

# Community Foundation

for San Benito County



Spring 2010

## Mission

The Community Foundation for San Benito County is dedicated to building a stronger community and enhancing the quality of life in San Benito County through the support of philanthropic activities.

## Endowment Funds

**Unrestricted Endowments** provide annual income distributed through the Foundation's Grants Program.

**Field of Interest Endowment Funds** benefit specific areas of community needs.

**Donor Advised Endowment Funds** distribute annual income based on advice from donors.

**Family Heritage Endowment Funds** provide enduring family legacy as well as maximum flexibility to satisfy charitable giving desires of family.

**Scholarship Endowment Funds** serve specific donor needs or memorialize an individual, family, or organization.

## Friends of the Foundation

On December 12, 2009 the Community Foundation for San Benito County launched a new program called "Friends of the Foundation". This program was announced by Director Rebecca Wolf and Colleen Conley, the Foundation's Outreach Director.

Both are very excited to have a program that will educate the community about the work the Foundation does, and also offers everyone the opportunity to join in making San Benito County an even better place to live.

Everyone who joins Friends of the Foundation makes a contribution to help grow carefully managed endowments that provide resources to meet the needs of San Benito County.

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## Meet Two New Executive Directors

### Robert Freiri Chamberlain's Children Center

Robert Freiri was named Executive Director of Chamberlain's Children Center in February 2009.

Robert has twenty-five years of experience in the nonprofit field, twenty-one years in administration and eleven years as an Executive Director with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit affordable housing provider, and St. Elizabeth's Day Home, a San Jose nonprofit Child Development Center. Robert brings skills in organizational development fundraising, volunteer coordination, and community outreach.

Robert has been featured on NBC 11, the San Jose Mercury News, San Jose Magazine, the Willow Glen Resident, and Children's Advocate

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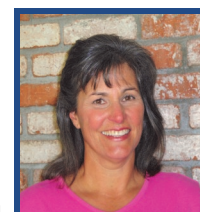
### Mary Lou Coffelt Emmaus House

Emmaus House, San Benito County's domestic violence shelter, is proud to announce Mary Lou Coffelt as its new Executive Director.

Mary Lou has been associated with Emmaus House long before it opened its doors in 2006 to serve the women and children seeking a safe harbor from a threatening situation. She began volunteering during the house construction and went on to serve on the Board of Directors for the past six years, most recently as Board President.

Mary Lou, a long-time resident of San Benito County, is married and enjoying two sons who attend elementary school in our county. Her family has long worked in agriculture in San

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Louise Roy in the classroom with enthusiastic students!

## Artists in the Schools Program

The Community Foundation for San Benito County, along with the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, is helping to sponsor the San Benito County Arts Council's Artists in the Schools Program.

The SBC Arts Council is bringing quality art education, curriculum, and performances directly to the schools in San Benito County. Over 6,000 students in San Benito County have lost art curriculum in their classrooms, and the SBC Arts Council is proud to bring art back into their education. They will be offering schools a 12-week Comprehensive Art History Series, a Short-term Artist Residency, and a Cultural Performing Assembly.

Some of the schools served by this program include Aromas Elementary, Calaveras, Cerra Vista, Gabilan Hills, Ladd Lane, Marguerite Maze, Pinnacle Court School, Rancho San Justo, R.O. Hardin, San Juan Elementary, Sacred Heart Parish School, Spring Grove, and Sunnyslope.

To learn more about the Artists in the Schools Program, or help sponsor an educational service, please visit their website at [www.sanbenitoarts.org](http://www.sanbenitoarts.org)

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Benito and Santa Clara counties.

She became the Executive Director this past August. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent Emmaus House as we begin our 4<sup>th</sup> year of service to the women and children who struggle to overcome the tragedy of domestic violence", said Mary Lou.

She is proud and excited to be a part of the vision of Emmaus House, and works to continue the life-changing work that Emmaus House offers. Not just providing emergency housing to our mothers and children in need, but empowering women as they learn life skills that will assist them as they move toward a more positive future.

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Children and students are invited to start on their own path of community awareness and learn about the needs of others by participating with a donation of \$5.00. The children's donations will directly serve the need of a child or children in San Benito County. All who contribute will be sent an annual newsletter and be invited to an annual event.

A student volunteer from San Benito High School, Chelsea Yokum, has begun a student awareness campaign for "Friends" on the high school campus. She has written an article for the school newspaper, made flyers, and posted them in strategic places as well as investigated how to help set up a student board for the Foundation. This board will help to determine how the monies collected will help a child or children in our community.

The most important task of the Community Foundation for San Benito County is to connect people who care with the causes that matter to them in their community. By becoming a Friend of the Foundation, you will be making our community a better place to live.

To see our Friends, visit our website at [www.cffsbc.org](http://www.cffsbc.org)

Join Friends today! 


