students are always willing to rise to the occasion and try new things.”

Free Friday is another after-school program offered to fourth and fifth grade students of El Verano Elementary School in Sonoma. The



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Chris Kughn, CEO of Buckelew Programs, pauses Feb. 5 in his Novato office. If you need mental health help, call 1-855-587-6373 or go to bucklew.org/services/suicide-prevention.

Saving lives through kindness during crisis

North Bay nonprofit offers mental health help for all through 24/7 hotline, new programs

By **MATT VILLANO**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

If you ever find yourself hopeless, if you ever feel irreparably despondent, if you ever get to the point where you're contemplating ending it all, rest assured that counselors affiliated with Buckelew Programs have your back.

These specially trained mental health professionals are the ones who answer the phone when you call the suicide crisis hotline from anywhere in the North Bay.

The hotline offers 24/7, free and confidential crisis support for callers having

thoughts of suicide, as well as for friends and family worried about loved ones who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts. Buckelew also supports the community at large by helping those with mental health issues who may or may not be considering suicide.

In short, the work saves dozens of lives each month and hundreds of lives a year.

These are a small fraction of the services the organization provides, according to CEO Chris Kughn. When Buckelew isn't providing services directly, the organization helps manage treatment or

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serves as a liaison between other agencies that can.

“We receive individual referrals from county behavioral health departments and provide A-to-Z support,” Kughn said. “Basically, we exist to make life easier for these people and their families.”

The nonprofit’s operating budget for 2021-2022 is around \$16.2 million.

Services for the community

Buckelew Programs provides many different services for adults and children in the North Bay.

Some of the services include managing supported housing and employment for people living with mental illness, supporting family members of those with mental health challenges, providing outpatient counseling, administering substance use treatment, conducting outreach, spearheading education, and, of course, offering suicide prevention.

As Kughn explained it, the organization also operates a 10-bed crisis residential facility.

Perhaps the biggest news in recent months has been Buckelew’s involvement with inRESPONSE, the multi-institutional program designed to treat mental health incidents like medical crises, not criminal ones. The program went live Jan. 11.

The inRESPONSE team is composed of the Santa Rosa police and fire departments, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Catholic Charities, Humanidad Therapy & Education Services and Sonoma County Behavioral Health. The team responds to emergency calls with a mental-health-first approach.

Buckelew works to coordinate them all and oversees a team that can respond to incidents immediately for 10 hours a day, seven days a week. It also provides “system navigators” to follow up with people and their families to make sure they receive assistance, care and wraparound services following a call.

John Cregan, captain in the Special Services Division at SRPD, said these services disrupt what insiders call a “cycle



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“Basically, we exist to make life easier for these people and their families,” said Chris Kughn, CEO of Buckelew Programs.

of psychosis” that usually ends with individuals in repeated distress.

In some cases, these services involve escorting people to appointments and meetings.

“So far community support has been positive — they are excited to see non-police response to mental health crises,” said Cregan, who has sat on the board of the local NAMI chapter for years. “Even our name — inRESPONSE — shows we’re trying to do a better job of giving the community what it needs. This is a step on the road to serving the community better, and Buckelew plays a key role.”

Expanding across North Bay

Buckelew began in 1970 as Buckelew Farms, Marin

County’s first community-based 24-hour facility serving area residents with a mental illness.

At the time, people who were diagnosed with mental illness were placed out of the county, where loved ones and family members couldn’t visit them.

Remote placements also made it difficult for patients to integrate into the community.

By opening a local facility for residents, Buckelew sought to change the dynamic, and he did. Over the next 30 years, the program quickly outgrew its home base and expanded its coverage area into Sonoma and Napa counties.

In 2011, Buckelew added the Helen Vine Recovery Center to its continuum of services. The following year, FSA Marin merged with Buckelew,

BUCKELEW PROGRAMS

Buckelew Programs is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Buckelew Programs’ mission is to promote recovery, resilience and hope by providing behavioral health and support services that enhance quality of life.

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creating one of the largest behavioral health organizations in the North Bay and established a full and integrated continuum of mental health and addiction treatment.

Today Buckelew has offices across the North Bay, and works in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties. The organization also manages some services in Mendocino and Lake counties.

“Our evolution over time is rooted in our belief that people can and do recover from mental health and substance abuse challenges,” Kughn said. “So long as there are people in need, we will do what we can to help them.”

Continuing the mission

One of the ways Buckelew provides the services it offers is by partnering with other social work organizations in the community.

These partnerships are on full display through the trailblazing inRESPONSE program. Most of these services are delivered in English, but as part of that effort Buckelew works with Humanidad to employ a counselor who is tasked to provide wraparound efforts to Spanish-speaking families as well.

Another example of how these relationships can work is the partnership Buckelew has with West County Community Services to provide support to those county residents who live west of Guerneville and east of Jenner.

Christy Davila, director of counseling and behavioral health, said Buckelew regularly feeds people into WCCS’s Peer Education and Training Pro-

gram, a 180-hour course completed over three months.

Once a “peer” completes the class, that person begins work on 80 hours of internship to become a peer-certified counselor — an unpaid position that pays out in experience, kindness and karma. These counselors go on to other jobs in the region, where they expand the network of service and help.

“It’s hard to find placements, and although this is an unpaid internship, it is a great opportunity and support to the recent graduates to have a place to practice the skills they have learned through the class,” said Davila, who noted West County Community Services has had three interns in the last three years. “It certainly helps them find a paid position.”

Mental health conversations

Looking forward, Buckelew will continue doing what it does best: helping people.

Because the inRESPONSE program is so new, Kughn said, it will remain a primary focus for most of this year. Cregan, with the police department, noted that the program expects to have two crews on call for 15 hours a day by the end of May and three crews offering 24-hour coverage by the end of the year.

Kughn said he is optimistic that as mental health becomes a larger and less stigmatized part of health care overall, Buckelew’s role will become even more important.

“People are talking about mental health in ways they’ve never discussed before — that openness and acknowledgment can only lead to greater response,” he said. “The innovative nature of the North Bay, the resiliency of the community, and the willingness of our partners to come together give me hope for seeing our communities get healthier and thrive.”

Buckelew also will host a big fundraiser on May 14.

The event, dubbed Bike4Buckelew, aims to highlight and bring awareness to Buckelew’s work across the region. The bash comprises a series of fitness challenges at Miwok Meadows and China Camp in Marin County; all registered attendees are welcome to attend a post-trail party in the woods. For more information, visit Buckelew.org.

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SUMMERFIELD WALDORF SCHOOL AND FARM



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Kalea Haye, 14, digs out weeds in a bed before planting asparagus in the garden Jan. 27 at the Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm in Santa Rosa. Students are given wide range to explore their internal and external worlds in accordance with the Waldorf philosophy, which fosters a child's innate interests and abilities.

Students, alumni are still inspired by big lessons

SR school's unique curriculum has helped many discover new passions; in some cases, their life's work

By **DEREK MOORE**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

While attending Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm west of Santa Rosa, Cameron Nielsen was stunned when a honeybee colony he painstakingly nurtured for his senior project suddenly and inexplicably collapsed.

For more than a year, Nielsen had visited the colony almost daily to check on the bees. But one fall morning, he found the hive empty, save for a few corpses.

"Being a first-time beekeeper, I was sensitive to the fact this was something I did wrong," he said. "But I did some research, and discovered honeybees are dying in large numbers."

The awareness had a profound effect on him. After graduating from Summerfield, Nielsen enrolled in a small college in Canada and filmed several documentaries about the plight of honeybees, including one that earned best documentary at the Sonoma International Film Festival.

Now, 26, and attending UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, Nielsen credits his time at Summerfield — and in particular, his capstone project with the honeybee colony — for inspiring him to pursue a career as an artist and environmental advocate.

"The teachers there have this sensitive ability to bring out the things you love, and it's very rooted in environmental issues because of being on a farm," he said.

Several current and former Summerfield students credited the school's teachers and unique curriculum for helping them discover their individual passions and, in some cases, their life's work.

The Waldorf philosophy

For nearly 50 years, the private, nonprofit school has offered families an alternative to public education and textbook-based learning and tests.



Julianna Sansone separates an asparagus root ball for planting in the garden Jan. 27 at Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm in Santa Rosa.

At Summerfield, students are given wide range to explore their internal and external worlds in accordance with the century-old Waldorf philosophy, which fosters a child's innate interests and abilities.

The Waldorf program was created after World War I by Austrian-born philosopher Rudolf Steiner at the behest of a German factory owner who sought alternative teaching for his employees' children in a world riddled with conflict and rigid orthodoxy.

Steiner introduced the concept of "anthroposophy," which has been described as "applying uniquely human abilities to develop clear thinking and a truthful perception of the world."

The model emphasizes the whole child through low-tech exploration of academics, the

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arts and nature. Summerfield’s rural Willowside Road setting is particularly well suited to the latter.

Founded in 1974, the school, which has been at its current location since 1980, is bordered by orchards, vineyards and dairies. Officials say it is the only California school that integrates a working biodynamic farm into the curriculum.

Students get hands-on gardening and farming experience while growing food for campus meals. This past fall, the bounty included more than 3,000 pounds of potatoes, 700 pounds of tomatoes and two tons of butternut squash.

Students also produce non-toxic dyes for yarn from indigo, madder, marigolds and other flowers and plants. The wool is sourced from the farm’s goats and sheep.

The 38-acre Summerfield campus is in a trust that requires the school to protect and nurture the land and wildlife in perpetuity.

Inspiration starts at school

Annual tuition ranges from nearly \$7,000 for preschool to nearly \$24,000 for upper grades. Current enrollment is 270, down from pre-pandemic levels of about 350. About 40% of students receive tuition assistance, according to school officials.

To graduate, Summerfield’s seniors have to provide 20 hours of community service, and according to school data, 83% of Summerfield students who have graduated in the past five years were admitted directly into four-year colleges.

Nielsen credits his “outside the box” Waldorf experience for nurturing his inquisitive mind. For his latest film project, he was planning to travel to Baja California to document scientists who are studying migration patterns of gray whales.

There are obvious differences from Nielsen’s work with some of the largest mammals on Earth and tiny buzzing bees. Nevertheless, he sees a common story arc connecting the two: namely, the decline of animal and insect populations worldwide and the urgent effort to identify the reasons why.



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Ninth grader Isadora Page prunes a fruit tree in the garden on the 38-acre Summerfield campus. Current enrollment at the school is 270.

Nielsen, whose film work is available on his website, said Summerfield had a “huge impact on the way I want to see the world.”

Whales also feature prominently in research conducted by Dawn Barlow, a 28-year-old Summerfield graduate who is finishing her doctoral degree in wildlife science at Oregon State University.

Barlow, who grew up in west Sonoma County and started attending Summerfield as an infant, recalled going on field trips to Bodega Head when she was older and an internship to collect and study krill, which are a main source of food for whales.

