



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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# BCF Sponsors *Love Letters to Belvedere*



A grant from BCF helped Citizen of the Year **Adam Gavzer** create a beautiful gift to our community: "**Love Letters To Belvedere: A Community Showcase.**" The multimedia extravaganza was presented in the park on Saturday, September 3. The reviews are in – it was the show of the year!





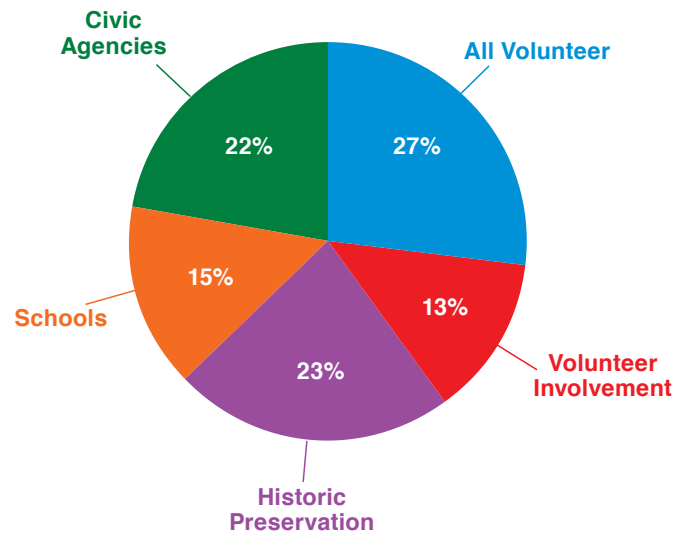
# BCF Facts and Figures 2022

BCF grants enhance Belvedere quality of life and support its committed volunteers.

**17 grants were awarded to 16 organizations totaling \$74,725**

Grantees fall into 5 categories, all with Belvedere connections:

All volunteer projects	7 grants
Nonprofit projects with local volunteer involvement	2 grants
Peninsula historic preservation and Education	2 grants
Schools serving Belvedere and Tiburon	4 grants
Local civic agencies	2 grants



## Thank You to our 2021 Donors!

Your commitment to Belvedere resulted in donations of over \$77,000 to support our community.

Newsletter by **Debbie Fisher, Ashley Johnson, and Anne Butler**. Photos courtesy of **Jeffery Stein, Jena Watson, Kevin Burke, Alex Zaphiris, Taissa Cherry, Isolde Wilson, James Campbell, Debbie Fisher, and our wonderful Grantees**. Comments or questions about anything BCF-related? Email us at [info@belvederecommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@belvederecommunityfoundation.com)

