ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



Community Building from the Heart



### **OVERVIEW**

#### A YEAR IN REVIEW

(July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022)

#### By David Little

Love and compassion have always been the hallmarks of philanthropy and the qualities that guide us at North Valley Community Foundation. The past few years have required us to perfect another attribute we have always valued: adaptability.

The work we do in the community keeps expanding because the needs keep changing. Consequently, we continually take on new projects that we never would have envisioned years ago.

For decades, NVCF has existed as a place where community members can dream up or contribute to ideas that help make our world better. The Camp Fire in 2018 started us on a slightly different trajectory, as a trusted community builder that allows individuals and organizations to contribute to a larger relief and recovery effort after a disaster.

That model was used to provide help after the devastating Bear/North Complex Fire and last summer's Dixie Fire. It was used to pool donations to address the COVID-19 pandemic, helping keep individuals and health care workers safe while also assisting small, locally owned businesses. That disaster relief expertise also led to us being asked to help provide water to Glenn County residents whose wells for drinking water have run dry during the prolonged drought.

As our country faces a reckoning on social justice issues, we've stepped into the fray there, too. We've partnered with United Way of Northern California on the North State Equity Fund. And we have opened our own Disaster Relief for Indigenous Communities Grant Program.

We've launched Thrive, a wellness initiative designed to address the trauma inflicted by multiple disasters and challenges in our area. A key component of Thrive is the CARE Team, which provides suicide prevention help to individuals and families.

This year we unveiled Lead, a leadership initiative that taps community leaders to help empower emerging leaders with the lessons we've learned from the disasters we've lived through.

Meanwhile, the original heart of the foundation – the funds we hold on behalf of community members – continues to grow. In the past year alone, we've opened more than 40 new funds. Our total number of funds approaches 500.

There's no telling what the next year will bring, but one certainty is there will be surprises. And we'll be ready, thanks to incredible donors who step up and contribute whenever we need to plug holes in society's safety net.





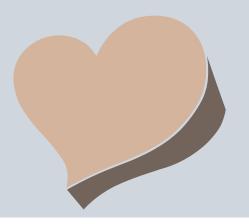


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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



When fires come, when wells run dry, when a pandemic shuts our world down, NVCF responds. For 17 years we've done everything in our power to address the disasters and tragedies around us, as well as catalyze amazing opportunities to better our world. Armed with radical innovation, adaptability and love — and arm-in-arm with you – we've responded.

In this Annual Report you'll hear about the more than \$55 million we've deployed since 2018 in strategic grants to support people impacted by the Camp Fire, and our region's recovery from those devastating flames. You will also learn about our efforts to address the string of massive fires we've had since then, the drought and this pandemic. You will hear about the lifesaving work we are doing to prevent youth suicides, advance social justice and much more.

I get asked all the time where my hope comes from in the middle of such suffering. It's the same source of hope I've had since I was the 29-year-old with a dream to rebuild NVCF. The inspiration is, and always will be, you!

When we come together, we serve each other well.

When we come together, we reduce the suffering around us but also within us.

When we come together, we are all the hope and inspiration we need to address anything we face.

This is needed now more than ever. We aren't keeping pace with the challenges we face, both in the North Valley and around the globe. We don't have any more time to waste. This simply can't be the world we leave our children.

So whatever views you hold, whatever party you're in, whatever your faith or circumstance or motivation, let us actively and open-heartedly engage the "other side" – all sides.



I don't know what the better way is yet but I know we need more togetherness, not less. More compromise, not less. More forgiveness and communication and care for one another, not less.

This might sound naive or idealistic but the force behind this request is the same force I used all those years ago to inspire the rebirth of NVCF. That force is the inherent good and selflessness of the human heart.

With my love, Alexa

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (preaudit numbers)

\$53,274,539

Net assets, end of year

\$17,207,168

Grants, charitable projects and scholarships made in fiscal year

\$11,648,528

Money raised in fiscal year for social good

6.73%

10-year average investment return

493

Charitable funds at NVCF

41

New funds opened in fiscal year

Since 2005\*

\$164,831,495

Money raised

\$113,332,412

Grants, charitable projects and scholarships made

\*In 2005, Alexa Benson-Valavanis was hired to rebuild NVCF.

Disaster Relief

\$55,689,987

Camp Fire projects, grants since Nov. 8, 2018

\$606,600

Dixie Fire grants issued since July 2021

\$3,192,535

Coronavirus grants issued since March 2020

\$1,167,940

Bear Fire grants issued since August 2020

### **MEET THE TEAM**



Alexa Benson-Valavanis, president and CEO



**Debbie Blue**, executive assistant



Karsen Bradley, vice president, finance/CFO



Bill Hubbard, general counsel and director of gift planning



Rich Lougee, staff accountant



**Tria Nicoara,** people and facilities manager



Megan Smith, digital content creator



Patrice Berry, digital content creator



Logan Todd, vice president, operations/COO



David Little, executive vice president, communications



Carolyn Engstrom, client care manager



Chris Copeland, program officer



Kim DuFour, program officer



Monica Wigman, program director



Tess Slaton, program coordinator



Danelle Campbell, Thrive program director



Erin Morrissey, Thrive program manager



Michele Thorpe, Thrive program coordinator



Jovanni Tricerri, vice president, programs



Dillon Raney, executive assistant



Kari Watson,
Thrive program
assistant

### **CARE TEAM COACHES**



Jose Sandoval



**Amber Lopez** 



Ryan Keller



Mary Lee Pickering



Santy Gray



Emiliano Jimenez-Cornejo



**Ama Posey** 



Sukhveer Cheema



Darci Yartz



**Marin Hambley** 



Michele Thorpe



Nancy Rodriguez

Not pictured: Kenny Lunsford

### **BOARD MEMBERS**



Alexa Benson-Valavanis



Farshad Azad



Earl Jessee



Deborah Rossi



Elizabeth Goldblatt



**Sherry Holbrook** 



**Todd Lewis** 



Angela Quail



Manoah Mohanraj



Janet Wietbrock

### **BUTTE STRONG FUND COMMITTEE**

Anna Bauer, First 5 Commission director Sierra Grossman, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. Scott Lotter, former Paradise mayor Don McNelis, former Butte County Office of Education superintendent Peggy Moak, former Butte County treasurer-tax collector Carol Peterson, former publisher of the Paradise Post Chuck Rough, former Paradise town manager Greg Webb, developer and philanthropist Farshad Azad, board chair, North Valley Community Foundation







NORCAL FIRE RECOVERY FUND at NVCF

### **TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER**

"Stronger together" is more than just a saying to us. In the community foundation world, it's our lifeblood. We recognize we can accomplish almost nothing by ourselves. We would not exist without donors and partners.



