



BELVEDERE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

*Sustaining Belvedere's
Legacy of Volunteerism
and Community Service*

OUR MISSION

Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.

Form an endowment fund with contributions from all of Belvedere's citizens.

Provide grants to support projects in alignment with our mission.

OUR VALUES

Encourage Belvedere's spirit of volunteerism.

Perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere's citizens.

OUR COMMITMENT

Continue as a vital resource to nurture Belvedere's exceptional character.

Support the energy and creativity of our citizens.

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Explore who we are and what we do.

Apply for a Grant for your local project or non-profit organization.

Donate securely online.

Or send a check:

P.O. Box 484, Belvedere, CA 94920

BCF Sponsors 125th Birthday Bash



Belvedere celebrated 125 years of civic life on September 4th with live music, food trucks, a bar serving wine donated by local oenophiles, and bubbles and popcorn for the kids.

Mayor James Campbell recounted stories from the early days of Belvedere, and party organizers **Adam Gavzer** and **Sandy Donnell** reminded us of what we love about our city.

Anne Feinberg transformed the gazebo into a dreamy birthday cake. An open-air screening of "The Princess Bride" wrapped up the evening party.



Top; Bartenders, left to right: Justin Faggioli, Ken Johnson, John Wilton, Steger Johnson, John Telischak, all are former mayors.

Middle; Weather was sunny with intermittent bubbles.

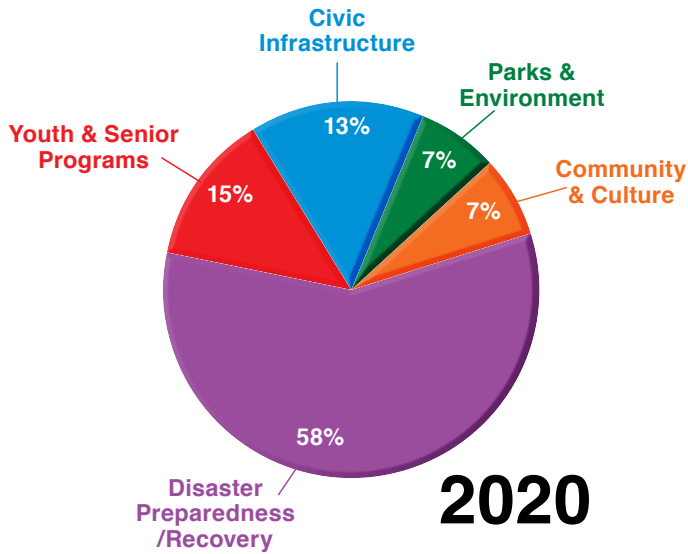
Bottom; Food trucks offered gourmet goodies.

BCF Facts and Figures – 2020 VS. 2021

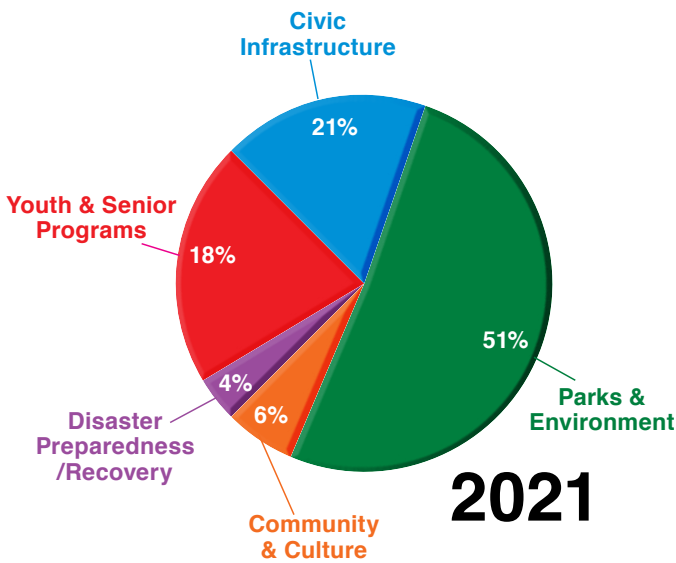
BCF stays nimble to respond to community needs of the moment.