## Chamberlain's Children Center Receives Grant

Chamberlain's Children Center received a 2009 Grant from the Community Foundation for San Benito County.


This grant money was used to update keyboards and software, purchase additional computers, plus provide Internet service to the classrooms in Chamberlain's.



The money received by Chamberlain's from the Community Foundation enabled Chamberlain to buy more computers at a better price from another source.

This gift has allowed all of the kids to have access to computers and all the group homes now have wireless Internet. This has impacted the students greatly by improving their computer skills by 100%. 

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periodicals for his community work. One of Robert's biggest achievements was getting over one hundred volunteers, including several of the San Francisco 49ers, to help build a playground in one day for St. Elizabeth's Day Home. He was also the Chairperson for the 2007 Habitat for Humanity National Conference in New Orleans, LA. 

## Hollister Youth Alliance Receives Grant

In 2009, the Hollister Youth Alliance (HYA) received funding support in the form of a grant from the Community Foundation for San Benito County. These funds will sustain vital intervention services during the program's initial years of operation.



*Hollister Youth Alliance members.*

HYA intervention programs provide support for at-risk youth populations, including "aftercare" services for youth on probation (ages 12-21) who have been identified as "highest risk" for remaining in or returning to the Juvenile Justice System. Because of Community Foundation funds, HYA was able to hire an additional part-time social worker and increase their capacity to intervene during times of critical need for some of our County's hardest to reach youth, as well as begin workshops with parents in the Joven Noble (Noble Youth) program. The program includes case management, a weekly life skills educational group for youth, family meetings and home visits, Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings with the Probation Officer, parents, school officials, etc., as well as parenting workshops.

Overall objectives of the HYA intervention services are to reduce the risk of school failure and juvenile delinquency, to support the family system, and to improve the health and safety of local youth. Last year, 92% of the youth stated that this program helped them.

The support from the Community Foundation for San Benito County has made a big difference in HYA's ability to be responsive to community need by supplementing the costs associated with beginning a new program. 🏹

## Leadership San Benito County Creating Quality Leadership

Leadership San Benito County's mission statement is "To build a stronger community by cultivating a diverse group of new and existing leaders who will effectively serve, unite, and benefit the residents of San Benito County."

The program is in its fifth successful year to ensure effective leadership in our county. This year's class of twenty-two participants (including our own Kathy Manthey) will graduate in August. The class meets monthly. Each month, they learn about a different topic such as the history, local government, economy, education, and social services of San Benito County.

The one-year course requires the completion of a class project that will benefit the community. This year's class voted and chose to complete two projects. The first project is a "Backpack" program for displaced children. These children, who are in foster care or shelters, will be given a "hug" in the form of a bag packed with necessities and goodies for their specific age group. The second project will be to erect a "Welcome to Hollister" sign. The sign committee has learned a lot about local government with this project, having attended many public meetings.

Leadership San Benito County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and welcomes your participation as a donor in many ways. You can help by referring future class participants, making monetary donations, or donating your time. The \$1200 tuition fee does not cover the total expenses of this wonderful program. If you would like to help or are interested in enrolling in the program, you can visit their website at [www.leadershipsbc.org](http://www.leadershipsbc.org) 🏹

## For Good For Ever

**Apply  
For a Grant**  
Applications for 2011 Letters of Intent can be found on our website. The due date for the LOIs will be December 15, 2010 by 4:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**National Philanthropy Day**  
Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
At San Juan Oaks  
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Check our Community Calendar at [www.cffsbc.org](http://www.cffsbc.org) for information regarding community nonprofit events.

**Help Us Update  
Our Mailing List**  
The Foundation is pleased to provide information to the community concerning our activities. We want to keep you informed of all the good things that are happening. However, if you are not interested in receiving this newsletter in the future, please let us know. We will regretfully remove you from our database.

## Directors

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**Sandy  
Rose**

Sandy brings a strong fiscal ability with her business experience. After many years of service on the Board, she is now the new Chair.



**Diane  
Ortiz**


Diane has been an active member of community organizations focusing on children and youth services. She was born in San Benito County and considers it a privilege to work here.



**Mike  
Sanchez**

Mike currently serves as County Superintendent of Schools. He is a student advocate, active in Hollister Rotary, works with community groups, and is the voice of Baler Football.

## Grant Station Now Available

The Community Foundation for San Benito County is offering a way for our nonprofits to research grants. We now subscribe to a new program called "Grant Station" and are making it available to nonprofits who would like to use it. It is an online searchable grant funders database. Nonprofit personnel can call our office to schedule a time to use a work station and access this program. This is a great way to discover what grants are out there. It also offers a plethora of information on how to seek and write a grant. You may visit the website at [www.grantstation.com](http://www.grantstation.com) to take a tour. 



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