Volunteers sift through rubble of a home lost in the Camp Fire.

This was evident and obvious after the Camp Fire. Government, insurance and lawsuits could not entirely "fix" a \$15 billion disaster. Philanthropy would play a critical role plugging holes. Fortunately, many community-based organizations knew that collaboration was the best way to proceed.

The most well-known and vital Camp Fire recovery partnership is the Butte Strong Fund.



NVCF was raising money through its Camp Fire Relief Fund. Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. raised millions of dollars through its brilliant Resilience IPA campaign and through the benevolence of the brewery's owners, Ken Grossman and Katie Gonser. Aaron Rodgers opened a fund at NVCF, the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund.



The Grossmans in the brewing room of Sierra Nevada Brewing Company in Chico.

NVCF, Sierra Nevada and Aaron Rodgers decided to pool their efforts and form the Butte Strong Fund to stretch those dollars and extend the longevity of what we all knew would be a multiyear recovery effort.

Using the Butte Strong Fund as a model, every program we have at NVCF enlists partners.

We organized Dixie Fire relief efforts that pool the resources of 14 different funders. Our COVID-19 response benefited from partnerships with the Feather River Health Foundation and Aaron Rodgers. Our Thrive initiative works collaboratively with six other organizations focused on health and wellness. The list goes on.

We see every day in our work that so much more can be accomplished when we work together. We salute our many partners for embracing that concept as well.



Aaron Rodgers makes a surprise appearance at the first anniversary of the Camp Fire and delivers a message of gratitude to NVCF.



#### **AARON RODGERS PARTNERSHIP**

Aaron Rodgers keeps showing his hometown region is close to his heart.

Whether it's financial help for locally owned small businesses racked by the COVID-19 pandemic, grants for children and family programs, or monetary support for health and wellness initiatives, the two-time reigning NFL Most Valuable Player has eagerly helped answer our area's unaddressed needs.

After the Camp Fire in 2018, the Green Bay Packers quarterback opened the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund at NVCF. It focused initially on Camp Fire relief, but since then has included response to other challenges in the region.

His fund has distributed more than \$1.3 million in grants, most often for youth and recreation programs.

Many of the grants are for equipment or vouchers to youth recreation and fitness programs, such as the Feather River Center aquatic program, Girls on the Run, Everybody Healthy Body and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley. In addition, grants have funded playgrounds at



Aaron Rodgers teeing off at The Match, a charity golf tournament where he raised \$200,000 for NVCF.



Jessica and Jesus Placencia of Pueblito's restaraunt, a beneficiary of a COVID-19 small-business grant, at the Packers-49ers game.

Spring Valley School near Concow, as well as in Gridley and Cohasset. A grant helped fund Magalia Community Park and another grant helped pay for a campus wellness center at Paradise High School called Ridge Retreat.

Early in the pandemic, when it became apparent that lockdowns and other restrictions were having a disastrous impact on many locally owned small businesses, Aaron stepped up again. He opened the Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19 Fund.

In two separate rounds of applications, the fund distributed \$1.6 million in grants to 159 locally owned small businesses. For most of those businesses, the grant meant at least three months of rent. The aid provided a bridge to get the businesses through to a better time when the state relaxed most of its pandemic restrictions on restaurants and retail businesses.

Businesses reported the timing and impact of the grants were both tremendous. Several businesses said they were wondering whether to cut jobs, hours of operation or even close entirely when the grant came. The grants from the small-business fund were a lifeline that let the business owners know they had high-profile support.



#### **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

As COVID-19 restrictions started to subside in the past 12 months, so did the need for emergency help through NVCF's COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. But there were still opportunities for us to assist, mostly focused on longer-term recovery.

NVCF issued nearly 300 grants totaling more than \$3 million in the first 18 months after the initial lockdown in March 2020. The earliest grants included items like face masks, personal protective equipment and assistance for at-risk populations.

Then last summer, the shift toward more long-term impacts began. We issued 159 grants totaling \$1.6 million to small, locally owned businesses through the Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19 Fund at NVCF. For most of those businesses, it meant at least three months of rent to help them recover.

Two St. Elizabeth Community Hospital health care workers in powered air purifying respirator units.

The Rapid Response Fund issued grants as different needs arose. For example, St. Elizabeth Community Hospital in Red Bluff received a grant of \$19,685 to expand the use of protective breathing devices for emergency medical services workers treating COVID-19 patients. The devices are called powered air purifying respirators, or PAPRs. An earlier grant from the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund helped St. Elizabeth purchase its first 20 PAPRs.

The hospital says the devices quickly became viewed as "the gold standard of protection" for its workers. The units are required to be donned by anyone entering the room of a COVID-19 patient, including nurses, respiratory therapists, environmental service techs and more. During a spike in coronavirus cases, NVCF approved a grant for an additional 13 PAPR units.

NVCF also was able to help when the Torres Community Shelter in Chico needed isolation tents during the omicron surge in January. A grant of \$31,858, with contributions from Feather River Health Foundation and an anonymous NVCF donor, allowed the Torres Shelter to buy 20 of the insulated tents, bedding, a mobile shower and a portable bathroom.



Taylor Storey and Ashiah Scharaga of True North Housing Alliance standing alongside insulated tents for the Torres Community Shelter.



#### **CAMP FIRE RECOVERY**



Disaster case managers gather at an appreciation event organized by the Camp Fire Collaborative.

NVCF and its Butte Strong Fund have been able to address both short-term and long-term needs for Camp Fire relief and recovery, thanks to an incredible number of donations received for that work.

The longevity is fortunate because recovery has been a slow process. Between hazardous materials cleanup, a pandemic that strangled the workforce and the supply chain, and the glacial pace of the legal system, government processes and insurance settlements, the fire's aftermath has been frustrating.

As the four-year anniversary of the fire approaches, we are still helping to fund a case management system for fire survivors, still issuing grants for counseling and wellness services, still assisting with rebuilding efforts, still helping reduce costs and fees, and still supporting community development projects.