For her doctoral thesis, Barlow traveled to New Zealand with scientists who are studying the impacts of industrial activities on blue whales, such as oil exploration.

“Summerfield teaches students to wonder about the world, and when you wonder about something and learn about it, you care about it,” Barlow said. “And when you care about

something, that’s when you are moved to protect it, or better understand it.”

Environment, community

At the Summerfield campus on a recent winter afternoon, longtime gardening teacher Ronni Sands worked alongside a handful of teenage girls to transplant asparagus in the school’s permaculture garden.

“You know these roots want to be comfortable,” Sands said as she and the girls used hand trowels to remove weeds and loosen up soil in a planter box. “They don’t want to be scrunched up. Give them space.”

Nearby, 15-year-old Isadora Page pruned a goumi berry bush.

The ninth grader recently authored an article in the school’s newsletter on the importance of composting. In it, she debunked the commonly held belief that organic waste degrades in landfills (it does not), tied composting to being a good community member and noted her family raises chickens — “squawking beauties,” as she

referred to them.

“I’m interested in our environment and helping our community be more aware of what they can do to benefit that,” Page said with pruning shears in her hands.

Sands, who is celebrating 30 years of teaching and co-authored the book “Growing Sustainable Children: A Garden Teacher’s Guide,” said gardening, farming and similar outdoor pursuits offer students a path out of what she refers to as our modern-day “environmental crisis.”

“Our greatest hope is that our students become servants of the world, and that they see something that aligns with who they are and what their skills and talents are,” she said.

For Nielsen, the path is clearly marked by finishing the master’s program at Cal, making more films and bringing more awareness of environmental causes.

“I feel like that love of the natural world has sent me down this path through storytelling,” he said.

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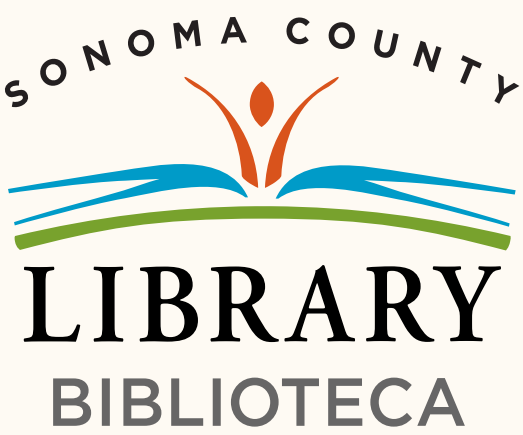
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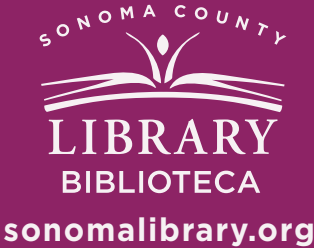


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in Oakland. At one point, they lived in a mansion between the Berkeley Hills and San Pablo Ridge. They also welcomed a son, Ilya.

An intentional community

Later, Sone decided she needed to get away from material things. She traveled to India in the mid-1970s, becoming a devotee of guru Nityananda after his death. She returned inspired to start an intentional community that coexisted with nature. She and Forrest purchased 35 acres in Sonoma County with pastures, hills and a redwood canyon and built a home with lots of windows and room for her pipe organ on a hill overlooking the land.

In 1978 she turned it into a commune called the Nityananda Farm. Residents paid about \$40 a month to live there in exchange for spending six hours a week growing vegetables, making meals, doing chores and otherwise maintaining the community.

Meanwhile, Sone was creating ponds on the property to attract waterfowl, newts, salamanders, all kinds of fish, turtles and other wildlife, something her mother had taught her. Although the interior of the now-24-acre parcel is not open to humans, it is populated by herons, occasional egrets, deer, skunks, opossums and raccoons, and in past years, Canada geese and wood ducks. At night bobcats and foxes have been seen.

“I’m afraid the wildlife is quite bashful,” said Fred Loehr, 71, who is president and treasurer of the board, handling the preserve’s \$33,000 annual budget and helping oversee the property along with Wills, 68, his husband.

Commune turned preserve

In 1979, Wills answered an ad he saw at the Organic Grocery in Santa Rosa about the commune. He and a friend, Richard, moved there seeking a freer lifestyle.

“I was looking for something a little different,” said Wills, who had thumbed his way from Illinois to California with friends. He drove his motorcycle to San Francisco three days a week to work as a medical transcriptionist, which gave him time for



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Redwoods grow along the 1-mile Loop Trail at the Madeleine Sone Wildlife Preserve in rural Sebastopol. About 250 people each month visit the preserve, which is also home to herons, deer, skunks, opossums and raccoons.

other pursuits. “It was a time of complete freedom.”

The redwood cabins at the commune were “little hobbit houses,” with wood stoves, he said.

A former resident of Nityananda Farm, Delora Porter, and her daughter, Meredith Porter, now serve on the Sone board. Kathryn Jurik, a retired kindergarten teacher who loves teaching children about nature, rounds out the five-member board.

Delora Porter recalled that residents of the farm called themselves the Nitwits, reflecting the name of the place.

“It was like a bunch of kids playing and exploring their lives,” she said. “We didn’t have TV or computers or radios, so we interacted a lot. I don’t think you could have a community like this today.”

Loehr, a retired software developer who met Wills after the commune era, is now deeply involved in the business of the preserve. With Sone’s help, he established the property as a nonprofit corporation under federal income tax law to protect and manage the land in perpetuity. She left the land to the

nonprofit in her will.

Madeleine had a “strong personality, and it wasn’t appreciated by everybody,” Wills said, although he handled administrative duties for free rent and always got along with her. “But her heart was always in the right place.”

Wills, who is retired from a career in computer graphics, said he got tired of “all the drama” — squabbles at weekly meetings over phone bills and chores — at the farm. When he and his friend arrived, there were a total of eight people living there, and when he left in 1981 there were 28.

A real feeling of peace

The death knell of the commune came in 1982 when Sone held a religious retreat for followers of Nityananda’s successor, Muktananda. He had an ashram in Oakland, and some of them camped on neighboring residents’ property, Wills said.

“They called the county and that was it,” he said of the neighbors.

Sone shifted her focus, renting out a cabin, half her home and other structures with the proper permits. She then concentrated on creating the public Loop

Trail, a 1-mile slightly hilly hike on the perimeter of the property. Now the cabins have mostly disintegrated amid the trees, ferns and sorrel growing freely alongside the trail and meandering streams. It’s quiet except for the occasional squawk of a bird.

On a recent hike, Wills and Loehr talked about Sone and the place that is her legacy. The forest of redwoods, bay and oak trees was still, backlit by a light gray sky and an occasional glint of sunlight. Bright green lichen covered fallen trees.

About 250 people visit each month. So many who come “get that real feeling of peace” from the trail, Wills said. They arrive unsolicited to cut down trees that have fallen across the path and volunteer for general cleanups. No one ever leaves trash. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Families or hikers of various skill levels can now enjoy the trail overlooking the 11-acre pasture, which was sold after Sone’s death to someone with environmental interests to settle the estate. And children who walk on the Loop Trail are awestruck, Porter said.

“I see their eyes really open

MADELEINE SONE WILDLIFE PRESERVE

The Madeleine Sone Wildlife Preserve is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The purpose of the corporation is to manage and care for the preserve in perpetuity with the values that Sone espoused.

Location: 300 Ryan Ranch Road, Sebastopol

Parking: In the paved area immediately as you turn in from Furlong Road

Loop Trailhead: Starts to the left of the paved drive, ends by walking down the same drive. One mile through a small redwood canyon, 30-minute walk, easy, but there is a small ladder to climb.

Rules: Do not approach private residence. Dogs are not permitted. No partying allowed in the public parking lot.

More information: sonepreserve.org

Where to donate: Sone Preserve, P.O. Box 628, Graton, CA 95444 or sonepreserve.org/donate

wide,” she said.

Lasting gift to the county

As Sone’s life grew to a close and she began to have dementia, Wills and Loehr cared for her, then volunteered to arrange for her care in a facility and handled maintenance and administration, including renting her house, now home to a 13-member family.

Sone died in 2016.

Plans for the preserve simply call for maintaining the trail but one day could include turning the home into a visitor or retreat center. Donations pay for all upkeep and improvements. Someday an organization will need to be hired to run things.

“The main thing is to keep (the preserve) an open space,” Porter said. “A lot of the area is dominated by vineyards, and Madeleine didn’t want that.”

At one point in the hike, the two men stopped at the “fairy circle” of redwoods where Sone’s ashes were spread.

“Our goal is to preserve the property and see it used the way Madeleine wanted it to be used,” Wills said. “This is Madeleine’s gift to the county, and hopefully it will stay that way.”

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WOMEN'S RECOVERY SERVICES

A safe haven for women's recovery

Some who have gone through the program join staff to help so families can stay together

By **SUSAN MINICHELLO**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

About a decade ago, Amy Eldridge-Chipman's life hit rock bottom. She was suffering from alcohol and methamphetamine addiction, homeless and pregnant with her second child when her sister died suddenly. Eldridge-Chipman gave birth a month after receiving the devastating news, and at the hospital social services took custody of her baby. Before she could understand her custody case, she went back to the streets, where she told friends what happened.

"One lady on the street said, 'What you do is you go to WRS, I have their number in my phone.' When I called — and I'm probably going to cry — they said, 'We have a bed available.' I said, 'I'm there' and came in the next day before I even had court," she said.

WRS is an acronym for Women's Recovery Services, a nonprofit organization in Santa Rosa founded in 1975 that provides residential addiction treatment for women, with an emphasis on mothers. Its mission is to break the cycle of addiction and reunite women like Eldridge-Chipman with their children — not just mitigating effects of addiction, but also teaching life skills to empower women and to keep families together long-term.

"We have love, concern and compassion for our sisters, our mothers, our

aunts. Whoever they are, they are in our community. These are people who are living right next to you. They're not a throwaway. They have a face, and they have a name, and they didn't wake up one day thinking, 'Oh, I want to be an alcoholic or an addict.' But here we are," said Diane Madrigal, WRS executive director. "So, what would we do to help them recover if they want to recover? If they sincerely are reaching out to you, then here's that opportunity to give them as much as we can, so that they can help themselves."

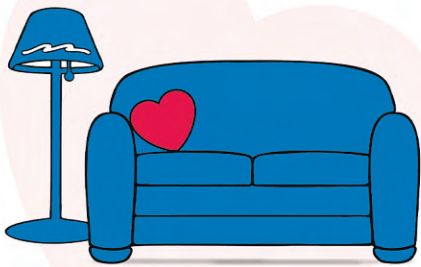
'I can get some help'

The residential treatment program is 90 to 120 days, followed by eight months of aftercare where case managers continue to check in with clients. Women and their children can also be eligible to live in transitional housing for up to two years. WRS has transitional housing that includes 10 bedrooms in three homes for women and their children.