Total of Grants awarded 2020 **\$145,300**
17 grants to 15 organizations

Total of Grants awarded 2021 **\$141,700**
14 grants to 12 organizations



2020



2021

Thank You to our 2020 Donors!
100 individuals and organizations
donated **\$68,000** to support
our community.

Our newsletter has a new look this year.
We hope you enjoy it. Comments
or questions about anything BCF-related?
Email us at
info@belvederecommunityfoundation.com

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Letter from the President

This year, as we all cautiously resume our normal activities, I feel a huge sense of gratitude for living in this extraordinary community. Our beautiful surroundings and the kindness and caring of my friends and neighbors made sheltering in place much more bearable. Thank you to everyone who stepped up over the last eighteen months to make Belvedere better for all of us.

BCF's volunteer Board of Directors continues to be driven by a strong desire to give back to this special community and, as our mission states, to "preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere." Within the following pages, you will find a summary of the various organizations that received grants from BCF, all aimed at helping make the community more beautiful, safe, and inviting for all residents. Our 2021 grants focused on activities such as renovating our beloved playground and supporting important programs for seniors and youth offered by The Ranch and Marin Villages. We also sponsored notable community events including Belvedere's 125th Birthday party and summer Concerts in the Park.

In contrast, last year's grants focused on helping our community bolster emergency planning resources as well as pandemic-related support. BCF grants helped fund disaster-preparedness equipment for City Hall and the neighborhood emergency response team (aka "Block Captain" program).



Sue Hoeschler presents Mayor James Cambell with a large check for the City upon the completion of Golden Gate Lane.

A BCF grant also helped the Belvedere Police Department purchase an electric bicycle. We remain committed to helping our community stay safe and strong, especially amidst challenging times.

If you are interested in learning more about BCF and our grant program, please join us for our **Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm at Belvedere City Hall**. In addition to a brief BCF update, we will showcase this year's annual photo contest and announce winners, and perhaps more importantly, we will finally enjoy in-person time together.

With gratitude,

Sue Hoeschler, BCF President

You Are Invited!

Join us for the

2021 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 18, • 7:00 pm • Belvedere City Hall

Photography Contest, Business Meeting, and Reception

Masks required. Attendees must be fully vaccinated.



BELVEDERE HAWTHORNE NURSERY SCHOOLS WELCOME STUDENTS BACK SAFELY

A BCF grant helped our local preschool pay for various COVID-19 mitigation measures to ensure the health and safety of the students, faculty, and staff. BHNS applied the funds towards such items as electrostatic cleaning equipment, play area dividers, duplicate sets of baby dolls and trampolines, thermometers, hand sanitizer, and social distancing floor decals and signage.



BCF HELPS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS KEEP OUR PENINSULA GREEN



Harvey's Garden volunteers take a break from pruning and planting.

This year's drought challenged the Green Team at the Trestle Trail Wildflower Meadow and the gardeners at Harvey's Garden at Blackie's Pasture. Planting drought-tolerant California natives refreshed both areas. BCF grants helped both groups adopt new watering protocols; the Green Team developed a system to transport recycled water to areas of need along Trestle Trail, while Harvey's Garden acquired a new smart irrigation system. On your next walk along the shoreline, stop by both areas and see what tickles your gardening fancy.

BCF GRANTS TO THE RANCH HELP KEEP LOCAL YOUTH ENGAGED

BCF made two grants to The Ranch in 2021. The first provided scholarships for a week of summer camp for fifteen local families in need. The second covers expenses for TeenWorks, a free community service program for local teens that provides various volunteer opportunities on the Peninsula. After a pandemic-induced hiatus, TeenWorks returned with thirteen eager volunteers picking up trash along Blackie's Pasture shoreline during September's Coastal Clean-up Day.



TeenWorks volunteers get ready for Coastal Clean-up Day.

LANDMARKS SOCIETY KEEPS THE RAILROAD & FERRY DEPOT MUSHAPHAPE



Above: Point Tiburon is reflected in a Depot window slated for repair. Right: the Depot in 1962 (from landmarksociety.com).

Years of salt air and bird droppings have done their worst to the Depot's windows; almost every window needs work. The Landmarks Society is awaiting a permit and hopes to have the work completed before the rains come. BCF is delighted to join with the Town of Tiburon and



Landmarks Society members in providing funds to protect this historic treasure.