We have awarded more than \$55.6 million in grants and for projects for community recovery so far. We expect to be awarding Butte Strong Fund grants at least through the five-year anniversary of the fire.

Our largest financial commitments have gone to direct assistance, housing, and health and wellness.

Direct assistance continues through the case management process, which is managed by the Camp Fire Collaborative. The waiting list for case management reached 8,318

households at one point. The federal government authorized funding for just 16 case managers, which was enough to handle about 480 households at a time. That wasn't nearly enough, so NVCF and the Butte Strong Fund stepped up to fund 79 case management positions. The case list has been reduced to dozens rather than thousands, but the work is far from finished.

On the housing front, the Butte Strong Fund has helped fund some large rebuilding efforts, including programs in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Community Housing Improvement Program and volunteer efforts like Hope Crisis Response Network. In addition, hundreds of people who are rebuilding have taken advantage of a fee-reduction program through the town and county, as well as septic and pre-construction financial assistance through Rebuild Paradise Foundation. All were funded by NVCF and the Butte Strong Fund.

The health and wellness projects include providing counselors in schools and different types of therapy through community organizations.

Millions have also been utilized for community development projects such as Hope Plaza, Magalia Community Park, the Welcome to Paradise sign and the Honey Run Covered Bridge.

Much work remains to be done, but we are here for the long haul.

#### **CAMP FIRE FINANCIALS**

\$55,689,987

Total in grants, projects since the Camp Fire

\$11,356,072

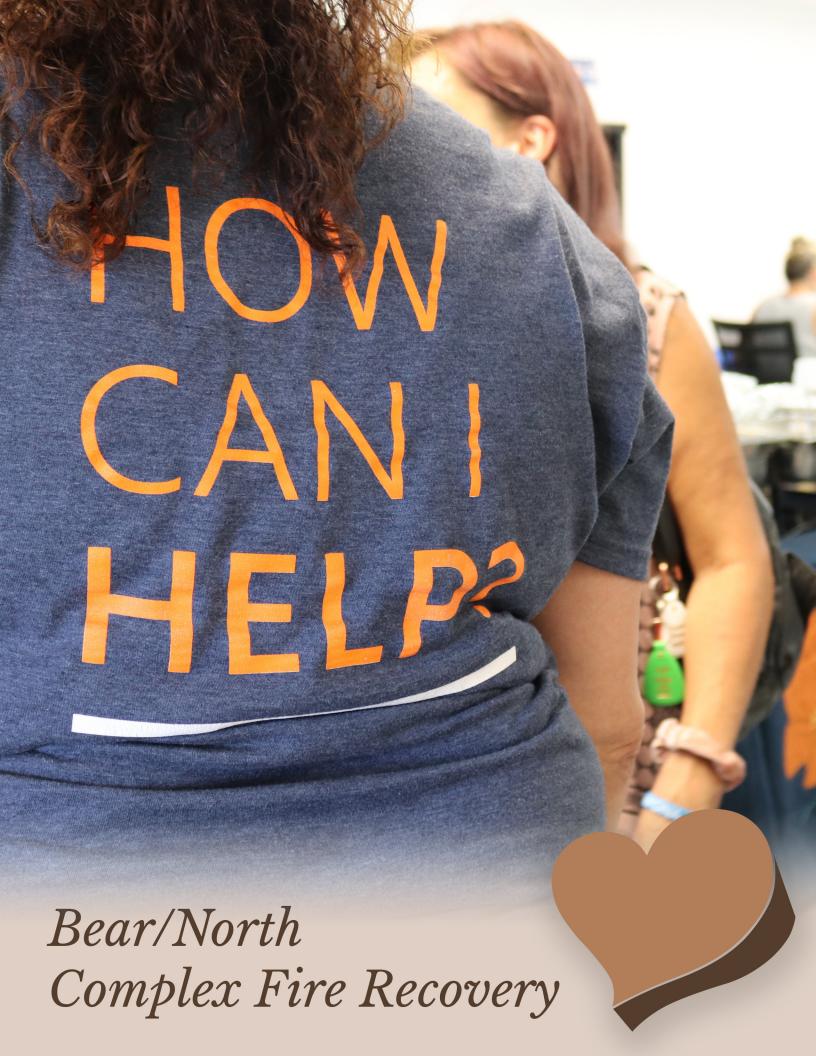
Total granted in fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Direct assistance	\$17,710,254
Housing	\$15,427,692
Health & wellness	\$11,228,747

Education	\$4,760,039
Community development	\$4,766,306
Economic recovery	\$1,796,948



A home built in Paradise by Hope Crisis Response Network volunteers.



#### **BEAR/NORTH COMPLEX FIRE RECOVERY**

The Berry Creek and Feather Falls areas remain very much in the long-term recovery mode after the Bear Fire two years ago, but more than \$1.1 million in grants from NVCF has certainly helped to jump-start the process.

Bookended by the Camp Fire in 2018 and the Dixie Fire in 2021, the Bear Fire was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California in 2020. Nearly 2,500 structures were destroyed and 15 people were killed by the series of fires that burned for many weeks and became the North Complex Fire.

NVCF activated its Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund during the Bear Fire and received more than \$1 million in donations. The first priority was emergency response — basic needs like food and housing.

After that, grants helped establish the Wildfire Resource Recovery Center. The building at the Lakeside Market Shopping Center in east Oroville serves as the home to member organizations of the Bear Fire Long Term Recovery Group, giving fire survivors convenient walk-in service for many of their needs.

The center provides access to case managers, crisis counseling and emotional support, and computers so survivors can get signed up for county, state and federal services. It also serves as a location for food and resource distributions, community meetings and more.

In December 2021, NVCF granted all of the money left in its North Complex Fire Grant Program, \$410,562, to help fund the North Complex Fire Unmet Needs Roundtable, which connects fire survivors to help. Hundreds of fire survivors registered with the case management system in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Bear Fire Long Term Recovery Group.

The roundtable meets every other week and has reviewed hundreds of cases presented by case managers. Funders of the roundtable include NVCF, American Red Cross, United Way and United Methodist Church. The roundtable anticipates meeting through the end of 2022.

All told, NVCF has issued \$1,167,940 in grants for Bear/North Complex Fire survivors.



Fire survivors collecting supplies during the Bear/North Complex Fire anniversary event at the Wildfire Resource Center.

#### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Total granted	\$1,167,940
Direct assistance	\$530,562
Emergency response	\$317,940
Housing	\$247,000
Health & wellness	\$29,100
Community development	\$43,338



#### **DIXIE FIRE RECOVERY**

Another large and destructive wildfire ignited in Butte County in 2021, the third in four years.

The Dixie Fire started in the Feather River Canyon above Lake Oroville, very close to the Camp Fire's origin in 2018. This time, however, the fire burned up toward Plumas County rather than down toward Concow and Paradise.

The fire burned for more than three months and, at nearly 1 million acres, became the second-largest wildfire in California history. More than 1,300 structures were destroyed, including most of the town of Greenville.

NVCF and the Almanor Foundation, which is a fund at NVCF, began raising money and developed a single grant application for organizations providing relief help for fire survivors. In the early days of the fire, tens of thousands of dollars in donations were granted out to organizations helping individuals and families with food, temporary shelter and other basic needs.

We later combined with several other organizations to form the Dixie Fire Funders Roundtable. Grant applications are submitted to NVCF and the applications are then considered by the Funders Roundtable. Partners include NVCF, Almanor Foundation, Tahoe Truckee

Community Foundation, United Way of Northern California, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, Plumas Bank, Sobrato Philanthropies, Wells Fargo, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, PG&E Corporation Foundation, S.H. Cowell Foundation, Common Good Community Foundation, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, American Red Cross and Dixie Fire Collaborative (a fund of NVCF).

The Funders Roundtable has funded research for the Social Safety Net Needs Assessment, the Plumas Strong recovery planning process and several other short-term and long-term recovery initiatives, with much more to come.

#### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Total granted so far \$606,600

Total number of grants



Members of the Dixie Fire Funders Roundtable gathered in Plumas County in October to tour the affected communities.



#### **THRIVE**

NVCF's healing initiative, Thrive, added new innovations this year to what was already a groundbreaking program.

The chief new component is our CARE (Community, Assessment, Response and Education) Team. The CARE Team provides support to families and young people who are contemplating suicide, have attempted suicide or have taken their life by suicide. When a community member calls or texts 530-783-CARE (2273), our CARE Team is activated and a young person or family member can be connected to a CARE Team professional or other resources.

Since the program was unveiled in October 2021, the team has provided support to more than 40 individuals and connected the person to longer-term care on 20 occasions.

Our CARE Team can be activated by anyone who calls — self-referrals, family members, teachers, administrators, first responders, caregivers, staff of youth-serving organizations, peers or friends. CARE Team support is free.

Our CARE Team follows in the footsteps of the youthdriven "End the Silence" campaign, encouraging the community, particularly young people, to talk about



Butte County partners participate in a game of Fresh Biz, a team-building activity to practice creative problem-solving skills and how they can be used to address youth mental health.



Thrive partner Matt Reddam and CARE Team coach Santy Gray at the opening of the Ridge Retreat wellness center on the Paradise High School campus.

mental health, to know the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges and to know what to say to someone who is struggling with mental health.

Another youth-driven project was launched in January at Paradise High School. A wellness center called Ridge Retreat opened on campus. A \$50,000 grant from the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund at NVCF made it possible.

The concept for campus wellness centers came from Thrive. Ridge Retreat is Thrive's pilot project for future campus wellness centers. It's a safe environment for students to gather, relax and reset.

In March, Thrive turned the focus to adults who work with young people. The Thrive Healing Summit was a daylong healing experience reminding healers that they need to practice self-care. More than 170 people from multiple countries registered for the "Healing the Healers" event.

The keynote speaker, Aaron Davis, shared a quote with participants that summed up the day well: "If you do not make time for your wellness, you will be forced to make time for your illness."



#### **LEAD**

NVCF unveiled its long-planned leadership program, Lead, in early 2022.

Lead, designed by NVCF staff and a steering committee of local professionals, aims to help current and budding community leaders make an impact in our region. Lead is focused on building a leadership foundation in the region that values collaboration, trust and inclusion.

The program will help participants tap into strengths, engage with others, share knowledge and embrace diverse perspectives so that our region benefits from empowered leadership.

Lead's first event on March 4 gathered nearly 100 local professionals for a World Cafe-style event to provide input for the overall Lead program. We collected and evaluated feedback to establish priorities that the group felt were the most important. These will be some of the driving factors we consider when designing our initiatives.

The first major component of Lead is the Community Leadership Program, a nine-month learning and networking experience. The program will help budding leaders grow personally and professionally through monthly classes and experiential learning.

The first Community Leadership Program class has been chosen through an application and interview process. Starting in August and ending in May 2023, the cohort will start with a three-day retreat, meet one day a month and end with a graduation.

Applications for the second class will open in May 2023.

In early August, Lead will unveil the Nonprofit Institute, which will provide leadership training for existing and rising leaders in the nonprofit sector.

The Nonprofit Institute is a weeklong program in January. Seasoned coaches and facilitators will focus on topics of unique significance to the nonprofits in our region.

Topics will include leadership, personal strengths, team building, collaboration, board and staff relations, governance, management and revenue generation.



Group of community professionals participating in the Lead World Cafe.



#### **DROUGHT RELIEF**

North Valley Community Foundation branched out into a new kind of disaster relief last year: drought relief.

The state and Glenn County declared a drought emergency in the spring of 2021, which helped the county qualify for emergency grant assistance from the state. Glenn County received a grant from the state Department of Water Resources to provide both short-term and long-term help for residents. Glenn County asked for NVCF's help on the short-term part of the equation.

The grant provides hauled water to households with dry wells. For drinking water, up to 60 gallons of water in five-gallon bottles is delivered per month by Bidwell Water.

For nonpotable uses, like laundry and showers, the program provides a 1,500-gallon tank that can be filled with up to two deliveries of 1,250 gallons each month by Bambauer Towing.

Everything is provided free by the state grant: the tanks, the electrical and plumbing installation and the delivered water. The value is substantial. The tanks, for example, cost \$1,600 apiece. The nonpotable water is worth \$425 per month.

More than 150 households are enrolled in the program. Most of them take both the drinking and nonpotable water. The cost to dig a new well is expensive (\$50,000 or more) and the wait can be a year or two.



Contractors work to install water tank at a home near Orland.



Jody Samons meets with Orland area resident Joe Verduzco, who has enrolled in the program to bring water to his home.

