



## 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sustaining the Legacy of Volunteer Public Service and Generosity

# BCF 2017 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



Top left: **Marine Guegen Strage**, *"Dog's Life"*

Top right: **Morgan Charles**, *"Passageway of Rocks"*

Middle left: **John C. Raby**, *"Bubble Bunny"*

Middle center: **Peleg Perlmutter**, *"Best Friends"*

Middle right: **Shannon Fitzpatrick**, *"Bay Fog"*

Bottom left: **Joan Moir**, *"Moonrise Over Blackie's Pasture"*

Bottom right: **Luke Rowles**, *"A Typical Dog Walk"*





### OUR MISSION

- To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.
- To form an endowment fund with contributions from all of Belvedere's citizens.
- To provide grants to support projects and volunteers working to enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.

### OUR VALUES

- To sustain the legacy of volunteer public service.
- To perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere's citizens.

### OUR COMMITMENT

- To be a vital resource to sustain and nurture Belvedere's rare and exceptional character.
- To support the energy and creativity of our citizens.

## TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BCF

or to make a donation, visit our updated website.

### OUR BLOG

provides the news, and the Projects section has links to the organizations and events we support.

[www.belvederecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.belvederecommunityfoundation.com).

## TO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE,

click the Donate button, or mail a check to:

Belvedere Community Foundation

P.O. Box 484, Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920

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*Charlotte “Charie” Morrison*

## IN APPRECIATION OF A LIFE LIVED GENEROUSLY

BCF Advisory Trustee **Charie Morrison** passed away last year, leaving Belvedere a happier and more beautiful place for her long tenure in our city. Everyone who knew Charie during the 57 years that she lived in Belvedere remembers how she embraced life. She found in Belvedere the perfect home and community. While she gave generously of her time and money to many charities, our home-grown non-profits had a special place in her heart. She enthusiastically supported the Belvedere-Tiburon Fine Arts Museums Auxiliary, serving on the board and as co-president during the mid 1980’s, and threw herself into Marin Garden Club activities with gusto. Diane Lynch, also a member of the Garden Club, remembers a trip that the group made to see the gardens of Santa Barbara. The club members carpooled, and Charie drove her Mini as the “small but mighty” leader of the pack.

Neighbor Claire McAuliffe also recalls the Mini. Says Claire, “She roared around in her green Mini (one of the first people in town to have one), usually with her dog in the front seat, always waving to everyone she passed. She had a twinkle and she had spunk.” Claire remembers fondly Charie’s large Fourth



of July parties at her beautiful home with its spectacular view of San Francisco and the Sausalito fireworks. Connie Wiley also describes Charie as a frequent and avid entertainer, calling the annual Fourth of July party “an institution.” Robin Scott, who babysat Charie’s boys and remained a close friend, recalls how Charie remained an active traveler and entertainer, even in the face of losing two beloved husbands. “Charie was a gas,” says Robin. “She loved to entertain.”

Charie’s attachment to Belvedere extends beyond her life. A long-time supporter of BCF, she left a very generous bequest to BCF in her will. It will be used to further the BCF mission to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the small but mighty city that Charie loved.

***You Are Invited!***  
**JOIN US FOR THE  
2018 ANNUAL BOARD  
MEETING**

Thursday, November 15

7:00 pm

Belvedere City Hall

Photography Contest

Annual Meeting & Reception

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW  
PROJECT IDEA THAT  
NEEDS LOCAL FUNDING?**

The Belvedere Community Foundation welcomes grant requests for projects that assist in preserving the unique character of Belvedere and enhance the overall quality of life in the community. If you would like to apply for a grant, please submit an application online at

<http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com>





## BCF Accepts Designated Donations to the Belvedere Lanes Initiative

BCF is pleased to support the restoration of Belvedere's public lanes. Citizens wishing to donate funds to restore our beautiful and historic lanes may do so through the auspices of the Belvedere Community Foundation. If writing a check, write "Belvedere Lanes" in the memo line. If donating online, select "Belvedere Lanes Initiative" in the "Donate To" drop-down box.

## Richardson Bay Audubon Center Provides Water Bird Sanctuary and Education

San Francisco Bay is a critical part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds and is the largest spawning ground for herring south of British Columbia. The Audubon Center manages a 900-acre water bird sanctuary in and along Richardson Bay, including West Shore Road. Its 11-acre education center is a resource for field education and research. BCF supported two projects this year; the annual Water Bird Festival and development of interpretive signage for the education center.



## Angel Island Adventure Race Reaches New Heights

This year's Angel Island Adventure Race was the best yet. The weather was perfect, and the custom-built obstacles tested all competitors' minds, bodies and spirits. Participants had to coordinate and navigate Angel Island's hilly roads and trails. Nearly three hundred people competed in this third annual event. Favorite activities included the giant sling shot, giant wooden puzzles, and the knot-tying challenge.



Photo: Rachel Simpson [rachelsimpsonphotography.com](http://rachelsimpsonphotography.com)

## CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK DELIGHTS LISTENERS

The twenty-first season of Concerts-in-the-Park featured four well-attended free performances in The Belvedere Community Park: musical mélange **Top Shelf**, jazz band **LaVay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers**, bluegrass band **Laurie Lewis and The Right Hands**, and 80's rockers **Neon Velvet**. Local talent, including beatbox artist **Dr. C.** and vocalists **Caroline Sky** (pictured) and **Sing We Enchanted**, warmed up the crowds.



## McKegney Green Renovation At Long Last

For twenty years, the Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club has wanted to rebuild the field. BCF was proud to contribute to this important project, which benefits families on the entire peninsula. The project is targeted to be completed by the end of the season, and the hope is to have some kids on the field by then. The club is still fundraising and just had a carwash.