Between 2016 and 2020, there were 179 women who completed the program and 206 children were reunited with their mothers. The organization's annual budget is \$1 million, according to Jody Edwards, a board member of nine years.

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each year are reunified with their sober healthy mom” because of the program, Edwards said.

“Maybe you’re thinking, ‘If they’re out and they’re using and they have their babies, how much could they care?’ But addiction is so disastrous in the sense that it takes away some of those abilities of making the best choices for themselves and their children,” Madrigal said. “So, given a little moment of reprieve in a safe setting that they can bring her baby with them and get the help that they need is like a deep breath, an exhale. I’m here. I’m safe. I can get some help.”

Giving back to others

Eldridge-Chipman’s own path of addiction started in adolescence when she was overwhelmed with feelings and used sugar to cope. Eventually she had years of alcohol use, injecting methamphetamine and crashing on friends’ couches.

“I wanted to change the way I felt. I didn’t like my feelings. And I found substances and friends that would sign that behavior off as being cool,” she said. “I did a lot of damage to my family relationships. I was basically a missing person.”

WRS was a safe space for Eldridge-Chipman where she received treatment and was reunited with her baby. She recently remarried and lives with her spouse and her younger daughter, now 10, in Rohnert Park. Additionally, she worked to repair her relationship with her adult daughter and she obtained an associate’s degree in advocacy.

Eldridge-Chipman has been sober for several years and is currently employed as a case manager at WRS, where she’s following her passion helping women who are overcoming addiction and figuring out their individual needs.

“Addicts are very diverse, and some are highly functional,” she said. “I have to start at the beginning when assessing what their needs are.”

Finding hope in stories

She’s not the only WRS employee who went through the treatment program. The organization’s admissions director, Jennifer Wallace, recovered from



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WRS executive director Diane Madrigal, from left, director of admissions Jennifer Wallace and lead case manager Amy Eldridge-Chipman.

addiction at WRS from late 2012 to early 2013. Her son was 6 years old at the time and stayed with her.

“While I was here, not only did I get to learn tools on how to cope with my addiction and get recovery, but I also learned parenting skills and how to be present for my child. And to be able to do that with him while I was still in treatment I feel is a very vital part of this program,” Wallace said. “I was still healing and learning how to just be a person, and to be able to integrate that with my son while I had the support and the structure was super helpful for us.”

Wallace’s current work involves admitting new women to WRS, overseeing case managers and overnight staff, and implementing program policies.

Wallace said her favorite part about the program is helping mothers successfully reunite with their children.

“That’s what really draws my heart to this program is every day I’m helping women get into treatment and helping them co-ordinate either having their children with them or getting visits with their children,” Wallace

said. “The disease of addiction doesn’t just affect the person, but also the people around them and especially the children.”

Her life experience helps her relate to the women currently in the program, and her success story gives hope to women in the throes of addiction treatment who may be scared of what their future holds.

“I always tell them, if I can do it, you can do it, which is so true because I’ve seen it work for me and I’ve seen it work for other people,” she said. “In my heart I truly feel like this program gave me my life back.”

Trauma-informed approach

When the coronavirus pandemic hit in March 2020, one change was a pause in allowing volunteer mentors on site to reduce the number of people congregating. Edwards said they are open to having volunteers return. Mentors go through a training process and help women in the program with a variety of things, from teaching new recipes to driving them to appointments.

Another change was Madri-

gal’s appointment to the executive director position in December. She has decades of previous experience, including eight years as a section manager for Sonoma County Substance Use Disorder Section of Behavioral Health and 12 years as the program development manager for Valley of the Moon Children’s Home.

“I learned so much from her. It’s been a real blessing to have her here. It’s been a really easy transition,” Wallace said of Madrigal.

A critical component of WRS is its state certification of Dual-Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment, which allows the organization to treat addiction and mental health issues simultaneously.

“We’re very trauma-informed in the way we approach our clients. Sometimes with addiction issues there are so many different traumas that have occurred to our folks, especially women,” Madrigal said.

Trauma seen in clients includes emotional, physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, poverty, grief, medical issues and adverse childhood effects.

WOMEN’S RECOVERY SERVICES

Women’s Recovery Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. WRS’s mission is to break the cycle of addiction for women in a safe residential setting, allowing them and their young children to live together while learning the life skills necessary to become strong, responsible contributors in their communities.

Location: P.O. Box 1356, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Children’s program: [womensrecovery.org/our-children](https://www.womensrecovery.org/our-children)

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Waldridge-Chipman said witnessing the transformation of women in the program over the course of three or four months is amazing. “They start to glow and it’s really beautiful,” she said.



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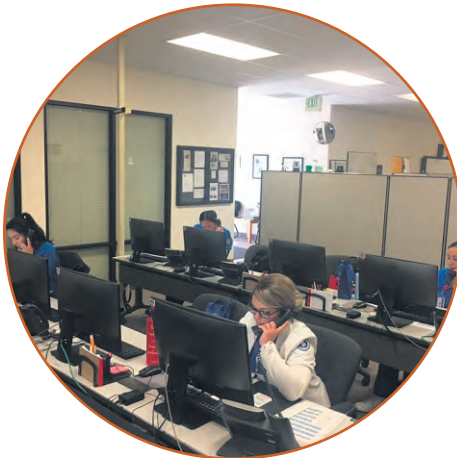
VOLUNTEER WHEELS

Volunteer Wheels helped shuttle people safely to evacuation sites during the Northern CA fires and is also assisting with transport to vaccine appointments in Sonoma County during the pandemic.



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

In addition to CVNL’s flagship Excellence In Leadership Program (ELP) we launched a new series specifically for nonprofit managers, Management Essentials – A Roadmap for managing people, to help nonprofit leaders and managers succeed.



DISASTER RECOVERY

We created a hotline for seniors in Solano County to conduct wellness checks, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support those affected by the fires, and were part of an initiative to build resiliency in vulnerable communities at high risk for wildfires and other disasters.



COURT REFERRAL

In the 2021 year the Court Referral program matched over 2,100 volunteers in our community to complete 60,000 volunteer hours of impact in our community!



HEART EVENTS

We launched the first annual Heart of Sonoma County in June 2021, adding to our growing Heart of Marin and Heart of Napa events. Heart Events recognize the work of nonprofits, leaders, and volunteers and awarded over \$92,000 back to local nonprofits.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Showing up for mental, physical health

Editor’s note: With changing conditions at the county and state level around the coronavirus pandemic, it’s always a good idea to call ahead or look online before heading out to an event. Please plan ahead and confirm events are still taking place as planned. Be sure to also check each event’s requirements for regarding vaccinations and mask requirements.

ONGOING

Monthly Adult Talking Circle: Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc.’s monthly event focus on a space for community healing, peer support, self-care strategies and more via Zoom. 3-4 p.m. every first Thursday and 6-7 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. To sign up, contact aupevents@scihp.org, 707-521-4559. <https://bit.ly/3qUlthB>

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, FEB. 26
Doodle Drawing Workshop at Goatlandia Farm Animal Sanctuary: The event takes place at Goatlandia. After learning basic doodle patterns on practice paper, we will move onto professional card stock for personalized greeting cards. Create a pattern of our farm animals, or make your own design. Wear appropriate clothing for working outdoors on tables. Drinks and light snacks provided. Art instructor, Connie English, is donating all proceeds from this workshop to Goatlandia Farm Animal Sanctuary. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. \$50. Goatlandia, 2336 Olivet Lane, Santa Rosa. <https://bit.ly/3HziUhr>

SUNDAY, FEB. 27
Youth and Young Adult Heart Screening: West County Health Centers is offering all youth and young adults ages 12 to 25 to participate in Via Heart Project’s free heart screening event. All participants must be registered in advance. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. SRJC Petaluma, 680 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma. Free. <https://viaheartproject.org/screenings>

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
Sonoma Valley Community Health Fair: Sonoma Valley Community Health Center’s free event will provide health services and information with an emphasis on the needs of underserved communities. Local and county organizations will offer information on health insurance enrollment, emergency preparedness kits, free flu shots and more. Activities include entertainment, a kids’ corner, a DJ, Ballet Folklorico Quetzalen, Ohtli Yolilitzli Aztec dance group and Vintage House Ukulele group. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Free. Altimira Middle School, 17805 Arnold Drive, Sonoma. For more information, contact the Community Health Center at 707-939-6070, ext. 112, or email at events@svchc.org. <https://bit.ly/3nUCY4l>

MARCH 3-6
Just Between Friends Kids & Maternity Consignment Event: Just Between Friends North Bay twice yearly event where clothes, shoes, toys, books, games, baby gear, Halloween costumes, holiday outfits and more are for sale. 9 a.m. (limited capacity) to 7 p.m., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. March 3-6. Free-\$10. Grace Pavilion, 1350 Bennett Valley Road Santa Rosa. For more information, contact Jennifer Hundley at 707-456-7523 or jenniferhundley@jbfale.com. northbay.jbfale.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
Music Night for the Living Room: A fundraiser for the Living Room featuring New Beau, O.K., Quest Clown and Ava Stubblefield. The Living Room serves Sonoma County women and their children who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. 8 p.m. Friday, March 4. \$10. The Phoenix Theater, 201 Washington Street, Petaluma. <https://bit.ly/3uyw6Zy>

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
Snoopy Meditation And Yoga: Charles M. Schulz Museum’s yoga event will include playful yoga and gentle stretching, preceded by a walking meditation through the Snoopy labyrinth, led by instructor Elizabeth Smith. Intended for ages 16 and up. 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19. \$25 (members receive 20% off). Charles M. Schulz Museum, 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa. <https://bit.ly/3zwg7Qg>

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
Familias Al Aire Libre / Families Outdoors: Join the Sonoma Land Trust for a bilingual family nature walk. Each month we visit a different park with nature guides. Fun for all families. Transportation available. The group will caravan to the park together. Bring a picnic lunch and water. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 26. Free. Laguna de Santa Rosa, 822 Fifth St. Santa Rosa. Familias al Aire Libre/Caminata Bilingüe Para Toda La Familia. Para más información contacte a Mirella: 707-324-3525 o mirella@sonomalandtrust.org. <https://bit.ly/3KHxVsY>

APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
Healdsburg en Blanc: Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin, Healdsburg and Geyserville Clubs, is seeking your support for our 18th annual dinner and auction. This event benefits our Healdsburg and Geyserville Clubs that serve almost 600 children and teens every year. Join us for dinner, drinks, and live and silent auctions. 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23. \$500 and up. <https://bit.ly/3nUvM3i>

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 14
4Cs 50th Year Anniversary Gala: Community Child Care Council of Sonoma Co., also known as 4Cs, is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. The event’s theme will be 1950s Hollywood. 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Villa Chanticleer, 900 Chanticleer Way, Healdsburg. Price TBD. <https://bit.ly/3qXKDMr>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
Puente y Ganas: Los Cien’s dinner celebrating and recognizing Sonoma County’s Latino bridge builders and champions. The event will include food from Octavio & Pedro Dias, live entertainment and award ceremony. 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, Santa Rosa. \$45. For more information contact Monica Avina at monica.avina@loscien.org or call 415-320-4559. <https://bit.ly/344qBqe>

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2
19th CSRG Charity Challenge: Northern California’s Classic Sports Racing Group will hold its 19th annual Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway. The event will include all the usual CSRG race groups, with vintage and historic race cars dating from the 1930s to the 1990s. CSRG will follow current COVID restrictions imposed by Sonoma Raceway and local government. Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Sonoma Raceway, 29355 Arnold Drive, Sonoma. CSRG requires all drivers be either a full racing member of CSRG, or a single-event member. \$75-\$150. For more information, contact Geoff Pitts, race director, at race.director@csrgweb.org 530-559-2554 or Petey Thornton, administration and chief registrar, at registrar@csrgweb.org, 415-256-9762. <https://bit.ly/3GsDoko>



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Herman J. Hernandez addresses the crowd during a Los Cien event. The nonprofit is hosting Puente y Ganas from 6-9 p.m. on May 18 at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa.