Some residents in Glenn County have been without water for more than a year due to the prolonged drought.

The state grant caps the number of households in the water delivery program at 200 and the program is slated to end on Dec. 31. Glenn County Supervisor Grant Carmon said it will be critical to convince the state to extend the hauled water program into 2023 until permanent solutions are found. During the drought a decade ago, the state funded water deliveries for three years.



A water tanker delivers 1,250 gallons of nonpotable water to households in the program twice a month.

### **OUR FUNDS**

Nearly 500 funds are held at NVCF. Each fund represents a person's desire and vision to help make our world a better place.

A client arrives at NVCF with an idea. We brainstorm with that person and talk about the various types of funds we offer, including charitable impact funds, memorial funds, scholarships, donor-advised funds and many more.

Forming a nonprofit can be an expensive, lengthy and difficult process. Teaming with NVCF allows these budding philanthropists to operate under our nonprofit umbrella, meaning people can make tax-deductible donations to the fund. That also allows the client to focus on raising money for their passion project while relying on NVCF to provide the financial services, marketing and legal help they need.

For people who want to start raising money immediately while also working to establish a nonprofit, we offer a nonprofit incubator fund that helps them achieve both goals. We work with them on establishing their own nonprofit and allow them to raise tax-deductible donations to cover the significant costs of setting up a new nonprofit.

We are constantly expanding our suite of services and our number of funds. In the past 12 months, we added more than 40 funds.

NVCF offers a variety of fund types for individuals, families, committees, nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies and businesses. Anyone can open a donor-advised, memorial, scholarship or endowment fund at NVCF, while groups of volunteers who want to change the world without starting a nonprofit may be interested in establishing a charitable impact or field of interest designated fund. Those who do want to establish a California nonprofit can reach out to learn more about our nonprofit incubator program, and existing nonprofits can take advantage of our services including nonprofit investment, marketing and accounting funds.

If you think you might be interested in opening a fund, the process is easy. Go to www.nvcf.org/open-a-fund and fill out a short questionnaire with your contact information

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship programs managed by NVCF	17
Applications in 2022	85
Scholarship recipients	39
Total awarded	\$69,100

#### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: OUR FUNDS

Dollars collected	\$12,191,418
Number of donations	4,627
Dollars awarded	\$12,928,937
Number of grants	900

and a brief explanation of your idea. That information is funneled directly to our Client Services Department, which will reach out to schedule an initial meeting.

### **ALL NVCF FUNDS**

- 150 Year Anniversary of Chico Police Department Fund
- 5th Foundation
- Aaron Rodgers Small-Business COVID-19
   Fund
- · Access Eye Healthcare Fund
- AG Edwards Charitable Fund
- Alice Brewer Fund
- Allevity Nonprofit Support Fund
- Almanor Foundation Fund
- Almanor Foundation Wildfire Relief Fund
- Altacal Audubon Elizabeth I. Brown Scholarship Fund
- A Makers Fund
- AmeraMex Foundation
- · Amigos Scholarship Fund
- Amma Culture Support Fund
- Anonymous F Fund
- Anonymous-W Donor Advised Fund
- Apollo Piano Foundation
- ARC Endowment
- ARC Investment Fund
- ARC Senior Endowment
- ARC Senior Investment Fund
- Arthur and Betty Gee Community
   Endowment Fund
- Arts For All
- Association for Northern California Historical Research
- Audrey Gray Memorial Fund
- Barbara Ely Memorial Fund for Children
- Basket Brigade Support Fund
- BCOE Arts Education Fund
- BCOE Butte County High School Anglers
- BCOE Employee Disaster Relief Fund
- BCOE Fresh Start Youth Farm Scholarship
- BCOE Memorials Fund
- BCOE Mini-Corp Education Fund
- BCOE Special Ed Sports & Recreation
- BCOE Susan Williams Scholarship Fund
- BCOE Terri Tozier, Where Students Come First Award
- Be Forever Strong Team
- Be Forever Strong Team Award Fund
- Benson-Valavanis Family Fund
- Bethel AME Church Restoration Project
   Fund

- · Betty Lou Carson Memorial Fund
- Biggs Festival Events
- Bill and Jolie Webb Charitable Fund
- BJHSF General Fund
- BJHSF John Schulz and Linda Wilbur Memorial Endowment Fund
- · BJHSF Operations Fund
- Blue Zones Butte County Fund
- · Boice Family Fund
- Brain Injury Coalition
- Bridging The Gap
- Bridging the Gap for Breast Cancer
- BSF Aaron Rodgers Recovery Fund Founder
- BSF NVCF Founder
- BSF Regional Planning
- BSF Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Founder
- BSF Unmet Needs Fund
- BSF Work Force Housing
- Burkett Family Charitable Fund
- Butte Community Cancer Endowment Fund
- Butte County 2020 Census Support Fund
- Butte County Fire Safe Council FAST CAMP
- Butte County Historical Society Fund
- Butte County Libraries Biggs
- Butte County Libraries Chico
- Butte County Libraries Designated Fund
- Butte County Libraries Designated Fund
   Fish Memorial
- Butte County Libraries Durham
- Butte County Libraries Gridley
- Butte County Libraries Oroville
- Butte County Libraries Paradise
- Butte County Office of Education Foundation
- Butte County Probation Youth and Young Adult Transitioning Fund
- Butte County Resource Conservation
   District Tree Planting Fund
- Butte County Schools Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund
- Butte County Search & Rescue
- Butte County Search & Rescue Proprietary
- Butte County Sustainable Communities Scholarship
- Butte Defense Equity Project Fund

#### Butte Home Health and Hospice Support Fund

This nonprofit marketing fund was opened as a means to support the mission of Butte Home Health and Hospice to help people live safely in their homes with comfort, independence and dignity. Nonprofit marketing funds allow mission-focused nonprofits to benefit from NVCF's expertise in receiving and managing charitable donations and to utilize our systems and infrastructure rather than develop their own. This allows the public to contribute to Butte Home Health and Hospice while the organization gets to devote its time and energy to focusing on the hospice journey of patients and their caregivers.