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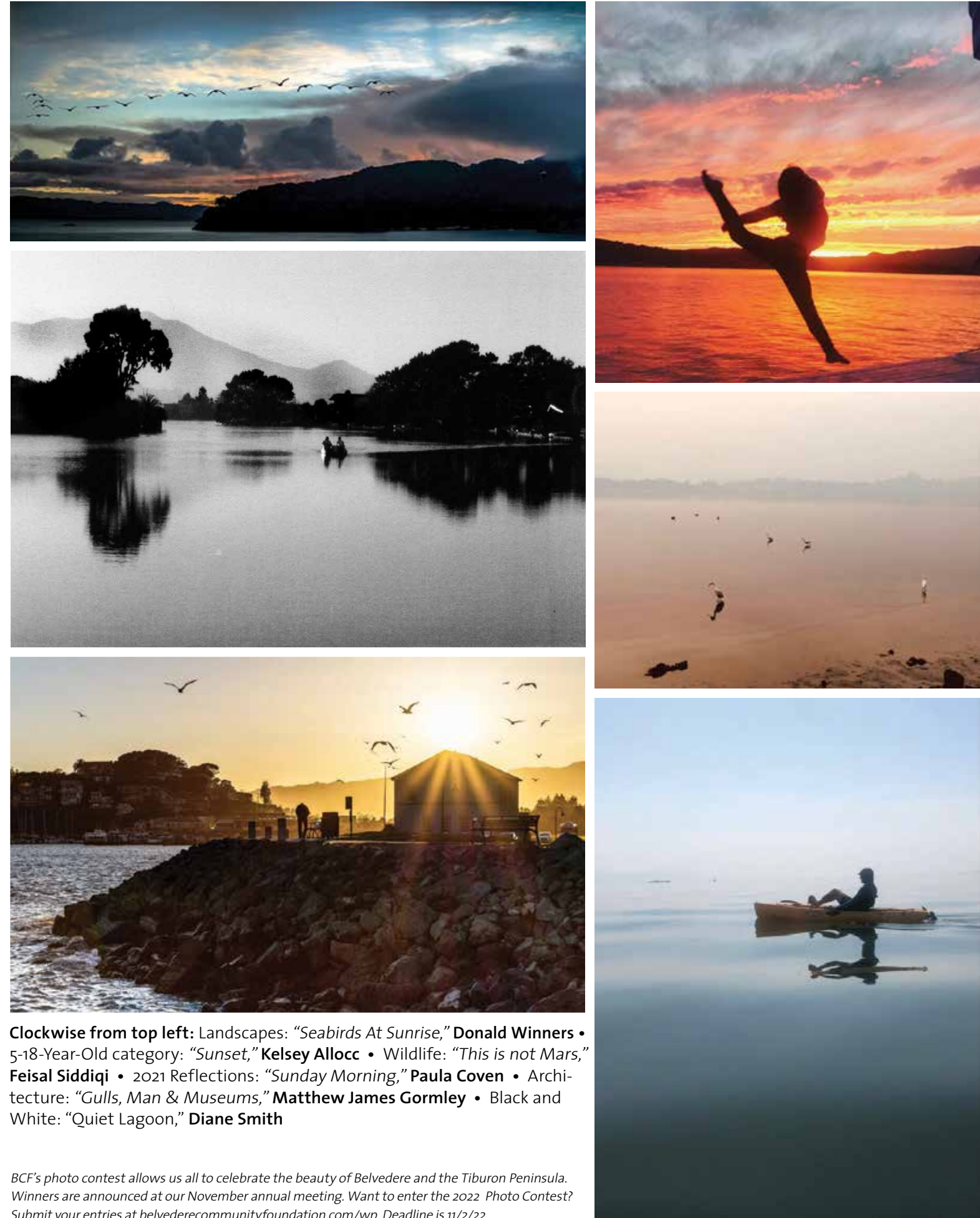
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# BCF 2021 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



**Clockwise from top left:** Landscapes: “Seabirds At Sunrise,” **Donald** Winners • 5-18-Year-Old category: “Sunset,” **Kelsey Allocc** • Wildlife: “This is not Mars,” **Feisal Siddiqi** • 2021 Reflections: “Sunday Morning,” **Paula Coven** • Architecture: “Gulls, Man & Museums,” **Matthew James Gormley** • Black and White: “Quiet Lagoon,” **Diane Smith**

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 2022 Photo Contest? Submit your entries at [belvederecommunityfoundation.com/wp](http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com/wp). Deadline is 11/2/22.





## LANDMARKS SOCIETY PRIORITIZES MUCH-NEEDED REPAIRS FOR THE CHINA CABIN

Like the wooden boat that it is, Belvedere's China Cabin needs extensive repairs to exterior walls and doors where water has done its worst. The Landmarks Society did extensive fund-raising over the summer to fund the project, and a grant from BCF closed the gap between their efforts and the contractor's bid. Construction should begin shortly.

*Captain Jack Fiorito explains the China Cabin's history to a class of Bel Aire third graders. Photo courtesy of The Landmarks Society.*

## THE YELLOW BUS GETS KIDS TO SCHOOL SUSTAINABLY



BCF is proud to support the Yellow Bus Challenge again this year by providing funds for a bus pass subsidy for low-income kids. The bus program helps reduce traffic on Tiburon Blvd. and offers a greener method of transportation than driving. Plus, it's fun to ride the bus with friends!

*Ellie Sutton (left) and Coco Valente board the bus to Reed School*



*The Magenta Bus picks up Bel Aire students*



## MARIN VILLAGES VOLUNTEER NETWORK ALLOWS PENINSULA SENIORS TO AGE IN PLACE

The Marin Villages network of volunteers help Seniors stay safe, healthy, and engaged in the community. While Zoom events are still popular, in-person events have returned, including the monthly Rustic Bakery meet-up pictured here. BCF's grant will support the well-received guided conversation program, advertising in the Ark and Marin IJ to increase outreach to potential clients and volunteers, and supplies for new member emergency kits.