CHRISTOPHER CHUNG / THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, 2020

Sonoma County Indian Health Project chief executive officer Betty J. Arterberry, left, and chief operations officer Silver Galleto at their facility in Santa Rosa. The nonprofit offers a monthly event for community healing, peer support, self-care strategies and more via Zoom.



JOHN BURGESS / THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Goatlandia Sanctuary founder Deborah Blum, left, and assistant Alana Eckhart say hello to their herd of rescued dairy goats at the farm outside Santa Rosa. On Feb. 26, Goatlandia Farm Animal Sanctuary is hosting a Doodle Drawing Workshop from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

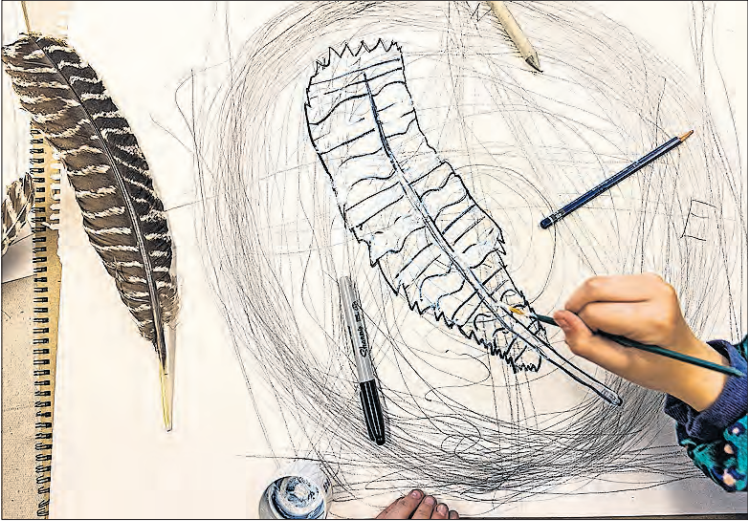
CREATIVITY

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young artists meet one to two times a week. Mini Makers caters to those even younger. Beginning in March, the \$15 four-week program will be taught in Spanish and offers children ages 2 to 4, along with their parents, an opportunity to make art together. “The projects we do are sensory based and let the kids explore color, texture, building, gluing, cutting and lots more,” said Bertha Paredes, Mini Makers teacher. “The program is fully bilingual. It’s also an opportunity for parents to create alongside their child. Art Escape is a place where they can get totally messy and try out materials they may not have access to at home.”

Something for everyone

Heeringa-Pieper also teaches an ongoing encaustic art group for ages 16 and up. The cost of the class is \$30. Encaustic art is an ancient painting method utilizing pigment and wax. Before the pandemic, class sizes ranged from 12 to 14 students. Another program is called



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Students paint a feather over an abstract drawing using their non-dominant hand during an art class at on Feb. 3 at Art Escape in Sonoma.

Space to Create. Students explore an art tool kit enveloped within a lovely wood box along with QR-coded instructions on how each item in the box can best be utilized. Supplies include protractors, specialty pens, pencils, an artist’s palette and a board to store ongoing projects. This program teaches students how to bind a book — a book for journaling, collages and any other art mediums they want to explore — using a grand antique

book press. Art in the City is an ongoing program for older students that centers on learning about art and culture on field trips to San Francisco. In November, the group visited the Legion of Honor, and the next scheduled trip is to the Asian Art Museum’s show “Seeing Gender: The Complexities and Nuances of Gender Across Asian Art.” “Relationships are built

ART ESCAPE

Art Escape is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The purpose of the organization is providing programs that nurture talents and encourage confidence, individuality and civic spirit. “Through the generous support of our donors and community, we continue to open new worlds of creativity, possibility and hope,” the nonprofit states on its website. **Location:** 17474 Highway 12, Sonoma **Classes:** artescapesonoma.com/classes **More information:** artescapesonoma.com **Where to donate:** artescapesonoma.com/donate-to-art-escape

throughout the various programs,” said Ortolano, who is the idea-maker for classes and curriculum. “Traveling to San Francisco is an eye-opener for many, since some have never been outside of Sonoma County.” **Vital work continues** The myriad projects both ongoing and completed by Art Escape are impressive. A continuing mosaics workshop allowed El Verano Elemen-

tary School to be the recipient of a colorful planter project that enlivens the school’s garden and courtyard with bits of tiles placed just-so after an in-depth planning and design process. Then there is the brightly hued Boyes Hot Springs mural. The 15-by-60-foot piece was created by local teens and guided by street artist Chor Boogie of San Rafael to honor Sonoma Valley and the Latino community. The untitled work depicts the springs, vineyards and representations of Día de Los Muertos, and can be found on the Republic of Thrift store on Highway 12. The staff at Art Escape understand the power of art provides a unique ability to span cultures, gender and ability, while lending itself to across-the-curriculum exercises. It’s no small feat that in these changing times, Art Escape delivers vital lessons that expands its reach and impact far beyond the classroom with its commitment to provide nurturing programs that inspire individuality, confidence and inclusivity. “This space inspires a lifelong impact in fields ranging from engineering to fine arts, since art transfers to many different fields,” Ortolano said.



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PURPOSE

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Emila Aguilar, who immigrated in 1986 to California from the Philippines, ditched her job in the world of finance to go to work for CHD because she wanted something that “works from the heart.”

Later, she became a member of the CHD board and its most immediate past president.

Now retired, she said immigrating to California was “a challenge in the sense I had to start all over again. CHD gave me that chance, and so I thrived. I am very thankful.”

Thomas Stuebner, who came out of retirement to take the helm as the organization’s CEO, said he senses employees’ desire to work for the agency goes well beyond earning a paycheck.

“They really believe in what they do,” he said.

It’s been that way from the earliest days of the organization. More than a half-century ago, farmworker turned social worker George Ortiz and Catholic monsignor Gerald Cox joined forces with immigrant and winery worker Aurelio Hurtado and attorney Louis Flores to launch what would become CHD.

Thankful for support

Its mission was to assist farmworkers and others who struggled with poverty and injustice.

“We were angry, sick and tired of the way the system was treating us as citizens and human beings,” Ortiz said in 2004 to The Press Democrat. “So we did something about it.”

The nonprofit started with a \$120,000 federal War on Poverty grant to provide job training in five Northern California counties. It grew under Ortiz to become one of Sonoma County’s largest nonprofits.

Today, the CHD is a vast operation working on multiple fronts: jobs and job training, encouraging immigrants to become citizens, disability services, substance recovery and affordable housing. It operates across the state and has a presence in 31 Northern California counties.

The organization serves 25,000 people a year and has an annual budget of about \$20 million derived from a combination of government grants and sponsorship by large nonprofits. Its largest contributor is the U.S.



Fulton Day Labor Center volunteer Monse Torres, right, helps Redwood Empire Food Bank worker Arturo Ornelas load a box of food into a truck on Jan. 18 in Fulton. California Human Development dispenses food twice a month from the Fulton Day Labor Center.

Department of Labor, which provides roughly \$4 million for workforce development and farmworker services.

Funding is a perennial challenge and fluctuates depending on government priorities, Stuebner said.

“The reality is sometimes it gets kind of scary, but maybe that’s the way it should be just because life for our clients is really scary,” he said. “We don’t expect it to be easy.”

Work is soul satisfying

Stuebner said he wants his organization to focus on helping people advocate for themselves.

“Some people have a lot of compassion and say, ‘I want to help that poor person.’ I want you to help that person help themselves. They have something to give back to the community,” he said.

The CHD offers vocational training and language classes. It’s also had success building affordable housing, notably with Ortiz Plaza, a 30-unit, two-bedroom apartment complex on Old Redwood Highway that was



Luisa Fernandez is a controller at California Human Development.

approved and completed four years ago. It sold out immediately and has a waiting list.

The agency is now hoping to get Phase II, with 38-units on adjoining land, approved.

For Zetino, the work is deeply soul satisfying, and reflects how far she has come from the small central Mexico town where women were expected to work at home or in the fields.

When she arrived in Salinas Valley on the central California coast at the age of 15, Zetino spoke little English and had no friends at school. She said it took years for her to finally realize that she would never be going back home, and that her only way forward was in California.

Now 41, she recently enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College, where she plans to study polit-

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ical science and earn an associate’s degree. From there, the opportunities are endless.

“For a big part of my life, I felt lost,” she said. “But this is it. I can do anything.”