- Butte Home Health and Hospice Support Fund
- · Caleb Matthew Jacobs Memorial Fund
- California Dream Week
- · California Xi Alumni Fund
- · Caminar Endowment Fund
- Caminar Fund
- Camp Fire Anniversary Remembrance
   Events CARE
- Camp Fire Collaborative Fund
- Camp Fire Student Technology Support
   Fund
- Camp Fire WISH
- Camp Fire Zone Project
- Campos Family Fund
- Cancer Care Hospital and Research Center
- Caper Acres Nico Shade Sails
- Caper Acres Renovation Project
- CARE Team
- Carlos Espana Memorial Fund for Almanor Rail Trail
- Carol and Homer Lundberg Foundation
- Carrie Holiman Memorial
- Catalyst Endowment Fund
- Catalyst Investment Fund
- CFAF 911 Memorial Fund
- CFAF Adopt a Family Fund
- CFAF Chico Firefighters Association Foundation
- CFAF Equipment
- CFAF Ray Head Memorial Fund
- CHAT Chico Housing Action Team
- Chico 911 Safety Pals
- Chico American Legion Baseball Fund
- Chico American Legion Baseball Fund -Non-Agency
- Chico Area Swim Association
- Chico Art Center
- Chico Art Center Endowment
- Chico A.R.T. Collective Support Fund
- Chico Arts and Culture Foundation
- Chico Beard Collective
- Chico Breakfast Lions Club Memorial Scholarship
- Chico Chi Center
- Chico Childrens Christmas Fund
- Chico Children's Endowment Fund
- Chico Children's Museum
- Chico Children's Ukuleles Group
- Chico Chinese Temple Fund
- Chico Community Observatory

- Chico Community Shelter Partnership Endowment Fund
- Chico Country Day School Foundation
- Chico Cruz'n Classics
- · Chico Down Syndrome Connection
- Chico Eat Learn Grow
- · Chico Food For All
- Chico Food Project
- Chico High School Class of 1969
   Scholarship Fund
- Chico High School Music Boosters
- Chico History Museum
- Chico PD Ryan Hyland Memorial Scholarship
- Chico Police Blue Santa
- Chico Police Department Animal Shelter Equipment
- Chico Police Department Animal Shelter Medical
- Chico Police Department Business Support Team
- Chico Police Department Crime Prevention
- Chico Police Department Foundation
- Chico Police Department Foundation Animal Shelter
- Chico Police Department Foundation -H.E.L.P
- Chico Police Department K9 Unit
- Chico Police Department National Night
  Out
- Chico Police Department Social Media and Relations Team
- Chico Police Department Wheelin' w/Cops
- Chico Posse Foundation
- Chico Posse Foundation Emergency Response Fund
- Chico Science Fair Foundation
- · Chico Science Fair Pass Through
- · ChicoSol Fund
- Chico Stewardship Network
- Chico Street Pastors
- · Chico Symphony Guild
- · Chico Tarheels Family Scholarship Fund
- Chico Unified School District Foundation
- Chico Velo Cycling Club
- Chico Women's Club
- Christian Manell Souza Memorial Fund for Mental Illness Assistance
- Christopher A. Karl Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### Michael Smith Salmon Water Endowment Fund

The Friends of Butte Creek have a lifelong friend through the Michael Smith Salmon Water Endowment Fund. Begun to honor the life of a former director of the group, this fund will make a yearly distribution to help with the annual water master fees charged by the California Department of Water Resources in perpetuity. This endowment will carry on Michael Smith's legacy by ensuring that the organization has a reliable, guaranteed distribution to cover those fees for the life of the organization.



- CHSF Class of 1996
- Chuck & Sharon Patterson Family Fund
- Churg Strauss Syndrome Association
- · Cindy Kennedy Memorial
- · Circles of Justice
- City of Chico Arts
- City of Chico, Bidwell Park Division
- City of Chico Employee Giving Program
- City of Chico Tree Fund
- Clare Louise Bates Endowment Fund
- Cleanrite-Buildrite Foundation
- Colby Mountain Trail Network and Restoration Project
- · Collin Sweeney Memorial Fund
- Community Connections Foundation
- Community Impact Fund The Hope Foundation
- Compassionate Heart Foundation
- Computers for Classrooms Endowment Fund
- Connecting Point Foundation
- Continue Marcy's Support of Global Dental Relief



- Cootsona Family Foundation
- Cornerstone Pagan Fellowship
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Response
   Fund for Local Nonprofits and Agencies
- COVID-19 Local Restaurants, Local Needs Fund
- COVID-19 Project RoomKey Revolving Loan Fund
- CSUC Interdisciplinary Center on Aging
- CSUC Interdisciplinary Center on Aging
   Endowment
- CSUC Interdisciplinary Center on Aging Pass Through
- Cubana Books Foundation
- Cycle for Sjogren's
- Danny and Courtney Webb Charitable
   Fund
- David Tarter 35 Foundation
- DCBA Clean and Safe Charitable Fund

- Denise Minor Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Developmental Disabilities Sports Fund
- DevPOP
- Diane Ruby Memorial Hope Fund
- DiDucca Family Fund
- Disability Action Center Endowment Fund
- Disability Action Center Fund
- Disability Sports and Recreation Fund
- Disaster Relief for Indigenous
   Communities COVID Rapid Response
- Disaster Relief for Indigenous Communities - Wildfire Relief and Recovery
- Dixie Fire Collaborative
- Donald Polen Memorial Scholarship
- Dorothy Johnson Memorial Trust
- Doug and Kaylinn Hignell Charitable Fund
- · Doug Hignell Memorial Fund
- Downtown Chico Service Industry Workers Relief Fund
- Early Childhood Mental Health, Learning and Recovery Fund
- Educate Refugees and Vulnerable Children
- Edwards Family Foundation
- Emil W. Stiefvater Charitable Fund
- · Erase the Stigma Fund
- Erin Jergentz Memorial Fund
- Esplanade House Children's Trust Endowment
- Ethan McCoy Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Every 15 Minutes
- Families and Community Embraced by Schools
- Families Belong Together
- Feather River Senior Citizens Center Endowment
- First 5 Butte County Disaster Relief Fund
- First Responder Fund
- Florestan Society Foundation
- Fostering Hope for Children
- Foundation for the Study of Metabolic Bone Disorders
- Fraine Jo Cox Memorial Scholarship
- Friends of Butte Creek Investment Fund
- Friends of Comanche Creek Greenway
- Friends of Comanche Creek Greenway -Maintenance Fund
- Friends of Evangelical Theological Faculty
- Friends of Everybody Healthy Body
- Friends of Immigrants in Crisis Global Resource Fund

#### Donald Polen Memorial Scholarship

Funds that are created to commemorate the life of a loved one are a core service of NVCF. We have been honored to be entrusted with this important work over the years. Donald Polen taught computer science to students at Chico High School for more than 30 years, and this memorial scholarship fund will help Chico High School students for vears to come. With so many heavy decisions and difficult actions following the passing of a loved one, NVCF endeavors to make establishing a memorial fund and providing an easy avenue for friends and family to contribute and honor a life as simple as possible, often opening funds within a day or two of the first conversation.