NEW CIVIC PLAZA TAKES SHAPE

BCF's grant supports the outdoor seating area at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library-- a beautiful landscaped space that all Peninsula residents can enjoy. Adjacent to the new Civic Plaza and with a lovely view of the newly-designed Zelinsky Park, the seating area features three benches -- made of green materials-- that will be a wonderful place to rest, read, or visit with friends.



Above: 125th Birthday decorations add a festive note to September's concert. Right: Foreverland gets the crowd dancing. "Photos by Jeffrey Stein

CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK ARE BACK!

August 15th's performance featured *Windsor Street Blues Band* and *Dirty Cello*. On September 5, musician/songwriter Tim Hockenberry, bass-baritone Wilford Kelly, and Michael Jackson tribute band *Foreverland*



entertained the crowd. BCF has supported Concerts-In-The-Park since its inception in 1998.



Audubon Society volunteers take a break from building the garden paths. Photo by Haymar Lin.

SEVERAL PRIOR YEAR PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED IN 2021

BCF doesn't just write checks; sometimes our Trustees go the extra mile to help projects come to fruition. BCF trustees Sue Hoeschler and Whitney Lee bird-dogged the Tom Price Park bench project until the benches were installed. Other prior year projects completed in 2021 include the restoration of Golden Gate Lane and Richardson Bay Audubon Center's native plant demonstration garden.

BCF GRANTS SUPPORT PLAYGROUND REPAIRS AND UPGRADES

As part of a larger renovation project for Belvedere Park, a BCF grant will provide shade sails to cover much of the new toddler-friendly play area, giving young children much-needed protection from sun and heat. The play area will also include a new boat, boathouse, and aquatic animal springers. In addition, BCF is funding the replacement of the entire park fence through a separate grant. The Knight family bequest to BCF for maintenance and improvement of Belvedere's parks and public spaces is the source of funds for these grants.



*Left: The view from the top is worth the climb. Photo by Jeffrey Stein.
Above: Logan Butler is happy to be at the playground.*

BCF HELPS GET KIDS TO SCHOOL ON THE YELLOW BUS

The Yellow Bus Challenge, although impacted by the national driver shortage, is helping reduce traffic congestion on the Peninsula by making the bus a fun and easy way to get to school. BCF is proud to provide a subsidy for passes for low-income students, allowing everyone access to the bus.



First grade students enjoy their books after checking them out from Ms. Smith.

REED SCHOOL LIBRARY SETS SAIL FOR BOOKLAND

Thanks to BCF and local sailmaker Hood Sails, the Reed School Library has a new sail for its fanciful librarian's desk to replace the one that was sadly falling apart. The new sail is made of fire-retardant sailcloth and will be more durable and sun-resistant.

MARIN VILLAGES REACHES OUT TO SENIORS WITH HELP FROM BCF

Tiburon Peninsula Village was a lifeline for many Seniors in our community this last year. BCF's grant will help pay for three initiatives: a series of guided conversation groups and other stress-reducing programs for local members, a marketing program to reach out to potential new members and volunteers, and the purchase of supplies for emergency kits that all members receive upon joining.

Coffee hours at Rustic Bakery have begun anew. Photo by Cheryl Sorokin.



Students board the Yellow Bus at the Teal Rd stop.



BCF 2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



Clockwise from top left: Architecture: *"Sunset Skyline"*, **Matthew James Gormley**.

5-18-year-old category: *"Years go by..."*, **Morgan Sicklick**.

Reflections 2020: *"No Fiddlers on This Roof"*, **Melville Owen**.

Wildlife: *"Pelicans and Cormorant on Election Day"*, **Joan Moir**.

Black and White: *"Lovely Bones"*, **Leela Voges**.

People and Places: *"Sunrise...The Adventure Begins"*, **Laurence Bekins**.

Landscapes: *"Foggy morning at Blackie's Pasture"*, **Helga Mispelblom**.

BCF's photo contest allows us all to celebrate the beauty of Belvedere and the Tiburon Peninsula. Winners are announced at our November annual meeting. Want to enter the 2021 Photo Contest? Submit your entries at belvederecommunityfoundation.com/wp. Deadline is 11/3/21.