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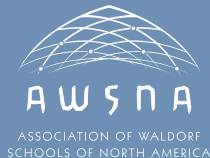
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2 Santa Rosa Community Health Centers: Santa Rosa, \$78 million. Eight centers that provide primary health care and health education to underserved people in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. 707-303-3600, srhealth.org

3 Rural California Broadcasting Corp. KRCB-TV Channel 22: Rohnert Park, \$67.1 million. Provides educational television and radio broadcasting in Northern California. 707-584-2000, krcb.org

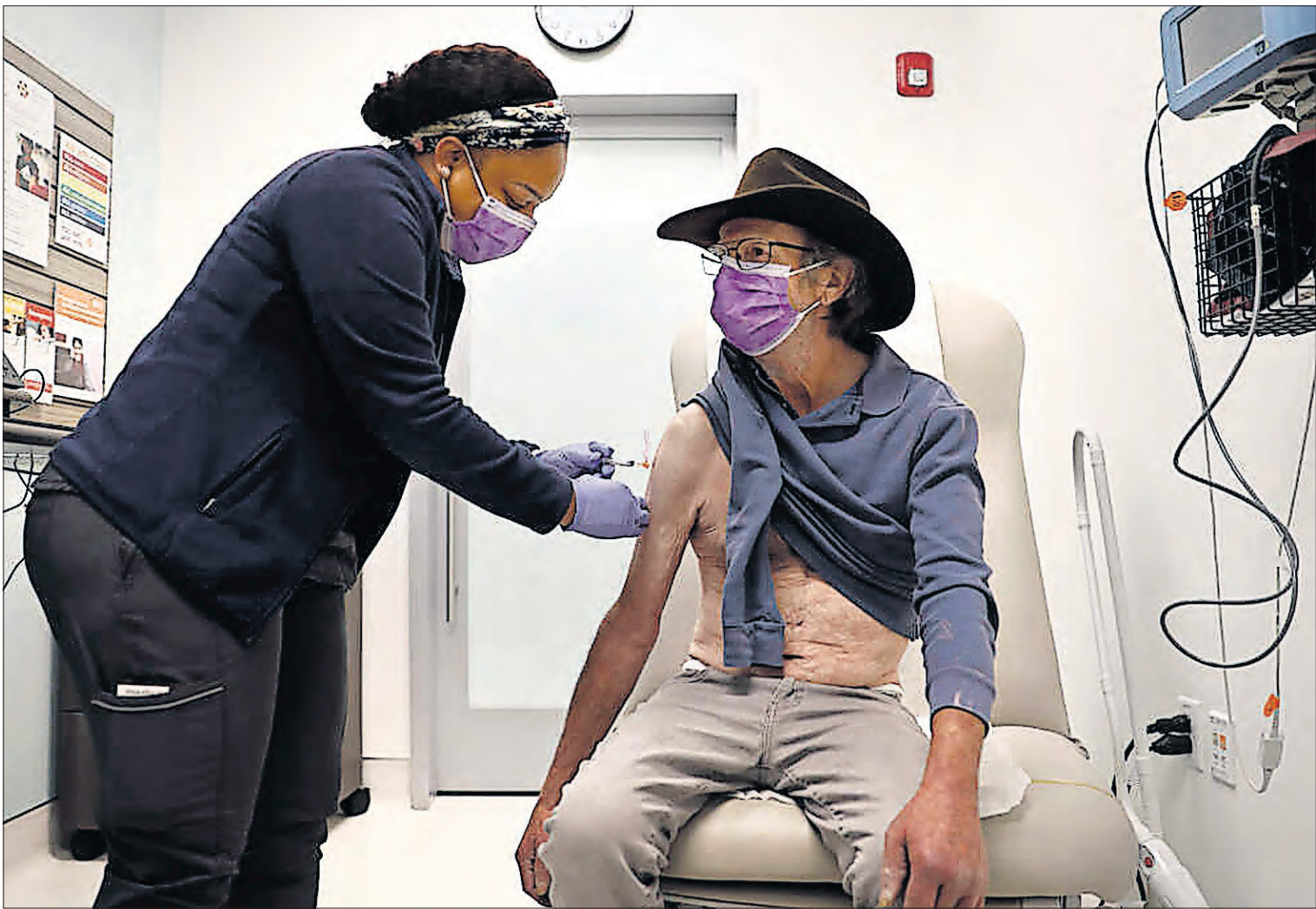
4 Kids for the Kingdom Inc: Graton, \$52.9 million. Empower and equip indigenous teams around the world to transform the living conditions and spiritual lives of disadvantaged children and their families so they can transform their village, people group and nation for Christ. 707-829-5504, kidsforthe kingdom.org

5 Petaluma Health Center: Petaluma, \$43.8 million. Primary medical care for all ages, regardless of ability to pay. 707-559-7500, phealthcenter.org

6 Sonoma State University Foundation: Rohnert Park, \$39.8 million. Receives and administers endowment gifts and planned giving that enhances and promotes Sonoma State's educational mission. 707-664-3251, sonoma.edu

7 Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation: Santa Rosa, \$37.7 million. Raises funds to support programs, scholarships, facilities, and special projects of Santa Rosa Junior College. 707-527-4348, santarosajc.edu/foundation

8 Redwood Empire Food Bank: Santa Rosa, \$37.6 million. The largest hunger-relief organization



SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: Craig Mohammed gets his flu vaccine from registered nurse Tanya Joseph before getting his Pfizer booster shot in November at the Santa Rosa Community Health -Vista Campus in Santa Rosa.

serving north coastal California from Sonoma County to the Oregon border. 707-523-7900, refb.org

9 St. Joseph Home Care Network: Santa Rosa, \$37.1 million. Provides in-home nursing care, therapy, social services and personal assistance. 707-206-9124, stjoseph-homecare.org

10 Canine Companions for Independence: Santa Rosa, \$33.9 million. Enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. 707-577-1700, cci.org

11 Legal Defense Fund of Peace Officers Research Association of California: Santa Rosa, \$33 million. A health and welfare employee benefit plan for peace officers and public safety personnel. 209-774-5600, poracldf.org



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- 12Sonoma Academy:** Santa Rosa, \$32.9 million. Private co-ed college preparatory high school. 707-545-1770, sonomaacademy.org

13Plastic Recycling Corporation of California: Sonoma, \$32.5 million. To develop programs and policies for the reclamation and recycling of polyethylene terephthalate beverage containers. 707-935-1997

14Community First Credit Union: Santa Rosa, \$29.8 million. Credit Union. 707-546-6000, comfirstcu.org

- 15Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club:** Santa Rosa, \$27.1 million. Recreational facility and fitness center. 707-521-3207, fountaingrovegolf.com

16Sonoma County Indian Health Project Inc: Santa Rosa, \$26.6 million. Improves and maintains a comprehensive health care system to serve the needs and traditional values of the Sonoma County American Indian Community. 707-521-4545, scihp.org

17Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa: Santa Rosa, \$23 million. A human services agency serving those most in need and of all faiths, primarily seniors, immigrants, and families facing poverty and/or homelessness. Offices in Sonoma, Napa, and Lake counties. 707-528-8712, srcharities.org



FOUNTAINGROVE GOLF & ATHLETIC CLUB: Leslie Watanabe tees off at the Fountaingrove Club golf course in Santa Rosa.

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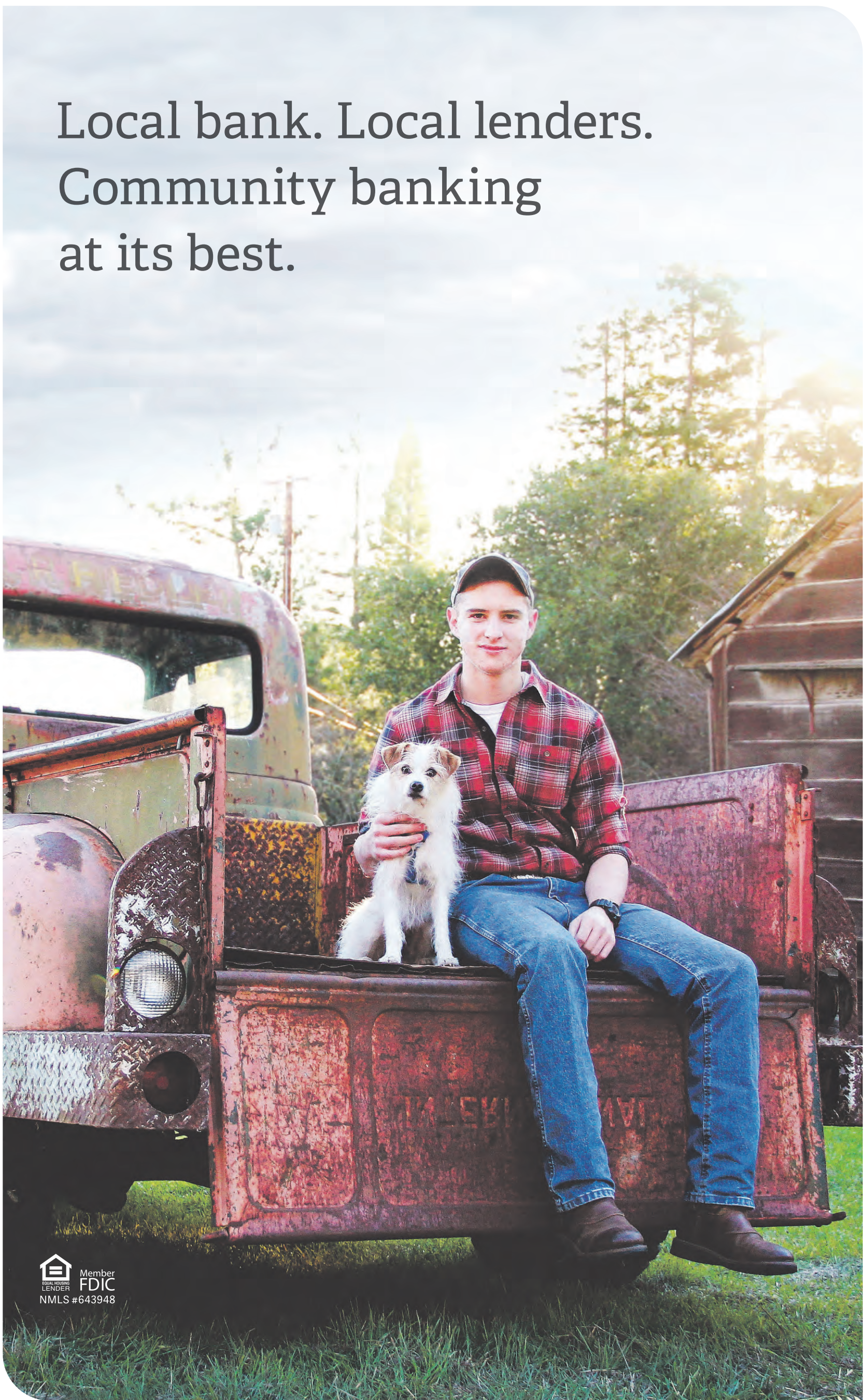


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2018 Employee of the Year
Gabino Ramirez
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Gabino Ramirez is detail-oriented, a wonderful team member, and a strong leader for his crew. Gabino started as a field worker and is now a foreman because of his passion and hard work. Serres Ranch is what it is today because of his love and dedication for the business.



2019 Employee of the Year
Jose Cervantes
Cornerstone
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2020 Employee of the Year
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Empleado del año 2018
Gabino Ramirez
Serres Ranch
34 años

Gabino Ramírez es orientado a los detalles, un miembro maravilloso del equipo y un líder fuerte para su equipo. Gabino empezó como peón de campo y ahora es un capataz dada su pasión y laboriosidad. Serres Ranch es lo que es hoy gracias a su amor y dedicación a la empresa.



