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Exploring responses to the COVID-19 crisis in Santa Barbara County.

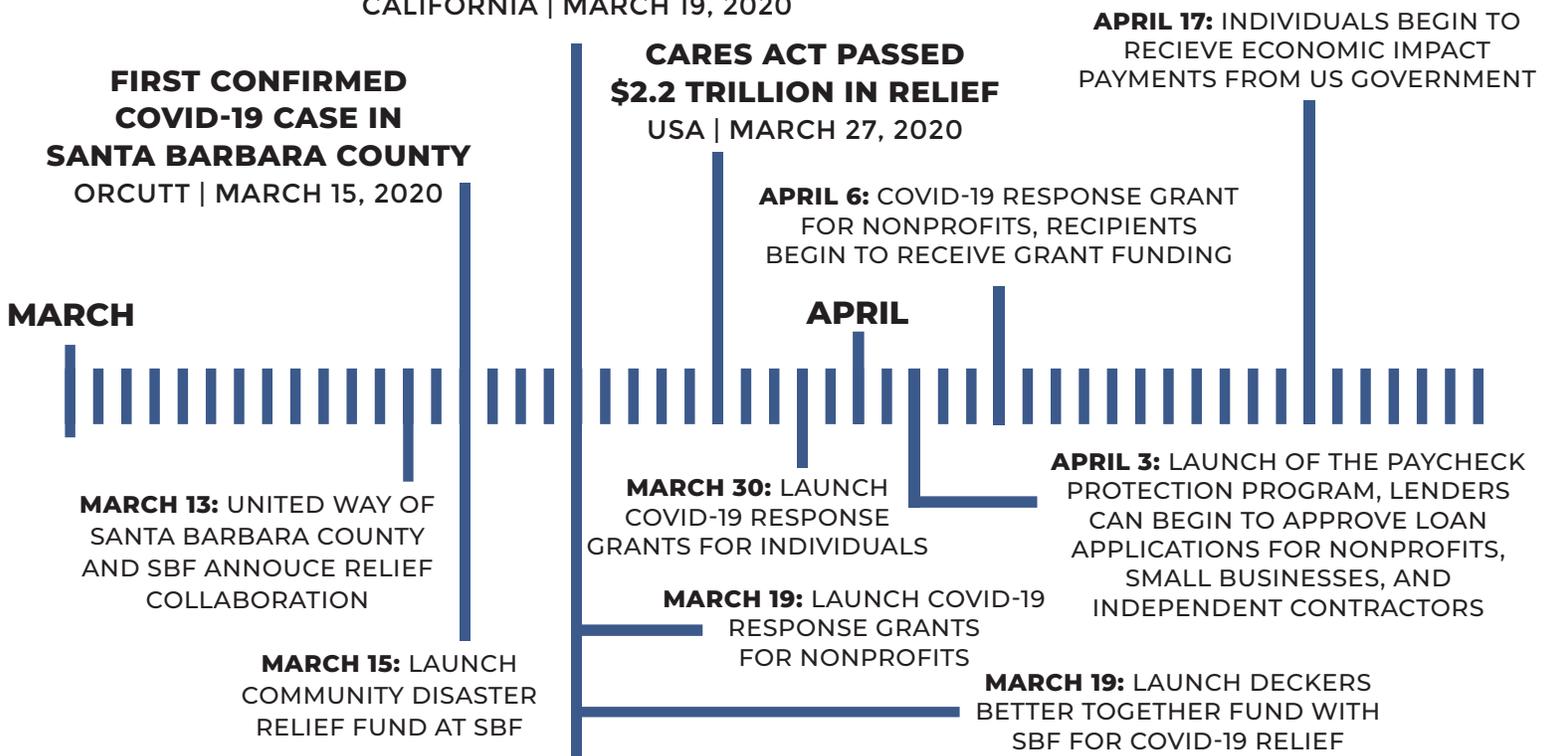


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A collaboration established and led by the United Way of Santa Barbara County, Hutton Parker Foundation, and SBF, with members of the Foundation Roundtable, to provide funding for nonprofits responding to emergency needs and financial assistance to individuals

A LETTER FROM JACQUELINE M. CARRERA

INTERIM CEO



A handshake, a hug, or having close friends over for dinner- a few things we perhaps took for granted because we couldn't imagine life without them before COVID-19 hit our community. As I write to you from the confines of my home, I feel the heaviness that is the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected our communities.

