

## 2023 Community Impact Report





t **County Federal**, our Core Purpose, "Bettering Lives; Enriching Communities" is the essence of our work. As County Federal team members, we are devoted to helping our members achieve their financial goals and enhance their quality of life. As parents, neighbors, and friends, we are committed to contributing to the communities where we live and work.

During 2023, the communities we serve underwent significant changes driven by many factors such as economic conditions, public health concerns and social dynamics. The ongoing effects of these issues continued to impact communities with increased demands for healthcare services, mental health support, and access to basic needs such as food and shelter. Economic uncertainties led to higher unemployment rates and financial hardships for many, highlighting the need for assistance programs and financial education. Overall, the changing community needs in 2023 underscored the importance of our County Federal Cares programs and the positive impact we can have. We remain committed to our communities as our impact continues to expand year after year.

We are thrilled to present our 2023 Community Impact Report, highlighting our community engagement, advocacy efforts, and philanthropic contributions.

## Serving Members & Local Community Since 1950





## Our Approach to Community Impact

At County Federal, we maintain close engagement with our community partners and actively participate in initiatives aimed at tackling the challenges they encounter. Our commitment is to enhance the financial well-being and resilience of our communities, often serving as a crucial resource for those seeking support in the areas we have identified as our pillars of community support.

### Our pillars of community support include:



#### **Children & Education**

We support children and education. Our various initiatives are aimed at enhancing their learning experiences and financial literacy while also supporting teachers in the classroom.



#### **Community Health & Well Being**

We support community needs such as food insecurity, mental health, and emergency relief. We partner with local organizations to provide needed services and community building.



#### Financial Wellness & Inclusion

We aspire to advance financial wellness and inclusion by providing access to useful and affordable financial products and services, financial literacy programs, webinars, and more.



#### Team Passion & Cultivating the Volunteer Spirit

Our team is supported and encouraged to pursue giving back to the organizations that they are passionate about.



## Children & Education

eginning the academic year with a fresh backpack is a cherished memory for many of us. That's why we collaborate with The Family Giving Tree to raise funds for their Annual Backpack **Drive**, benefiting families who may struggle to



28 Year Sponsor of the Teacher Recognition Celebration

afford essential school supplies. Through this initiative, local students receive brandnew backpacks with supplies conducive to STEAM learning. The impact goes beyond material possessions – students gain confidence, focus better, and achieve improved learning outcomes, while parents and teachers feel the community's support. This year, we expanded our assistance by providing additional school supplies to our M3 Money Club Members to kickstart 2023.

universities or community/technical colleges.

#### County Federal Scholarship Program

Recognizing the burden of studentdebt, County Federal offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and students pursuing education at accredited universities or community/ technical colleges.

## **2023 Scholarship Recipients** Over \$15,000 Awarded





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#### Supporting Santa Clara County Office of Education

Exceptional teachers are the backbone of our community. That's why we equip

Santa Clara County classrooms with STEAM kits and provide access to a financial

literacy curriculum. Additionally, for 28 years, we have proudly sponsored and upheld

the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Annual Teacher Recognition Celebration.

We are proud to have been recognized with the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools Partnership Award. This honor reflects our deep-seated commitment to forging strong partnerships and our dedication to serving, inspiring, and promoting the



success of students and public schools. Being acknowledged in this way reaffirms our resolve to make meaningful contributions that support educational excellence and student achievement within our community. Furthermore, our contribution of \$20,000 to the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) underscores our commitment to this cause. It is a tangible expression of our belief in the transformative power of education and our dedication to investing in the futures of the students and schools we serve. We are excited about the difference this contribution will make and are committed to continuing our support for the SCCOE and its vital mission.

#### Santa Clara County Probation Department Transitional Youth Program

We also have been supporting youths to transition out of the system at age 18, with most going on to college. County Federal provides initial funding to establish their first checking and savings account to prepare them for the next chapter of their lives.