*Back row left to right: Mattias Kodzoman, Cathy Frymire, Kim Stibich, Petey Stein, Stacy Achuck. Front row: Aiden Achuck, JR Bosch, Greenley Achuck, Anna Jacobs, Morgan Frymire, Sena Manchester, Lauren Bosch, Alexander Coleman, William Coleman*



## CLEAN AND GREEN DAY PLANTS DEER AND DROUGHT-RESISTANT GARDENS

In 2017, Clean and Green Day expanded its scope to address two of Belvedere's most intractable landscaping challenges: deer predation and drought. Following an evening presentation by Parks and Open Space Committee Chair Anne-Marie Walker on deer and drought-resistant plants, volunteers planted demonstration gardens at Five Corners, Centennial Park, and Tom Price Park. These gardens showcase plants that residents can use to replace the defoliated Algerian Ivy which has become a new food source for deer during the drought.

## Old St. Hilary's Church Gets A Face-Lift

The Landmarks Society, which owns and maintains Old St. Hilary's for the public benefit, is undertaking a major interior restoration of this venerable structure. Landmarks' goal is to have the floors refinished this December or January when contracted wedding and events are complete. Additional interior repairs include replacing carpet, seat cushion refurbishment, reframing the front door, and cleaning the wood walls. Last year sixty weddings and seven concerts took place at the beautiful chapel on the hill.



## ALL IN Supports Reed District Families in Need

ALL IN aims to develop an inclusive community by helping Tiburon Peninsula families with limited means. BCF was thrilled to join Reed Schools, Tiburon Police Department, The Ranch, and Rotary in supporting ALL IN's Summer Camp initiative, enabling children from low-income families at Hilarita and other areas of the Peninsula to enjoy one week of summer camp. The children could pick from several local camps, including St. Stephen's Camp Create and Richardson Bay Audubon (pictured).



# Peninsula Volunteers Help Make Our Lives Greener



BCF proudly supports the hardworking volunteers who keep our Peninsula green and beautiful. Harvey's Garden at Blackie's Pasture was this year a featured demonstration garden at the Marin County Fair and is also featured on the Marin Master Gardeners website. Volunteers installed new plant markers on a bright white background for easier plant identification and updated the plant list in the information case. If you are thinking of redoing your garden, stop by Harvey's Garden to see what a plant looks like fully grown and what thrives in our neighborhood.

Green Team volunteers contributed more than 700 hours this year to plant and maintain the Tiburon Boulevard medians and other public spaces. Thanks, Green Team, for making our drive off the Peninsula more beautiful!

## BCF Welcomes September in Belvedere

As the weather changes and school begins, BCF ramps up its community involvement. Following a screening of "Up" in the park on September 1, BCF joined the Labor Day Parade with a vintage VW van driven by board member Bryan Kemnitzer. Next in the festivities was the final Concert-in-the-Park for a dance party with band Neon Velvet. The Monday following Labor Day featured the Tiburon Open Golf Tournament, held for the second year at the Marin Country Club. A fundraiser, it helps support Ranch programs and scholarships.



## REDWOOD SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

The Mt. Tam Racquet Club was transformed into a fantastic beach club party by the hard work of the PTSA Grad Night Committee and countless volunteers who worked into the wee hours of the night. About 340 graduates were entertained with masseuses, henna artists, tarot card reader, temporary tattoo artist, and caricature artist, as well as swimming, basketball, human foosball, dancing, air hockey, skee ball, jousting and "Meltdown." Raffles went on all evening and food was served all night. Local community organizations, including BCF, provide about 30% of the funding for this successful event, which provides a safe venue for celebrating.



## Yellow Bus Challenge Helps Reduce Tiburon Blvd Traffic

Building on the success of last year, the 2018-19 Yellow Bus Challenge has taken it one step further by securing an entire fleet of brand new buses. And thanks specifically to the Belvedere Community Foundation, every bus has a GPS device that allows parents to track buses in real time on a “Find My Bus” tracking app. The goal is to get kids out of cars by making the bus safe, convenient, and affordable.

*Justin Goldman boards the Reed School bus*



## TIBURON PENINSULA VILLAGE HELPS SENIORS THRIVE AT HOME

Tiburon Peninsula Village, a member of Marin Villages, has been operating since 2010 and is one of the first local villages. TPV’s mission is to help older adults remain independent and active at home. Requests for services have grown from 10-12 per month to over 500. Volunteers assist with transportation, companionship, technology help, handyman services, and pet assistance. TPV hosts social activities, calling on its volunteers to ensure that members can attend. Dueling Dominoes and coffee at the Rustic Bakery are monthly social staples, and recently TPV has added activities like Summer Suppers, A Little Light Music, and Introduction to Indian Teas. The goal is to raise awareness of TPV and recruit more members and volunteers.

## HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WARMS HEARTS



*Photos: Diane Smith*

BCF provided support for the Holiday Festival of Lights, organized by the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. Residents enjoyed seasonal crafts, a “snow party,” wagon rides, Santa Claus, and more, finishing with the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree on Main Street.



# CAMP CREATE INSPIRES YOUNG ARTISTS



Camp Create again provided culture and arts education to first through fifth-grade students from southern Marin. Attendance increased by 30%, immersing 85 campers in music, fine arts, dance, yoga, and rhythm. The theme was “Journey,” based on the book by Aaron Becker that teaches creativity and friendship. Over 200 people attended the Friday Fiesta and enjoyed the program of songs and dances the campers had created and learned.

*Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the Camp Create photo gallery.*