Since the first reported COVID-19 case in Santa Barbara County on March 15, 2020, a lot has changed. Jobs have been furloughed or lost, schools have closed, and every element of life as we know it has shifted to ensure that we are staying safely at home. Each passing day the need for relief grows, and each day the beauty of our community shines brighter. I am in awe of how quickly and creatively our nonprofit organizations have pivoted their work to provide essential support for our most vulnerable populations amid this crisis. These organizations are doing incredible and vital work, and they are facing their own financial difficulties.

When the Thomas Fire and subsequent debris flow devastated our community, our donors stepped forward to help with gifts to the Community Disaster Relief Fund. The Santa Barbara Foundation partnered with United Way of Santa Barbara County to provide short-term and long-term relief. In some ways, we were still rebuilding our community when we reactivated the Community Disaster Relief Fund on March 15, 2020 - this time, for a pandemic.

Early on, we saw that collaboration would be key to providing the high levels of support our community needed in the coming months. We moved quickly to form a 20-member funders' collaborative known as the COVID-19 Joint Response Effort. This effort, led by the United Way

of Santa Barbara County, Hutton Parker Foundation, and the Santa Barbara Foundation, is now working swiftly to provide grants for individuals and nonprofits across our county.

Connecting resources is what we do best at the Santa Barbara Foundation. We have created resource pages on our website for nonprofits and small businesses impacted by COVID-19, including our [Ways to Help webpage](#) that directly connects those with resources (food, supplies, or volunteer time) to organizations in need. We want to help in any way we can.

Through the generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations, we have raised roughly \$2 million towards our relief efforts. If you have already given, thank you! To date, we have received upwards of 1,100 individual and 150 nonprofit grant applications for assistance. There is a dire need and the funds available are not nearly enough to meet the requests already submitted, with more arriving every day. I ask you, on behalf of the community, to consider what you can do to join our effort. Whether it is sharing a resource on our [Ways to Help webpage](#) or a [making a donation](#), any effort counts.

The Santa Barbara Foundation will continue to be a resource for our community through this tough time and I hope this report showcases the brilliance of and inspiration for a brighter Santa Barbara County. We will get through this together.

With gratitude,

Jacqueline M. Carrera

SUPPORT FROM COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANTS:

Our nonprofit sector is working long hours to meet community needs during this incredibly challenging time. To avoid burdening our grant recipients further with interview requests, we are providing the following stories of several nonprofit response efforts. We hope to showcase more of our nonprofits' incredible work through additional articles on our website at a later date.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS TEAM

By Sam Waterstone

The Community Wellness Team (CWT) is a collaboration of 13 health agencies working together to support the wellness of all Santa Barbara County residents in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Many people are dealing with significant stress, anxiety, and isolation, and the CWT is offering resources, support, and virtual connection for those in need.

“Mental health struggles are normal and can happen to anyone. Faced with the anxiety and isolation we are all experiencing, many more of us will struggle,” explained Annemarie Cameron, CEO at the Mental Wellness Center (MWC), one of the agencies actively involved with the CWT. “It’s okay to not be okay, and asking for help is important – support is waiting for you and your family. We’re here for you.”

As it became clear that COVID-19 would seriously impact the health and economic vitality of our communities – thus impacting the mental wellness of its individuals and families – the CWT came together to set up a plan to provide coordinated wellness care throughout the county.

