



About Us

Founded in 2001, The Santa Cruz Community Foundation was created by area residents as a permanent resource for the entire county. Even though the Foundation has only been in existence for a few years, it has already compiled an impressive record of community service. In a recent grant year, in collaboration with the Ford Foundation, 16 local agencies received over \$54,000 in grant support and 38 local young people were awarded scholarships for \$143,240. We are an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, a member of the US/Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership and a partner with La Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense AC (FESAC), Sonora.

“Thank you for your tireless efforts to help our community. Your contribution will enable us to place at least 12 families in the program and continue to help more of the community’s working families and individuals achieve financial independence.”

Yvonne Delgadillo, CEd
Executive Director, Nogales Community Development



Our Mission

To Empower Our Community to Invest In Itself.

We work with you to promote philanthropy to make the communities of Santa Cruz County and Nogales Sonora a better place to live, now and in the future.



“Our family, together with many of Santa Cruz County’s pioneer families, helped to establish The Santa Cruz Community Foundation as the best way to leave a legacy to this beautiful area that has given us so much and that we love so dearly. Join with us and invest in our shared community to create an even brighter future for those to come.”

Roberta Bracker

“Santa Cruz Community Foundation and FESAC are invaluable partners. Without them, we could not help the abandoned and abused children that we have the privilege of serving.”

Lic. Ricardo Antonio Gallego Félix
Director del Noroeste de México
Refugios de Dios para Niños I.A.P.

Who do our donors support?

Foundation donors include individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations. The Foundation blends local knowledge, permanence and maximum tax benefits with personalized service for our donors, who are as varied as the causes they care about. Some examples of our donor funds and the agencies we support include:

Mariposa Community Health Center
Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz
Grupo del Apoyo Espiritual Guadalupeño y de lucha contra el Cancer
Native Seed Search
Senior Citizens of Patagonia
Venciendo el Autismo, AC

Nogales Community Development
Young Audiences of Santa Cruz County
Rebuilding Together Santa Cruz County
Community Food Bank
Patagonia Creative Arts Association
St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic

“As this region copes with unprecedented growth, immigration and border issues and the escalating economic crisis, your Santa Cruz Community Foundation and its partners create the resources to solve the problems that affect our schools, economy, environment and the health and social care systems on which we all depend. Support your community foundation and become a partner in philanthropy to preserve and enhance Santa Cruz County and Ambos Nogales, for now, for ever.”

Robert T. Phillips, Executive Director,
Santa Cruz Community Foundation



How can you invest in your community?

By joining our Partners in Philanthropy. Philanthropy is defined as **“the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.”** You can make gifts to The Community Foundation or establish a fund using a **variety of different assets**. You can designate that your fund be used for a special area of interest or go to a particular program or agency. Given our years of experience in the area and our Board of Directors of leaders from all sectors of the region, we are uniquely able to serve as the personal advisor for your charitable donations. We are set up to accept cash and stock as well as a variety of more sophisticated and complex gifts, including closely held stock and real estate.

What is unique about The Santa Cruz Community Foundation?

- ◆ We provide a forum by which concerned citizens and local community leaders can come together to decide what needs to be done, with whom, for whom, with what to improve the quality of life and the future of our border region.
- ◆ We provide local control, local resources, local solutions to local problems
- ◆ We bring together all non-profits and strengthen their ability to do their work by training, funding and encouraging collaboration.
- ◆ We negotiate with state, regional, national and international funders to bring resources into our area.
- ◆ We provide a non-political and professional way to assess local needs and give resources to those agencies best qualified to meet those needs.
- ◆ We give a way whereby individuals through donor funds, wills and bequests can leave a legacy to build a better future for their community.
- ◆ We, through affiliation with the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and the US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership, have access to professional fundraising, financial management and program development services that the area could not currently afford with its own limited resources.
- ◆ We can speak with one voice on behalf of non-profits to government agencies and local business and political leaders.



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An Affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

What is a community foundation?

The Santa Cruz Community Foundation is part of a rapidly growing field of over 600 community foundations, acting as resource generators and centers for technical assistance to the global nonprofit sector. We are a non-profit community organization created by and for the people of Santa Cruz County and linked in shared community service to our sister foundation, FESAC, in Nogales, Sonora Mexico. We are a foundation for the community, making grants to and building capacity of community organizations. We are also a foundation by the community. We provide leadership to convene the community to address critical needs and help to generate resources to meet those needs. We manage a variety of funds, established by families, individuals and corporations. We're here to help our donors do good work, for now...for the future.