Empleado del año 2019
Jose Cervantes
Cornerstone
Certified Vineyard
25 años

José Cervantes es uno de los empleados más dedicados y trabajadores de Cornerstone Certified Vineyard. José ha sido ascendido de ser jefe de irrigación a supervisor de operaciones. Predica con el ejemplo, con orgullo de su trabajo e insiste en que todos hagan lo mismo.



Empleado del año 2020
Juan Sanchez
Dutton Ranch
53 años

Juan Sánchez comenzó trabajando como empleado del campo en Dutton Ranch y fue ascendido a supervisor principal debido a su capacidad para liderar y asesorar. Su liderazgo, integridad y ética laboral ayudaron a convertir este negocio a lo que es hoy.

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SONOMA COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION INC.: Friends Tay, 13, from left, Vanessa, 11, and Raannya, 12, wait in line to ride the swings in August at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa.

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18Dry Creek Foundation Inc.: Healdsburg, \$22.5 million. Private foundation supporting mainly wildlife conservation. 707-433-8276

19Bay Area Environmental Research Institute: Petaluma, \$21.8 million. Promotes and conducts research in the environmental sciences, particularly atmospheric science. 707-938-9387, baeri.org

20Burbank Housing Development Corp.: Santa Rosa, \$21.7 million. Dedicated to increasing the supply of housing in Sonoma County, so that low-income people of all ages, backgrounds and special needs will have a better opportunity to live in decent and affordable housing. 707-526-9782, burbankhousing.org

21Burbank Housing Management Corp.: Santa Rosa, \$21.7 million. Provides management services, compliance and community service activities for affordable housing properties in Sonoma County. 707-526-9782, burbankhousing.org

22Community Child Care Council of Sonoma Co.: Santa Rosa, \$21.5 million. Operates 11 Sonoma County child development centers and preschools providing quality, accessible, affordable preschool and child care services for children, families and child care professionals. 707-544-3077, sonoma4cs.org

23West County Health Centers: Guerneville, \$21.1 million. Community health center serving western Sonoma County providing medical, dental and mental health care services, sites include Sebastopol, Occidental, Guerneville and Forestville. 707-869-5977, wchealth.org

24Alternative Family Services Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$20.7 million. The AFS mission is to support vulnerable children and families in need of stability, safety, and wellbeing. AFS serves thousands of foster youth in Northern California. 707-576-7700, afs4kids.org

25Roseland Charter School: Santa Rosa, \$19.3 million. K-12 charter school. 707-545-0102, roselandsd.org

26Sonoma State Enterprises Inc.: Rohnert Park, \$19.1 million. Provides services to the campus of Sonoma State University. 707-664-3251, sonoma.edu/afd/enterprises

27Luther Burbank Center for the Arts: Santa Rosa, \$19 million. North Bay's premier arts center with performances in music, dance, theater, comedy and spoken word plus education-through-the-arts programs for children and adults; also, facility rentals for community events. 707-527-7006, lutherburbankcenter.org



BECOMING INDEPENDENT: Joe L. is employed and supported through Becoming Independent's contract employment. Becoming Independent is a community-based service organization established over 40 years ago to help people with disabilities live meaningful and productive lives in Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties.

28North Bay Rehabilitation Services: Rohnert Park, \$17.8 million. Vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. 707-585-1991, nbrs.org

29United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay: Petaluma, \$17.8 million. Promotes and supports a full quality of life for people with Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities. 707-766-9990, ucpnb.org

30Nation's Finest: Santa Rosa, \$16.9 million. Offers community-based programs and services for veterans and their families. 707-578-2785, vetsresource.org

31Redwood Empire Electrical Workers Health & Welfare Trust: Santa Rosa, \$16.5 million. Provides health care benefits to eligible participants. 707-526-1996.

32Alliance Medical Center: Healdsburg, \$16.4 million. Community health center serving low income residents of Healdsburg and Windsor with medical and dental services. 707-385-2306, alliancemed.org

33Becoming Independent: Santa Rosa, \$15.4 million. Becoming Independent is a community-based service organization established over 40 years ago to help people with disabilities live meaningful and productive lives in Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties. 707-524-6600, becomingindependent.org

34Aid for Starving Children: Santa Rosa, \$14.4 million. Food, immunizations, Christian education, water purification and self-help programs for children and their families in Africa and Christian orphanage support, as well as providing aid for single, black working mothers in the U.S. 707-528-3499, aidforstarvingchildren.org



SONOMA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER: Teresa Rodriguez prepares vaccines in September at the Sonoma Valley Community Health Center.

35Animal Legal Defense Fund: Cotati, \$14.4 million. ALDF's mission is to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. 707-795-2533, aldf.org

36Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire: Santa Rosa, \$14.3 million. Dedicated to developing, maintaining programs that place people with disabilities

and other special needs in productive and competitive jobs. 707-523-0550, gire.org

37California Human Development Corp.: Santa Rosa, \$14.1 million. Creates job training, housing, recovery and other services for farmworkers, day laborers and people with disabilities. 707-523-1155, CaHumanDevelopment.org

38Anova Education and Behavior Consultation Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$13.9 million. Specialized education institution. 707-527-7032, anovaeducation.org

39Point Blue Conservation Science: Petaluma, \$13.2 million. Mission is to conserve birds and other wildlife ecosystems through scientific research, restoration, outreach and partnership. 707-781-2555, pointblue.org

40Sonoma Valley Community Health Center: Sonoma, \$13.3 million. Health care for those in need, especially the underserved of Sonoma Valley. 707-939-6070, svchc.org

41Redwood Community Health Network: Petaluma, \$12.1 million. Supports medical clinics with the implementation of comprehensive IT systems, collaborative support service programs and other duties. 707-792-7900, rchc.net

42Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$11.2 million. Human services agency founded in 1967, mission is to partner with low-income families and individuals to help them to achieve economic and social stability, reduce poverty, build community and advocate for social and economic justice. 707-544-6911, capsonoma.org

43Sonoma County Fair & Exposition Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$11.1 million. Operates Sonoma County Fairgrounds. 707-545-4200, sonomacountyfair.com

44Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$10.9 million. To



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enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens through after-school programs and summer programs. 707-528-7977, bgccsc.org

45 Association of Behavior Consultants: Petaluma, \$9.9 million. Provides behavior modification services to developmentally disabled individuals. 707-575-3290.

46 Sonoma Country Day School: Santa Rosa, \$9.3 million. Private primary school. 707-284-3200, scds.org

47 TLC Child & Family Services: Sebastopol, \$9.3 million. Foster care. 707-823-7300, tlc4kids.org

48 North Bay Credit Union: Santa Rosa, \$8.7 million. Credit Union. 707-584-0384, northbaycu.com

49 Sonoma County Tourism Bureau Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$8.7 million. Promotes Sonoma County as a premier overnight destination with unique and diverse experiences. 707-522-5800, sonomacounty.com

50 Warsh Mott Legacy: Petaluma, \$8.7 million. Private foundation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, preserving biodiversity, preventing the commodification of life, and defending democracy. 707-874-2942, csfund.org

51 Friends Association of Services for the Elderly: Santa Rosa, \$8.1 million. A continuing care retirement community. 707-573-4501, friendshouse.org

52 Sonoma County Family YMCA: Santa Rosa, \$8 million. Offering health and wellness programs for all ages including a fitness center, child care, preschool, pool, camps and youth sports. 707-545-9622, scfymca.org

53 Sonoma Land Trust: Santa Rosa, \$7.7 million. Protects the scenic, natural, agricultural and open landscapes of Sonoma County for the benefit of the community and future generations. 707-526-6930, sonomalandtrust.org

54 Northern California Volleyball Association: Santa Rosa, \$7.6 million. To develop the game of volleyball on an amateur basis among youths and adults of the Northern California and Northern Nevada areas. 415-550-7582, ncva.com

55 Larry L. Hillblom Foundation Inc.: Petaluma, \$7.6 million. Private foundation in support of medical research. 707-762-6691, llhf.org

56 Pepperwood Foundation: Santa Rosa, \$7.5 million. Operates a 3,200-acre scientific preserve to engage students, volunteers and scientists in applied conservation. 707-591-9310, pepperwoodpreserve.org

57 Redwood Gospel Mission Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$7.4 million. Services for the homeless and needy. 707-578-1830, srmission.org

58 Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm: Santa Rosa, \$7.3 million. Private primary and secondary school. 707-575-7194, summerfieldws.org

59 Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center: Santa Rosa, \$6.9 million. Preserves, displays and interprets the art of Charles M. Schulz. Offers tours, classes, camps and workshops. 707-579-4452, schulzmuseum.org

60 Santa Rosa Symphony: Santa Rosa, \$6.9 million. North Bay's premier orchestra, resident orchestra of the Green Music Center, providing high-quality musical performances including classical, pops and choral works and music education for schools and youth orchestras. 707-546-7097, santarosasymphony.com

61 Pets Lifeline Inc.: Sonoma, \$6.5 million. Protecting and improving the lives of cats and dogs in the Sonoma Valley through sheltering, adoption, humane education, and community programs. 707-996-4577, petslifeline.org

62 Social Advocates for Youth: Santa Rosa, \$6.4 million. Helping youth and families throughout Sonoma County by providing housing, counseling, education and employment programs. 707-544-3299, saysc.org

63 Paws for Purple Hearts: Penngrove, \$6 million. Trained service dogs for military service members and those with PTSD, mobility issues and traumatic brain injuries. 707-238-5110.

64 Humane Society of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$5.9 million. Receives and administers gifts, program revenues and bequests that are used to support its animal shelters and programs that benefit animals and people in Sonoma County. 707-542-0882, sonomahumane.org

65 Inquiring Systems Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$5.8 million. Offers training and technical assistance in ethically directed business development and management. 707-939-3900, inquiringsystems.org

66 Alexander Valley Healthcare: Cloverdale, \$5.8 million. Primary medical care provider. 707-894-4229, alexandervalleyhealthcare.org

67 Council on Aging Services for Seniors: Santa Rosa, \$5.7 million. Senior services agency providing social, financial, legal and nutrition services to promote well-being and maintain independence. 707-525-0143, councilonaging.com

68 Institute of Noetic Sciences: Petaluma, \$5.3 million. Research institute studying the mind and consciousness. 707-775-3500, noetic.org



TLC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES: Teacher Kate Willard helps student Keaton Jones, 17 plant strawberries during the spring celebration at TLC Child and Family Services in Graton.



REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION: Ricardo Roybal carries one of the frozen turkeys delivered to the Redwood Gospel Mission in Santa Rosa. According to Guidestar, the nonprofit reported more than \$7.4 million in annual revenue.



SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY: The Santa Rosa Symphony finishes their rehearsal of Gabriella Smith's, "One" during their Discovery Rehearsa at the Green Music Center in Rohnert Park.