This is not the first time the CWT has launched such a plan to support our community. In the aftermath of the Thomas Fire and subsequent 1/9 Debris Flow, strong relationships were formed among the CWT agencies that joined forces to provide emergency and long-term wellness services. As a result, when COVID-19 began impacting our communities, the CWT was ready to respond to the county’s mental health needs.



PHOTO: Like many other organizations, the Mental Wellness Center (MWC) in Santa Barbara has transitioned to providing phone and virtual services. One example, pictured left, is a social connection program for local high school students and members of MWC’s Youth Wellness Connection Club. facilitated via Zoom.

Central to this response was the implementation of coordinated communication between agencies to direct clients to the organization that specializes in their specific area of need. To ensure there are no gaps in coverage or duplication of efforts, the CWT implemented a daily check-in call between agencies. During these calls, agency representatives share resources and updates with each other, report out on the shifting needs of individuals and families, and discuss best practices for engaging community members who may need support.

The CWT includes a variety of behavioral health organizations, including government agencies, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits who focus on marriage and family therapy, youth mental health, crisis counseling, and more. Local mental health professionals are emphasizing that regardless of what your specific needs are, there is somebody on the Community Wellness Team who can help.

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ANNEMARIE CAMERON
CEO at Mental Wellness Center

Community members can contact the Community Wellness Team at (805) 364-2750 for guidance on choosing services, or they can contact organizations directly. The CWT website includes a complete list of agencies involved in the partnership, with the area of focus and



Photo: As a part of their #MiramarOnTheMove COVID-19 response efforts, the Miramar donated over 1,000 lunches to MWC, allowing them to provide a delicious meal to members of MWC's Fellowship Club.

contact details for each organization. The website also provides a comprehensive list of mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness resources, such as remote meeting groups and bilingual call centers.

"The social isolation aspect of our health crisis is difficult for anyone to bear," said Cameron. "For those who live with serious and persistent mental illness, a supportive connection to family, friends and the community is essential to their daily experience. Without that connection, symptoms of illness can increase. Our challenge is to keep the connection intact and offer reassurance and hope. For our community, please remember that you are not alone."

To learn more about Community Wellness Team and connect to their network of Santa Barbara County wellness organizations, visit: sbccwt.org

To learn more about the Mental Wellness Center and to get connected to their services, visit: mentalwellnesscenter.org

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MID-CENTRAL COAST

By Sam Waterstone

As it did to so many other nonprofits around the country, the arrival of COVID-19 in our communities forced the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast (BGC MCC) to halt all normal operations, including their youth development programs for children and teens.

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JEREMY DEMING
CEO at the Boys & Girls Club
of Mid-Central Coast



PHOTO: A long line of cars wait for their chance to pick up food from a Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast (BGC MCC) club site. BGC MCC partnered with the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County to distribute food.

Determined to keep their members engaged, BGC MCC launched a virtual club platform, utilizing a private group on Facebook, that features daily activities and videos. Since the closure of physical club locations on March 16, nearly 100 youth users have joined the BGC MCC virtual club group and are participating daily.

In addition to virtual programming, BGC MCC quickly developed a COVID-19 Operations Plan in response to the crisis impacting California's Central Coast. Because BGC MCC is a regional chapter that operates clubs in both northern Santa Barbara County (Guadalupe and Santa Maria) and San Luis Obispo County (Atascadero, Paso Robles, and Shandon), their response

effort includes partnerships with organizations in both counties. These partnerships primarily focus on providing food and other essential support for individuals and families in need.

"Within a week [of closing our club sites], we formed a collaborative partnership with the Santa Barbara County Foodbank to serve as an emergency food distribution center at our Railroad club site in Santa Maria," said Jeremy Deming, CEO at BGC MCC. "Since then, we have served approximately 1,200 community members weekly – and growing – via this new program."

BGC MCC is also collaborating with the SLO County Foodbank to provide operational support at various locations in SLO County where emergency food distribution is taking place.