- Friends of Outdoor Adventures
- Friends of Paradise Football
- Friends of the Blue Room
- Future Public Safety Scholarship
- Gene Howard Memorial Fund
- Gene Howard Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- George and Alice Smith Fund
- George Maderos Junior Golf Champions
- · Girlfriends Scholarship



- Girl Scouts of Northern California
- Glenn Community First
- Glenn County Drought Response Fund
- Glenn County Urgent Water Needs
   Support Fund
- Global Community Rising
- Grant an Elderly Wish Foundation
- Greater Chico Homeless Task Force Fund
- Greater Chico Kiwanis Club Foundation
- Greg and Sue Martin Family Fund
- Gridley Friends of the Library
- Gridley Police Department Animal Shelter
  - Medical Care Fund
- Grow Glenn Catalyst
- Habitat for Humanity
- HACE Scholarship Foundation
- Hands for Healing
- · Hawaii Audubon Society
- Help Central.org
- Henri L. Flores Memorial Scholarship Fund

- High Desert State Prison D Yard Book Club
- Hignell Charitable Remainder Trust Fund
- · Hignell Family Charitable Fund
- Holbrook Charitable Fund
- Hope Academy for Personalized Education
- Hope House Endowment
- Hope House International Advised Fund
- Hope Plaza Fund
- Idalene Adams and Alan Carrier Family
   Fund
- illuminAid Support Fund
- Incaudo Family Foundation
- Indigenous Communities Impact Fund
- · Innovative Education Fund
- Irlen Ambassadors Charitable Trust Fund
- Jean & Everett Crist Family Fund
- Jerry Novotny Journalism Scholarship
   Fund
- · Jesse M. Kohen Memorial Fund
- Jesus Center Endowment Fund
- Jesus Center Investment Fund
- Jewett Family Endowment
- Jim Jessee Common Humanity Fund
- JJR Restoration dba Servpro of Chico Charitable Fund
- Just Breathe and Run
- Justin's Bike Fund
- Kathi Theile Scholarship Fund
- Ken and Sally Logan Charitable Fund
- Kenneth Grossman and Kathryn Gonser Charitable Fund
- Kevin Campbell Scholarship Foundation
- Kids2College
- Kids and Creeks
- King Family Fund
- Kurt Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kyle LaForce Memorial Scholarship
- KZFR Endowment Fund
- Lassen Park Foundation
- Leadership Initiative
- League of Women Voters of Butte County Education Fund
- Little Red Hen Fund
- Loma Vista Foundation
- Love Chapmantown Community Foundation
- · Love from the Heart
- Love Well Live Well
- · Lundberg Family Foundation
- Lundberg Family Foundation Parrish Family Fund

#### Rebuilding Greenville Resource Center Support Fund

When a disaster occurs locally, local people want to try to help. A group of volunteers came together to support the town of Greenville and its occupants but lacked the structure to bring in charitable donations from people who wanted to support their work. With NVCF's help, the Rebuilding Greenville Resource Center was able to become a program under Plumas Rural Services, an existing nonprofit, and carry out their mission. NVCF was then able to open a support fund, shelter this joint effort and allow communities all over the world to support their mission.



- Lydia Schulerud Endowment Fund
- Lydia Schulerud Pass Through
- Mack Johnston Memorial Scholarship
- Marble Family Fund
- March For Our Lives Chico
- March for Science Chico
- Margaret Korte Fund
- Mary Linton-Mitchell Endowment Fund
- Matt Hogan Memorial Fund
- Matt Schneider Memorial Scholarship
- · Matt Webb Charitable Fund
- McGhee Advised Fund
- Michael Smith Salmon Water Endowment Fund
- Mike and Dotty Collett Animal Care Fund
- · Mindy Webb Charitable Fund
- · Molly Sacksteder Memorial
- MWS Properties Foundation
- My Fathers Purse
- Never Counted Out
- Never Enough Athletics
- New Beginnings Scholarship Fund
- Nichols Family Foundation
- Northern California Counties Time Bank
- Northern California Regional Land Trust
- Northern California Regional Land Trust -Non-Agency
- North State Symphony League Music in Memory
- North State Symphony League Redding
- North Valley Animal Disaster Group
- North Valley Animal Disaster Group -Agency
- North Valley Chamber Chorale
- North Valley Community Land Trust Fund
- North Valley Fire Prevention Grant Fire Pals
- North Valley Food Hub
- North Valley Freedom Foundation
- North Valley Housing Trust
- North Valley Intune Music
- North Valley Music Foundation



- NVCF Camp Fire Healing Initiative Fund
   Psychiatric Care
- NVCF Camp Fire Relief and Recovery Fund
- NVCF Community Endowment
- NVCF Community Engagement Fund
- NVCF Glenn County Urgent Water Admin
- NVCF Harold Williams Scholarship Fund
- NVCF Pride Trans Youth Support Fund
- NVCF Properties LLC
- O'Neill Family Endowment Fund
- Open Doors Literacy Project
- Operation: Hug My Hero
- Orland Police Department K-9 Unit
- Orphan Care International
- Outdoor Education for All
- Pacific Gas & Electric Community Contributions
- Paiva Family Memorial Fund
- Pamoja
- Paradise Art Center Fund
- Paradise Citizens' Alliance
- Paradise Dancers Endowment
- Paradise Exchange Club Grad Night
- Paradise Exchange Club Music Fund
- Paradise High School Science Fund
- Paradise Police Officers Association Charitable Fund
- Paradise Recreation & Park District Fund
- Paradise Ridge Community Land Group
   Fund
- Passages Champions for Older Adults
- Passages Endowment Fund
- Patty Cooper Memorial Fund
- Paul Webb Charitable Fund
- Paws of Chico
- Peace, Love and Pie
- · Peace Panel Project
- · Pearls of Promise
- Peg Taylor Center
- Peg Taylor Center Endowment
- Plumas County Office of Education
   Wildfire Relief
- Power Shutoff Fund
- Prestopino Family Fund
- · Project Biggs
- Project Hope
- PVHS Foundation Operating
- PVHS Foundation Viking Annual Fund
- PVHS Foundation Viking Endowment