#### Social Services Intern & Earn Program

County Federal provides ongoing financial literacy education to County interns.





## Community Health & Well Being

de understand our responsibility to extend a helping hand and foster positive change within our community. This commitment drives us to collaborate with organizations that address pressing issues like food insecurity and mental health support. Additionally, we actively bring people together through various events we host to forge meaningful connections.

#### Addressing Food Insecurity

As the cost-of-living in the bay area continues to rise due to inflation, the demand for food assistance grows in the local community. We firmly believe in ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food. To this end, we partner with organizations such as The Health Trust and The Jerry Larson FOODBasket. Together, we pack grocery bags, sort food items, and collect canned goods for distribution to our homebound neighbors, adults with disabilities, and individuals with medical needs. Moreover, we extend messages of kindness and warmth through our monthly letter-writing program, included in grocery bag distributions.

#### **Shred Day**

As consumer fraud and identity theft continue to rise, we aim to assist our members in protecting their information by hosting Shred Day every year. Shred Day is a highly popular drive-thru event where members can securely dispose of their sensitive documents for free. These documents are shredded and recycled responsibly, ensuring the safety of our members' sensitive information.

#### **Teddy Bears on Patrol**

For over two decades, County Federal's Teddy Bears on Patrol initiative has been dedicated to providing comfort and safety to children with thousands of cuddly companions! Through collaborations with law enforcement agencies, schools, and local charities such as Social Services Families, these furry friends ensure no child feels alone during challenging times.



I'm interested in volunteering for Dear Friends because it helps give back to our community. I have a passion for helping others and I appreciate an experience that helps others come together.

After volunteering I feel more positive. I enjoy knowing I helped make a positive impact on someone's life and that we can uplift each other through this program.

Khanh Nguyen, County Federal team member

















over 500 lbs of paper shredded & recycled







Over 1bs of food 1tems collected



500+ Dear Friends letters written

580+ Seasonal cards written



## **Financial Education Highlights**

- Over 600+ registrants have attended our monthly webinars and accessed learning modules, covering topics from how to manage your finances to how to apply for a loan.
- 68 Tips & Articles on Fraud Awareness Published

- 324 students in the local community have taken over 800 hours on in-school financial literacy courses.
- 373 online learners and 284 classes were taken
- 24 Financial Education Articles
   Published



## **Financial Wellness & Inclusion**

s a community-focused credit union, our goal is to foster equal opportunities for all to build wealth, thereby strengthening our communities. We achieve this by offering affordable financial products and services, providing financial education, and extending emergency loan services. We aim to create a positive impact in the lives of our members.

#### **Financial Education**

Understanding the importance of financial literacy, we believe that knowledge is empowering. It is the cornerstone for planning future goals, navigating financial products, and safeguarding against fraud. To support this, we offer complimentary monthly webinars and access to online educational programs. We also provide educational presentations at our partner sites to further enhance financial literacy among our community members.

County Federal provides virtual and in-person workshop solutions through Everfi, to reach communities with real-world education on topics relating to their financial lives. Everfi also provides our K-12 Program that delivers interactive financial education courses on behalf of County Federal at no cost to the school, students, or community.

We provide financial literacy seminars for The Opportunity Youth Academy (OYA). OYA is a dependent charter of the Santa Clara County Office of Education established in 2016 that provides access to a quality educational pathway for students who are not currently enrolled in school and have not yet earned a diploma. OYA served 337 students in the 2022-2023 school year and aims to equip the youth toward their pathway to postsecondary education and opportunities within the Santa Clara County socioeconomically diverse community.

#### Access to Financial Counseling & Education Services

County Federal partners with Balance, a financial wellness non-profit organization committed to developing balanced budgets with individuals and families to help them achieve their financial dreams. BALANCE is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. and are certified by HUD to provide comprehensive housing counseling services. They've been providing money management information and assistance since 1969.

Balance's comprehensive financial counseling and education services can help people achieve financial independence. Whether it's reducing debt, buying a home, retaining a home, or simply improving money management skills, they provide guidance every step of the way.