“Many of the individuals seeking food security have never utilized the Foodbank or depended on assistance from safety net programs in the past,” Deming continued.

“The COVID-19 crisis has wiped out thousands of local area jobs, creating an increased demand for these types of services. We are proud to be partnering with like-minded organizations to resolve some of our community’s most pressing needs during the crisis.”

Another new partnership, this time involving the Foodbank and the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, has converted BGC MCC’s Evans Park club site in Santa Maria into a collection center for much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers throughout the region.

In addition to their critical work on the ground, BGC MCC staff is also busy securing new sources of

funding to support their emergency operations.

“We have received word from a few of our major funders and grantors that they will be holding off on their commitments to BGC MCC this year due to the COVID-19 crisis,” said Deming. “We expect more of those notifications in the months ahead. To combat this challenge, we have been steadily applying to various funders who are offering emergency COVID-19 related funding opportunities.”

The Santa Barbara Foundation provided BGC MCC with a COVID-19 response grant, and is proud to support them as they continue to find new and innovative ways to support individuals and families in need.

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast or to make a donation, visit: bgccentralcoast.org

PHOTO: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast (BGC MCC) partnered with the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County to distribute healthy food to individuals and families in need, serving over 1,200 individuals per week.





FOODBANK OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

By Sam Waterstone

The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is needed now more than ever, and fortunately, it has spent years planning for this moment. As our county began to feel the impact of COVID-19 in mid-March, the Foodbank jumped into action by activating its recently published Disaster Feeding Plan, expanding its services, and forging new partnerships to meet the needs of our communities.

“The Foodbank is ready to ensure that all of Santa Barbara County has enough healthy food to eat in the face of this crisis,” said Judith Smith-Meyer, Marketing Communications Manager at the Foodbank. “For the two years since the Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow, we have been preparing for just such an emergency by developing our countywide Disaster Feeding Plan.”

The Disaster Feeding Plan was developed alongside 30 partner organizations, including nonprofits and local government offices, and offers a detailed pathway to ensuring that everyone in our county has enough healthy food to eat throughout any disaster.

Although the COVID-19 crisis is distinct from more common natural disasters like fires, debris flows and earthquakes, the Feeding Plan remains highly applicable to the current situation because of the need to maintain local food system supply chains and provide accessible food distribution to residents all across Santa Barbara County.

PHOTO: Above, Captain Jason Sweeney and other members of the California National Guard make home food deliveries to seniors in support of the Foodbank. Photo courtesy of Len Wood of the Santa Maria Times.

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**Marketing Communications Manager
at the Foodbank of SB County**

Using the Feeding Plan as a framework for coordinating emergency feeding efforts throughout the county, the Foodbank has been able to adapt to the unique challenges presented by COVID-19. It now operates 50 SAFE (Safe Access to Food for Everyone) Food Net distribution centers, including nearly 20 new emergency food distribution sites offering a no-contact drive-through pickup service in each area of the county. The Foodbank also quadrupled the amount of food it is distributing in response to the increase in demand, providing community members with 1.47 million pounds of healthy groceries and fresh produce during the month of March.

Included in the Foodbank's response effort is a comprehensive home delivery service for seniors currently enrolled in their Brown Bag Program, as well as all other seniors aged 60+, or those aged 55+ with a disability. During the last week of March, the Foodbank delivered healthy food to 3,400 seniors, directly to their doors.

In collaboration with the Community Action Commission and the City of Santa Maria, the

Foodbank also established an emergency food call center. By dialing 211, community members can sign up for home delivery, learn about where to receive food safely near their homes, and get answers to other food-related questions, in English and Spanish.

"During this difficult time when the entire county is affected to some degree, and many people are facing hunger and food insecurity for the first time, the Feeding Plan is perfectly relevant and applicable. We are grateful to be part of a robust network of committed partners, volunteers and donors who are making it possible for us to put our plan into action," expressed Smith-Meyer.

The Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is actively requesting donations and volunteer support. For information about their services, or to get involved, visit: foodbanksbc.org

PHOTO: The Foodbank has partnered with many local organizations, including the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast, both highlighted in this report.



GIRLS ROCK SANTA BARBARA

By Kara Shoemaker

“Within 24 hours of schools closing we knew we had to do something immediate for the community,” recalled Jen Baron, Executive Director of Girls Rock Santa Barbara. “I asked our web designer ‘how quickly can you get an online learning platform up?’ Her response: ‘By 8:00pm tonight.’ So I sent an email out to our entire teaching staff and basically said, ‘I have an idea. How would you all like to sign up to teach classes with us online?’”

With the announcement that schools in Santa Barbara County would be closed for the remainder of the academic year, Baron knew there were two major needs to fill: youth would need access to online education, and teachers/musicians/artists who were suddenly put out of work would be struggling financially and need a source of income.

Today, Girls Rock is offering over 100 classes for co-ed youth worldwide (4th through 12th grade), and hopes to launch a partnership with a major online teaching platform very soon. In addition, Girls Rock teachers are taking home around \$50/hour for their classes and the feedback from families has been positive.

“I think more than ever it’s about community for us right now. It’s checking in with our team and our families. It’s about finding ways we can help. We started doing Facebook Live concerts called Raise Her Up a few weeks back, every Wednesday at 7:00pm on the Girls Rock SB Facebook page,” said Baron, “Last week we had three amazing women play live from Nashville, including Santa Barbara born and raised musician, Cate Graves. We raised \$7,500 for a family whose husband/father is currently in critical care on life support due to COVID-19. We will help out wherever and however we can.”

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Executive Director of Girls Rock SB

Girls Rock is also planning on launching a new online program called “Peer to Peer,” a mentorship program in which high school students teach private music lessons to elementary students in order to earn their community service hours. “I know how much I would have loved having a high school student as a mentor when I was younger,” said Baron. Anyone who would like to participate in this program can email Girls Rock at girlsrocksb@gmail.com.

As with many other youth education nonprofits in our community, Girls Rock relies heavily on tuition from its summer programs to cover year-round operating expenses. With those in-person programs shut down indefinitely due to COVID-19, finding funding to cover payroll is currently the organization’s biggest challenge. Girls Rock recently received a Small Capacity Building Grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation, but is seeking additional funding to ensure the organization can meet community needs during this difficult time.

To make a donation to Girls Rock Santa Barbara, please visit: girlsrocksb.org/donate

ORGANIC SOUP KITCHEN

By Kara Shoemaker

Our senior community is extremely vulnerable to contracting COVID-19, and older individuals are more likely to experience life-threatening symptoms. Government and health officials urge seniors to stay home as much as possible and take social distancing measures seriously. As a result, many seniors are afraid to make trips to the grocery store to pick up food and supplies because it may put them at risk of contracting the potentially deadly virus.

Fortunately, the Organic Soup Kitchen (OSK) is stepping up to deliver fresh, nutritious soups to as many seniors as they can during this difficult time. OSK has been delivering nutrient dense, organic soups to low-income families, elderly individuals, cancer and immunocompromised patients, and the homeless for nearly a decade. Their product is vegan, gluten-free and made with a minimum of 90% organic vegetables and herbs. Each soup is hermetically sealed in BPA-free packaging and delivered safely to the doorsteps of each client.

“Our Soup Meals are formulated to build strong immune systems,” said OSK Executive Director, Anthony Carroccio. “That’s exactly what people need to fight this scary and highly contagious virus.”

“We will do whatever it takes to take care of our clients and the community. We will never turn anyone away,” said OSK Chief Operating Officer, Andrea Slaby.

The OSK has increased its service to the Santa Barbara community in response to the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as with many other nonprofits that are experiencing a rise in demand for their services, operating under crisis conditions with a small staff is challenging.



PHOTO: The Organic Soup Kitchen (OSK) takes every precaution as they prepare and deliver delicious, nutritious soup to elderly clients and those recovering from cancer.