#### Wings of Eagles

The tragic loss of her young son's life led Georgia Alvarez to begin a nonprofit organization in his honor, providing help to seriously ill children in our area. After dedicating nearly 30 years to the running of this nonprofit, Georgia looked ahead to the future of this organization in light of her own desire to enter a well-deserved retirement. Many nonprofits are forced to close when their founders retire or move on, but with NVCF's help the decision was made to shift its independent nonprofit structure to a charitable impact fund here at NVCF. This shift leads the way to a clear path of continued support of her initial mission. It will ensure that seriously ill children in our community will continue to receive this support for years to come.



- PVHS Legacy Wall Project
- PVHS Safe & Sober Grad Night
- PVHS Sports Boosters Foundation
- PVHS Theater Boosters
- Quail Fund
- Reading Pals
- · Reading Pals Paradise
- Reading Pals--Power of 100+ Women
- Rebuilding Greenville Resource Center Support fund
- · Rebuild Paradise
- Red Bluff Alums for Justice Scholarship Fund
- Respect The Walls Charitable Fund
- Rising Star Foundation
- Ron and Alice Reed Family Foundation
- Rottschalk Family Charitable Fund
- Safe Space Winter Shelter
- Science for the Church
- Senior Nutrition Program of Colusa County
- SF Invest Foundation
- Shalom Free Clinic
- Shannon Devine and Chris Devine Charitable Fund
- · Sharing Blessings to Others
- Sierra Association of Extended Care Camp
   Fire Relief Fund
- Silver Dollar BMX Chico World-Class
   Track Fund
- Sky Creek Dharma Center
- Skyway House Foundation
- Soul Centered Solutions
- Steve Harrison and Linda Zorn Foundation
- Stewart Family Foundation
- Stoimenovi Orphanage Global Outreach
- Stokes Family Fund

- Stop Trafficking Foundation
- Story Makers Fund
- Student Success Fund
- Sugar and True Foundation
- · Supergoo Fund
- Swanson Charitable Fund
- Sweeney & Michel Fund
- TedX Chico
- Tee'd Off @ Cancer
- · The Alex Project
- The Celebration of Life 5K Charitable
   Fund
- The Clexa Project
- The Dailey Family Foundation
- The David Fleming Memorial Scholarship
- The Fred and Eileen Hignell Charitable Fund
- The Fred and Eileen Hignell Charitable Giving Fund
- The Good Kitchen
- The Hignell Companies Employee Care Fund
- The Hignell Companies, Inc.
- The Hope Foundation of Sheraton Real Estate Services Employee Care Fund
- The Hope Foundation of Sheraton Real Estate & Services Endowment Fund
- The Lyme Center
- The Maranatha House
- The Music Therapy Impact Fund
- The Stream Team
- The Yellow Door
- Thomas C. Bowers Memorial Endowment Fund
- Thomas Sprys Scholarship Fund
- Thrive
- Tony Hobbs Memorial Fund
- Ukrainian Animal Rescue Fund

- United Families Parents Board
- · Upcycled Makers Market Fund
- Valley Contractors Exchange Camp Fire Relief Fund
- Valley Contractors Exchange Endowment
- Valley Contractors Exchange PTF
- Veterans Garden Project
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582
- Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519
- Walk Woof Wag
- Welcome to Paradise Sign Fund
- Wells Fargo Disaster Response and Recovery Fund
- Wendell V. Loughead Endowment
- Western Miracles Foundation
- Wildfire Relief and Recovery Fund
- Wildwood Perinatal Collective Fund
- Wings of Eagles Fund
- Wings of Eagles Investment Fund
- Wish Of A Lifetime
- Women's Improvement Scholarship
- Women's March on Washington in Chico
- Women's Micro-Finance Collaborative Fund
- Wondrous Women
- Work Training Center Endowment
- WRRF Dixie Fire
- WRRF North Complex Unmet Needs
- WTC Do It Leisure Endowment ED
- WTC Senior Endowment ED
- You Know You're From Chico
- Your Vote Counts
- Youth Development Fund of Chico
- Youth for Change Employee Care Fund
- Youth for Change Endowment Fund
- Youth Nexus Foundation
- Youth Nexus Foundation Athlete Committed



### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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# **TESTIMONIALS**

"The North Valley Community Foundation is an integral part of our community. Their team is knowledgeable, responsive, encouraging and supportive. We have had the pleasure of

partnering with them on multiple fundraisers, and have received several vital grants at critical times for our nonprofit organization. We could not imagine our community without NVCF."

- Taylor Storey, Executive Director, True North **Housing Alliance** 

> "We are thankful to NVCF and proud to be a part of their ever-so-strong commitment to our communities. When you partner with NVCF they handle so many details, such as legal and financial, so you can devote your time and energy into your fundraising to have it be successful. The NVCF staff is

dedicated and goes the extra mile."

- Fran Wedow, Bridging the Gap for Breast Cancer Fund

"There would be no Long-Term Recovery Plan in Paradise without the Butte Strong Fund."

- Barry Long, Urban Design Associates

"I can honestly say that we would

not be here right now without the help from you guys (NVCF) and Aaron (Rodgers). It was a lifechanging thing, and the timing ... we couldn't have been more on the ropes physically and fiscally, any more than we were at that point. The

timing was like it was scripted for a savior to come in and do something miraculous — and that's what happened."

- Chris Yarbrough, owner of Kona's sandwiches and bakery in downtown Chico

"I work with the Camp Fire Collaborative. We help struggling families who need recovery services, which sometimes call for thinking outside the box. North Valley Community Foundation's staff and leadership sit on several Camp Fire Collaborative committees. I see the genuine concern for the individual and community, and I appreciate NVCF's professionalism, mentorship and humanity. I am fortunate to see NVCF's concern for some of the most vulnerable in our community. The Camp Fire Collaborative can continue its work because of NVCF's support."

- Bruce Yerman, director of operations, Camp Fire Collaborative