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Greenacre Homes: Sebastopol, \$5.3 million. Residential care and education of developmentally disabled boys. 707-823-8722, greenacrehomes.org
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Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$5.2 million. Faith-based organization that builds modest, affordable homes in partnership with local communities and families in need. 707-578-7707, habitatsoco.org
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Drug Abuse Alternatives Center: Santa Rosa, \$5 million. Turning lives around by providing healthy alternatives to alcohol and drug use. 707-571-2233, daacinfo.org

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Abandoned Children's Fund: Santa Rosa, \$4.9 million. Medicine and medical supplies for children in Ghana, Haiti, Ethiopia, Philippines, Kenya, Mexico, and Uganda. 888-884-0567, abandoned-childrensfund.org

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Redwood Community Health Coalition: Petaluma, \$4.9 million. A network of health centers in Sonoma, Napa, Marin, and Yolo counties providing high-quality cost-efficient care to all, regardless of ability to pay. 707-285-2967, rchc.net

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Credo High School: Rohnert Park, \$4.6 million. Public college prep. Charter high school using Waldorf methodology. 707-664-0600, credohigh.org

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Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership: Santa Rosa. \$4.5 million. Matches prospective volunteers with local nonprofit agencies and businesses and operates community resources programs including legal, literacy and human services information and referral. 707-573-3399, volunteer-now.org

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COTS (Committee on the Shelterless): Petaluma, \$4.4 million. Shelter, housing, food and transformative programs and services for homeless children and adults. 707-765-6530, cots.org



COTS (COMMITTEE ON THE SHELTERLESS): The city of Petaluma and COTS (Committee on the Shelterless) held an open house of tiny homes they plan to build for the Mary Isaac Center in Petaluma. According to Guidestar, the nonprofit reported more than \$4.4 million in annual revenue.

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St. Vincent De Paul Society: Rohnert Park, \$4.4 million. Support the needy through low-cost sales and gifts of food and merchandise. 707-584-1579, svdp-sonoma.org

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Child Parent Institute: Santa Rosa, \$4.3 million. A parent education and children's mental health agency, with the mission to end child abuse and strengthen the health of children, parents and families through parent education, therapy services and a school for emotionally challenged children. 707-585-6108, calparents.org

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Integrated Resources Institute: Sebastopol, \$4.2 million. Consulting and education for the rehabilitation field and job placement services for persons with disabilities. 714-337-7566, inmentorworks.org



HUMANE SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY: The nonprofit's pick-up is parked at the Barlow in Sebastopol.

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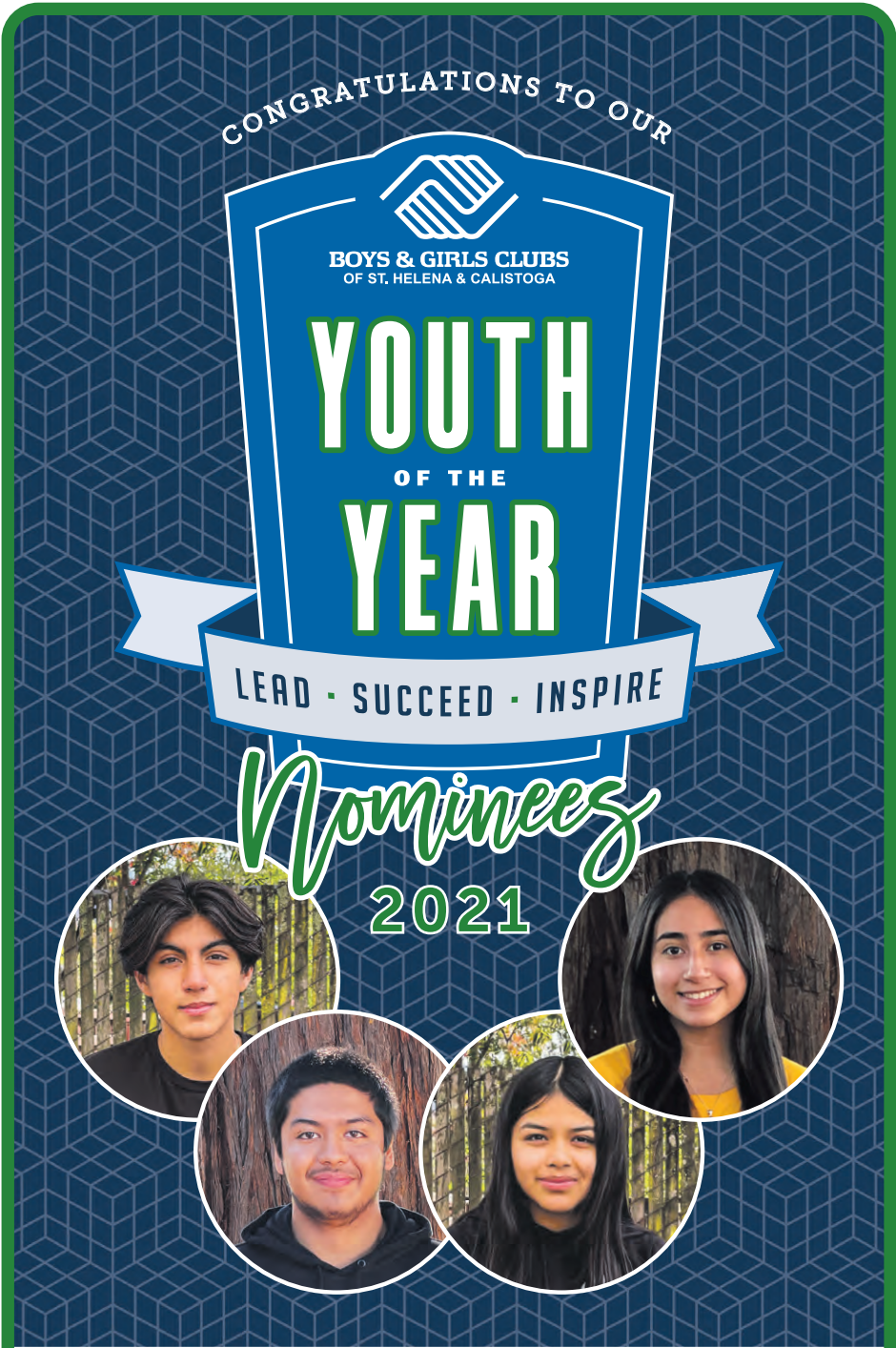
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For more information:

WWW.BGCSHC.ORG/youth-of-the-year

MEET OUR NOMINEES

Axel Avina: Axel is a Sophomore at Calistoga High, attending the Clubs since Kindergarten. Axel credits the Club for helping him navigate family struggles after the Glass Fire, with his mother suddenly out of work and needing to provide for the family. He says, “The Club goes above and beyond to make me feel like I always have someone who’s got my back.” Axel is passionate about art and engaging with people, and plans to continue his education in a way that will encompass both.

Zantos Segura: A Junior at St. Helena High, Zantos is often found volunteering at the Club. During the pandemic, he passed out meals to families in need with our ‘Feed our Families’ program. “Being a part of that has taught me to be selfless, to be caring, and that small actions can make a big difference.” These actions helped lead to his nomination as **Youth of the Year**.

Alexa Clavel: Alexa started at the Club in 5th grade, where she came for help with her academics. She is a Junior at Calistoga High. A Rotary Club member, Alexa has a passion for community, and hopes to study at Stanford. In her words, “The Teen Center has been a significant and valuable support system, it has become a place where I can put my guard down, and truly express myself as a person.”

Anahiz Martinez: Anahiz is a lifelong Club member, crediting the Club as her home away from home. She is a Junior at St. Helena High. Anahiz is a valued Club member and volunteer, always helpful to others. She is a driven student with many extracurricular activities, including softball and membership in the CLARA program. Anahiz would like to study medicine at UC Berkeley.

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UNITED WAY OF THE WINE COUNTRY: Former United Way of the Wine Country president and CEO Mike Kallhoff, at right, welcomes guests and makes opening remarks during Reading Between the Vines, a fundraiser for the nonprofit's education initiatives, at Jordan Vineyard and Winery in Healdsburg.

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80Early Learning Institute: Rohnert Park, \$4.2 million. Serving young children with special needs and their families. 707-591-0170, earlylearninginstitute.com

81United Way of the Wine Country: Santa Rosa, \$4 million. Serving Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Del Norte counties by mobilizing the caring power of our community through leadership, community

engagement and effective investment including education, financial stability and health initiatives. 707-528-4485, unitedwaywinecountry.org

82Pathways Charter School: Rohnert Park, \$4 million. Supports individualized home-based independent study for students in grades K-12 in five North Bay counties. 707-585-6510, pathwayscharter.org

83Oakmont Village Association: Santa Rosa, \$4 million. Provides social and recreational activities for the members of Oakmont Village. 707-539-1611,

oakmontvillage.com
84Center for Applied Research Solutions Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$3.8 million. Provides training and technical assistance to major initiatives in mental health, substance abuse, stigma reduction, suicide prevention, and safe and healthy schools and colleges through research, training, and the dissemination of educational materials. 707-568-3800, cars-rp.org

85Frank Doyle Trust: Santa Rosa, \$3.8 million. Scholarships for Santa Rosa Junior College students and \$2,000 for the upkeep of Doyle Park. 707-524-3117.

86West County Community Services: Guerneville, \$3.5 million. Critical social programs for at-risk and vulnerable populations including employment, housing, mental health and counseling services. 707-823-1640, westcountyservices.org

87Healdsburg School: Healdsburg, \$3.5 million. Private school. 707-433-4847, thehealdsburgschool.org

88La Luz Center: Sonoma, \$3.4 million. Assistance for recent immigrants in the Sonoma Valley. 707-938-5131, laluzcenter.org

89Community Support Network: Santa Rosa, \$3.4 million. Provides support, housing, and dignity to individuals with mental health challenges. 707-575-0979, communitysupportnet.org

90Schools Plus: Santa Rosa, \$3.4 million. Enrichment for public schools. 707-543-2657, schoolsplus.org

91PEP Housing: Petaluma, \$3.4 million. PEP Housing is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing limited-income seniors

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with quality affordable housing, housing support services and advocacy. 707-762-2336, pephousing.org

92 Pediatric Dental Initiative of the North Coast Inc.: Windsor, \$3.3 million. A sustainable dentistry resource serving low-income children of Northern California who need safe sedation for dental treatment. Also provides oral health and prevention education. 707-837-8833, pdisurgerycenter.org

93 Carpenters Housing Corp.: Santa Rosa, \$3.3 million. Public housing for low-income families and the handicapped people of Santa Rosa. 707-546-1797.