“We are working long hours to handle all the intake and ordering and production with just three people. However, we still have 20 delivery drivers,” said Carroccio. “The grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation has been extremely helpful - however, we are receiving ongoing requests for service and the unknown is a little challenging. Our plan is to keep a reserve of funding for a minimum 8 months out, but our fear is COVID-19 will cut into our planned budget.”

The Organic Soup Kitchen is currently seeking donations to ensure they can continue to meet the rapidly growing demand for Soup Meal delivery in Santa Barbara County.

To support OSK or find more information about Soup Meal delivery, please visit:

organicsoupkitchen.org

UNITED BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

By Sam Waterstone

“The minute that the schools closed – all Santa Barbara County schools officially closed on Monday, March 16 – we knew that it obviously wasn’t safe for the Boys & Girls Clubs to remain open. And my initial thought was, ‘Where are kids on free and reduced lunch programs going to eat?’” recalled Michael Baker, CEO at the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County (UBGC).

For Baker, the COVID-19 crisis meant one thing: His clubs could no longer run their youth development programs, so they needed to figure out other ways to support struggling families throughout the county.

“In our organization alone, from our clubs in Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang, and Westside Santa Barbara, 85% of our members are on free or reduced lunch programs at school,” Baker explained. “That means they live at or below the poverty line. And I instantly thought of them, because I was one of those kids back in the 80s. I was a kid who had one of those cards that got me free breakfast and lunch, and if it wasn’t for that, I wasn’t going to eat.”

Having grown up in poverty, Baker could relate to the discomfort and stress caused by acute hunger that so many families already face on a daily basis. Add a viral pandemic to the mix, and things start to get really scary, really fast. So Baker quickly brought his team together, and they began meeting with community partners to see how UBGC could help feed kids.

“I asked each one of our Club Directors to look at our facilities as community centers, and figure out what we could do to help the

community during this tough time. We reached out to the Foodbank, and right away we turned our traditional club locations in Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc and Santa Barbara into distribution sites for the Foodbank,” said Baker.

Since partnering with the Foodbank in mid-March, UBGC has been regularly distributing food at four of its club locations, with help from a legion of dedicated volunteers. Daily reports show that roughly 1,700 Santa Barbara County residents are benefitting from these distributions every day.

“The Foodbank deserves so much credit for this because they’re the ones getting the food that feeds our families,” expressed Baker. “I want

PHOTO: When the United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County (UBGC) were forced to close due to COVID-19, they partnered with the Foodbank to turn their facilities into daily food distribution sites.





PHOTO: Two separate chapters of Boys & Girls Clubs (United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast) partnered with the Foodbank of SB County. Photo courtesy of Ryanne Bee.

to emphasize how much I respect them for what they do.”

In addition to operating as Foodbank distribution centers, UBGC facilities also act as donation drop-off sites for personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves. The Foodbank collects these donated items and delivers them to local hospitals, where they are used to protect health care workers as they treat patients with COVID-19.

Outside of their partnership with the Foodbank, which distributes food Monday through Friday, UBGC is taking the lead in providing brown bag lunches on Saturdays and Sundays for Boys & Girls Club members and other children in need. The Santa Barbara Foundation recently awarded UBGC with an emergency COVID-19 response grant, and those

funds are being utilized for this new weekend lunch service.

Currently, UBGC is looking for more opportunities to support our communities, and Baker has made it clear that he would like to continue forming partnerships with other organizations serving people in need. “We want to let communities know that our facilities are your facilities, so if any organization could use our space to help people, let us know. One of our core values is collaboration – we collaborate with everyone, and we don’t care who gets the credit, it’s about helping people.”

To learn more about UBGC or to get involved, visit: unitedbg.org

COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM: RECIPIENTS

COVID-19 Response Grant Recipients as of April 17, 2020.

Click on the links below to visit each organization's website and learn more about their COVID-19 response efforts.