# Team Passion & Cultivating the Volunteer Spirit

t **County Federal**, we uphold the value of Service and Nurturing the Volunteer Spirit. Our team is dedicated to positively impacting their communities by actively participating in various volunteer activities, ranging from donating blood at blood banks to providing assistance at animal shelters. Each year, we expand our volunteer efforts and diversify the range of organizations our team supports, further strengthening our commitment to community service.



Volunteering allows me to make a difference, feel good about myself, and learn something new – all while giving back to the community I call home. It's a truly enriching experience that I highly recommend to everyone.

> Dio Dandoy, County Federal team member

What motivates me is knowing that I am helping others who cannot always help themselves. It makes me happy to be a part of a team or community that cares about others and are willing to give what they can, whether it's time or donations.

Fabienne Bell, County Federal team member



### **Our Team Supports These Organizations**

Adelante Academy

Air1 (radio station)

ALS Association

**American Red Cross** 

APEX Double Peak Fun Run

**Arbor Day Foundation** 

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

ASPCA

Bay Area Heat Development Basketball

League

Berryessa Music Boosters, Inc.

**Boy Scouts of America** 

**Boys Town** 

**Brook Knoll Elementary School** 

California Academic Decathlon

City Team Ministries

Compassion International

**Cornerstone Academy Preparatory** 

School

County of Santa Clara Animal Services

Creekside Homeschool Co-op

Disabled American Veterans

**Doctors Without Borders** 

East Bay SPCA

FCHO Church

Eisenhower Elementary School

**Five Wounds Church** 

Frost Elementary School

Hawaii Community Foundation

**Humane Society Silicon Valley** 

Ida Jew Academy

Ida Price Middle School

International Fellowship of Christians

& Jews

Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School Varsity

Football

James Logan Forensics Team

JW House

K-Love (radio station)

Lucky's Food Drive

Maui Food Bank

MMIWHOISMISSING

Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce

Morgan Hill Unified School District

Network for Good

Pioneer Elementary School

Pomeroy Middle School

POSSO: Portuguese Community Center

Prison Fellowship

**Project Cornerstone YMCA** 

Quicksilver Running Club

Saint Margaret Mary School

Sakshi Yoga

Samaritan's Purse

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

San Jose Conservation Corp

Santa Clara Police Activities League

Second Harvest Food Bank

Shakya Sujata Children Welfare Trust

Silicon Valley Humane Society

St. Joseph's Indian School

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

St. Martin Church

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Rock Church Sunnyvale

Town Cats

**Tunnels to Towers Foundation** 

UNICFF

Vietnamese National Association

of Real Estate Professionals

Wildlife SOS

World Vision







#### **Branch Locations & Hours**

#### Airport Place

**Corporate Headquarters** 2099 Gateway Place, Suite 140 San Jose, CA 95110

#### Almaden Branch

5353 Almaden Expressway, Suite 65 San Jose, CA 95118 Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday - 9:30 am - 2 pm

#### Campbell Branch Kirkwood Plaza

1638 W. Campbell Avenue Campbell, CA 95008 Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday Closed

#### **East San Jose Branch**

255 N. White Road, Suite 112 San Jose, CA 95127 Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday - 9:30 am - 2 pm

#### **Gilroy Branch**

6915 Camino Arroyo, Suite 50 Gilroy, CA 95020 Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday Closed

#### West Hedding Branch

70 West Hedding Street (Lower Level) San Jose, CA 95110 Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday Closed

#### **City Centre Office**

(No Branch Services) 140 E. San Fernando Street San Jose, CA 95112

#### **Mortgage Lending**

Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm Saturday Closed 408-282-0700/408-282-0742

#### **Consumer Lending**

Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday - 9:30 am - 2 pm 408-282-0700/800-282-6212

#### **Contact Center**

Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm Saturday - 9:30 am - 2:30 pm 408-282-0700/800-282-6212

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