94 Career Technical Education Foundation Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$3.3 million. Align education and industry to strengthen economic development and student achievement. 707-708-7080, ctesonomacounty.org

95 Petaluma People Services Center: Petaluma, \$3.2 million. Human services agency with a broad scope of services including counseling, job placement, gang prevention, daily hot meals, rides to the doctor, case management, and financial assistance for homeless prevention. 707-765-8488, petaluma-people.org

96 Spring Hill Montessori: Petaluma, \$3.2 million. Charter School. 707-763-9222, springnhillmontessori.org

97 Live Oak Charter School: Petaluma, \$3.1 million. K-8 Charter School. 707-762-9020, liveoakcharter.org

98 Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation: Sonoma, \$3.1 million. Cultivates community support and raises funds for Sonoma Valley Hospital. 707-935-5070, svh-foundation.com

99 Chinese Christian Mission: Petaluma, \$3 million. Evan-



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PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICES CENTER: Petaluma has launched a new crisis team named SAFE (Specialized Assistance for Everyone) which will be led by Manning Walker. Walker works from an office at Petaluma People Services Center and is partnered with the city and the police department.



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SONOMA ECOLOGY CENTER: Tony Passantino, Sonoma Ecology Center education program manager, holds grass during a fire ecology forensics hike at the edge of the Glass fire burn scar at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park in Kenwood.

gelism among the Chinese community locally and through foreign missions. 707-762-1314, ccmusa.org

100 Food For Thought: Forestville, \$3 million. Provides food, nutrition and other services to people affected by HIV/AIDS. 707-877-1647, fftfoodbank.org

OTHER NONPROFITS
More than 100 other nonprofit

organizations serving the community in Sonoma County had revenue exceeding \$1 million in their most recent annual report.

Extended Child Care: Santa Rosa, \$2.9 million. Provides before- and after-school programs at 10 sites for the Mark West, Wright and Windsor school districts. 707-545-2402, extcc.org

Grantmakers Concerned With Immigrants and Refugees: Petaluma, \$2.9 million. Seeks to attain grant contributions from the philanthropic field to address the needs of immigrant and refugee populations. 707-313-5367, gcir.org

Sebastopol Independent Charter School, Inc.: Sebastopol, \$2.9 million. K-8 public charter school that teaches the Waldorf education system. 707-824-9700, sebastopol-charter.org

Clark Janis Foundation: Glen Ellen, \$2.8 million. Contributions to a variety of community organizations. 757-622-3366

C S Fund: Petaluma, \$2.8 million. Dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, preserving biodiversity, preventing the commodification of life, and defending democracy. 707-874-2942, csfund.org

Redwood Credit Union: Santa Rosa, \$2.8 million. Credit Union. 800-479-7928, redwoodcu.org

YWCA of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$2.8 million, YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. 707-546-9922, ywasc.org

United Camps Conference & Retreats: Petaluma, \$2.8 million.

Operates and administers camp and conference facilities for non-profit and church organizations. 707-762-3185, uccr.org

Associated Students of Sonoma State University: Rohnert Park, \$2.7 million. To enrich the lives of Sonoma State University students. 707-664-3251, sonoma.edu/as

Ceres Community Project: Sebastopol, \$2.7 million. Teens volunteer as gardeners and chefs preparing nutritious meals for families facing a life-threatening illness. 707-829-5833, ceresproject.org

Sonoma Valley Museum of Art: Sonoma, \$2.7 million. Art museum and educational programs. 707-939-7862, svma.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley: Sonoma, \$2.6 million, To provide positive opportunities for youth to learn and succeed. 707-938-8603, bgcsonoma.org

Petaluma Educational Foundation: Petaluma, \$2.6 million. Supports educational programs for public and private nonprofit schools within the Petaluma area. 707-778-4632, pefinfo.com

Woodland Star Charter School: Sonoma, \$2.6 million. Primary charter school. 707-996-3849, woodland-starschool.org

Sonoma Ecology Center: Eldridge, \$2.5 million. Works with the community to enhance and sustain ecological health in Sonoma Valley. 707-996-0712, sonomaecologycenter.org

River To Coast Children's Services: Guerneville, \$2.3 million. Resources, referrals and support to families and child care providers in western Sonoma County. 707-869-3613, rccservices.org

Legal Aid of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$2.3 million. Promote social justice and advance basic human rights for vulnerable people in our community. 707-542-6664, legalaid-sc.org

Odd Fellows Cemetery Association of Santa Rosa Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$2.1 million. Cemetery and burial services. 707-542-1586.

Sonoma Charter School Inc: Sonoma, \$2.1 million, Charter school.

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707-935-4232, sonomacharterschool.org

Transcendence Theater Company: Sonoma, \$2.1 million. Performing arts organization. 877-424-1414, ttcsonoma.org

United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America Local Union 751: Santa Rosa, \$2.1 million. Union. 707-545-5121, carpenters751.org

Earle Baum Center Of The Blind: Santa Rosa, \$2 million. Provide opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired to improve their personal, social and economic lives. 707-523-3222, earlebaum.org

The Mental Insight Foundation: Sonoma, \$2 million. Mental health foundation. 707-938-8248.

River Montessori Charter School: Petaluma, \$2 million. Private Montessori school. 707-778-6414, rivermontessoricharter.org

Bergin University of Canine Studies: Pennngrove, \$1.9 million. Research and education in human and canine studies to provide knowledge of the role of the dog in human society through academic course work for scholarly or career purposes through human-canine studies. 707-545-3647, berginu.edu

Vadasz Family Foundation: Sonoma, \$1.9 million, Private grantmaking foundation. 707-938-3014.

Bauman College: Sebastopol, \$1.8 million, Educational institute focusing on holistic nutrition and culinary arts. 800-987-7530, baumancollege.com

Interfaith Shelter Network: Santa Rosa, \$1.8 million. Housing and a hand up for homeless men, women and children in Sonoma County. 707-546-7907, ifsn.org

Kid Street Learning Center Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$1.8 million. Provides children and families living in crisis with a caring, supportive educational community. 707-525-9223, kstreet.org

Oaks of Hebron Inc.: Rohnert Park, \$1.8 million. Christian non-profit providing supported living, adult de-



RAY MABRY, 2019

TRANSCENDENCE THEATER COMPANY: Arielle Crosby performs during a dress rehearsal for the Transcendence Theare Company's 2018 gala performance at Jack London State Historic Park.

velopment and recreational services for persons with developmental disabilities. 707-795-5927, oaksofhebron.org

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center: Occidental, \$1.8 million. Organic horticulture, arts and ecology education and community organizing. 707-874-1557, oaec.org

Slow Sculpture: Santa Rosa, \$1.8 million. Intermediate care facilities serving adults with developmental disabilities. 707-537-7024.

Sonoma County Farm Bureau: Santa Rosa, \$1.8 million, Farm and ranch support organization. 707-544-5575, sonomaafb.com

Wild Oak Saddle Club: Santa Rosa, \$1.8 million. Social club providing horseback riding, tennis, swimming, meals and parties for members and their guests. 707-539-8629, wildoak-saddleclub.com

Animals United Movement: Santa Rosa, \$1.7 million. A harmonious voice for all life on the planet, through all forms of media. The best way to actualize world peace

and to make our planet survive, and even thrive, is through a movement towards compassionate co-existence., aumfilms.org

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union 0551: Santa Rosa, \$1.7 million. Maintaining local union operations. 707-542-3505, ibewlocal551.org

North Bay Organizing Project: Graton, \$1.7 million. Provide member leadership development and organization for public activity participation. 707-481-2970, northbayop.org

Petaluma Golf & Country Club: Petaluma, \$1.7 million. Country club. 707-762-7041, petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

Sonoma County Vintners: Santa Rosa, \$1.7 million. Raises money for Sonoma County charities through wine related activities that are within the expertise of vintners and growers. 707-522-5842, sonomawine.com

Sonoma Valley Education Foundation: Sonoma, \$1.7 million. Primary fundraising and volunteer

resource for the Sonoma Valley Unified School District. 707-935-9566, svgreatschools.org

Alchemia: Santa Rosa, \$1.6 million. Arts programming for adults with developmental disabilities. 707-978-3229, alchemia.org

Children's Museum of Sonoma County: Santa Rosa, \$1.6 million. To inspire children's creativity and stimulate their curiosity to discover the world through playful exploration of the arts and sciences. 707-546-4069, cmosc.org

Community Matters: Santa Rosa, \$1.6 million. Leader in bullying and violence prevention. 707-823-6159, community-matters.org

Eagle-Eye Sanctuary Foundation: Geyserville, \$1.6 million. Development of the area for protection, care and preservation of wild burros. 415-863-0109.

GuildSomm Inc.: Petaluma, \$1.6 million. Professional wine education and member services for sommeliers. 707-695-7380, guildsomm.com

Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County: Petaluma, \$1.6 million. To increase home ownership opportunities to low and moderate-income families in Sonoma County while ensuring permanent housing affordability through the use of the land trust model. 707-766-8875, housinglandtrust.org

Keysight Technologies Foundation: Santa Rosa, \$1.6 million. Private foundation. 707-577-5471.

Northern California Center for Well-Being: Santa Rosa, \$1.6 million. Offers classes to help you curb the effects of diabetes, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and more. 707-338-6219, norcalwellbeing.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Santa Rosa Inc: Santa Rosa, \$1.5 million. A movement to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. 707-542-3249, bgcsr.org

Burbank Housing Communities Corporation: Santa Rosa, \$1.5 million. Owns and operates affordable rental housing. 707-526-9782.

Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc: Petaluma, \$1.5 million. Equine-assisted therapies and activities for children and adults with disabilities. 707-769-8900, giantstepsriding.org

Human Awareness Institute: Petaluma, \$1.5 million. Provides educational programs and related materials regarding love, intimacy, sexuality and maintaining healthy relationships. 707-981-7886, HAL.org

Sebastopol Area Housing Corporation: Sebastopol, \$1.5 million. Provides low-income rental housing for senior citizens. 707-823-8742.

Sixth Street Playhouse: Santa Rosa, \$1.5 million. Theater. 707-523-4185, 6thstreetplayhouse.com

Valley of the Moon Natural History Association: Glen Ellen, \$1.5 million. Preserve the historic and natural beauty of the park while creating innovative opportunities for recreation, education and enjoyment. 707-938-5216, jacklondon-park.com

Verity: Santa Rosa, \$1.5 million. Strives to eliminate all forms of violence with special focus on sexual assault and abuse. 707-545-7270, ourverity.org

Abused Children's Fund Inc.: Santa Rosa, \$1.4 million. Provides or supports programs that deliver food, clean water, health care, housing, educational, vocational training and mentoring for abused or abandoned children. 707-483-2939, abusedchildrensfund.org

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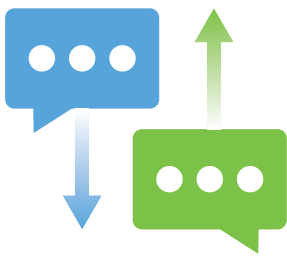
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