[805 Undocufund \(Future Leaders of America\)](#)

[Abilities for Kids, Inc.](#)

[Allan Hancock College Foundation](#)

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid-Central Coast](#)

[Buellton Senior Center](#)

[Children's Resource & Referral SB County](#)

[Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara](#)

[Community Counseling & Education Center](#)

[Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse \(CADA\)](#)

[Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center](#)

[Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health California](#)

[Domestic Violence Solutions for SB County](#)

[Easy Lift Transportation](#)

[Family Service Agency of SB County](#)

[Foodbank of SB County](#)

[Friendship Adult Day Care Center, Inc.](#)

[Good Samaritan Shelter](#)

[Habitat for Humanity of Southern SB County](#)

[Immigrant Hope Santa Barbara](#)

[Institute for Collective Trauma and Growth](#)

[Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project](#)

[New Beginnings Counseling Center](#)

[Noah's Anchorage Youth Homeless Prevention Center](#)

[Orcutt Area Seniors in Service \(OASIS\)](#)

[Pacific Pride Foundation](#)

[Partners in Housing Solutions](#)

[Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara Inc.](#)

[Samsun Diabetes Research Institute](#)

[Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition](#)

[Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels](#)

[Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics](#)

[Santa Barbara New House](#)

[Santa Barbara Rescue Mission](#)

[Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People](#)

[Showers of Blessing \(Interfaith Initiative of SB\)](#)

[Solvang Senior Center](#)

[Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation](#)

[The Salvation Army](#)

[Transitions-Mental Health Association](#)

[United Way Northern Santa Barbara County](#)

[Unity Shoppe, Inc.](#)

[Villa Majella](#)

[VNA Health Foundation](#)

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SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COVID-19 NONPROFIT RESOURCES

With nonprofits throughout the county adjusting to the COVID-19 crisis, the Santa Barbara Foundation has compiled a list of helpful resources for Santa Barbara County's social sector.

Visit the [COVID-19 Nonprofit Resources](#) page on our website to access information about COVID-19 Response Grants, Free Webinars, Business Continuity Planning, HR/Employment, and much more.

NONPROFIT COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

The Santa Barbara Foundation wants to know how COVID-19 is affecting nonprofit organizations. If you work for a nonprofit in Santa Barbara County, we encourage you to take a moment to fill out the following survey so we can better understand and support the needs of our nonprofit sector.

Organizations can fill out the [Nonprofit COVID-19 Impact Survey](#) on the Nonprofit Resource page of our website.

WAYS TO HELP PLATFORM

The Santa Barbara Foundation is working to connect resources across Santa Barbara County. In order to do so, we created an easy-to-use platform that allows community members to support nonprofit organizations in need of food, supplies, volunteers, and financial contributions.

Not only can nonprofits submit their organizational needs on the platform, but individuals can also post services they are offering. Visit the [Ways to Help](#) page on our website to learn more about this tool.



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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

Since COVID-19 reached our county, our community has been faced with incredible challenges. For our most vulnerable populations the COVID-19 crisis has been devastating. The Santa Barbara Foundation is here to support all of our communities and the nonprofits that serve them during this extremely difficult time.

The United Way of Santa Barbara County, Hutton Parker Foundation, and Santa Barbara Foundation are leading the COVID-19 Joint Response Effort with members of the Foundation Roundtable to address the needs of individuals and families, as well as our social sector. Never have we been challenged to work harder to mobilize philanthropic capital and collective wisdom for the benefit of Santa Barbara County. Already, the amount of funding requested in the applications we have received out numbers the funds available, which is why we need your support. Please consider making a donation to the COVID-19 Joint Response Effort so we can continue to provide vital resources to our community.

To donate to Santa Barbara County's COVID-19 Joint Response Effort, please contact Nick Dietzen at (805) 880-9352 or ndietzen@SBFoundation.org or visit:

SBFoundation.org/COVID-19ResponseEffort

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