## BELVEDERE NURSERY SCHOOL RECOVERS FROM FLOODING

In October of 2021, Belvedere Nursery School suffered significant water damage due to storm flooding, necessitating the installation of a tent and other facilities to keep the school in session during reconstruction. A grant from BCF augmented parent fundraising efforts to fill the gaps in insurance coverage.

*Zoe Fisher demonstrates clean hands after washing up in the mobile restroom*

## BCF HELPS SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT "GET READY TO GO 94920"

Our local police and fire departments planned a community BBQ and disaster preparedness event on McKegney Green for October 16 and asked for help in getting the word out. With funds from a BCF grant, a postcard was mailed to all Belvedere and Tiburon homes to publicize the event and start the fun with an interactive game. This newsletter is at the printer on the date of the event; we hope that everyone who attended the BBQ left well-fed and well-informed.



*L to R: Back row: Chris May, Digory McGuire, Carlos Berlanga, Battalion Chief Tommy Hellyer. Front row: Block captains Maureen Johnson, Kathy Perasso, & Petey Stein*



## VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE PROVIDING MEAL BAGS TO FOLKS IN NEED, THANKS TO A BCF GRANT

A group of local volunteers meet every Thursday morning at St. Stephens to produce 100 meal bags for the St. Vincent's take-home meal program. These lovingly-crafted meal bags feature beautiful cookies donated by Sweet Things and fresh, healthy ingredients, including some items donated by volunteer cooks. A grant from BCF will cover 6 months of out-of-pocket expenses for the Meal Bag Project.

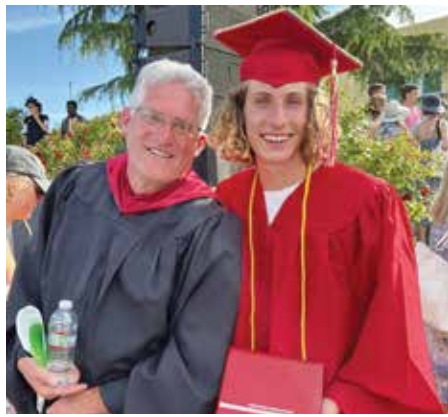
*Lois Cannady (left) and Ginny Doyle create gourmet PBJ sandwiches*

## CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF MUSIC



Four concerts featured **The Billy Martini Show's** 70's tunes, **Tom Rigney and Flambeau's** Blues and Zydeco music, **Con Tigo's** familiar standards, and **Super Diamond**, a Neil Diamond tribute band. A variety of local performers opened, including bass-baritone **Wilford Kelly**, back by popular demand. BCF is proud to have supported Concerts-In-The-Park since its inception in 1998.





Richard Cherry LaBourene poses with retiring principal David Sondheim

## REDWOOD SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT IS BACK!

This June, Redwood High School parents once again created an epic Safe and Sober Grad Night. After graduation, students went by bus to the JCC, where they were greeted by a smorgasbord of activities, entertainment, and food. Activities in the gym included glow-in-the-dark golf, spike-ball, and cornhole, while the theatre offered a DJ, blackjack tables, snacks, and the much-loved coffee cart. The festivities continued until dawn.



Graduates get ready for the photo booth

## REED SCHOOL ACQUIRES NEW BENCH AND TREES

A grant from BCF allowed Reed School to purchase a comfy red bench for the school entrance – a perfect place to wait for the Yellow Bus. A second grant will fund the replacement of trees that were damaged when COVID protocols required tenting the blacktop. BCF is pleased to support our local schools, which do so much to nurture our children and build community on the Peninsula.



Brooke (left) and Riley Rettke enjoy the red bench

## RACCOON BRANCH OF MARINHEALTH HOSTS GARDEN TOUR

Eight Belvedere Lagoon homeowners opened their gardens last May for self-guided tours as part of a fundraiser developed by the Raccoon Branch of the MarinHealth Foundation. Proceeds from the event went to the new behavioral health center at MarinHealth. Behavioral health has affected all communities, including Belvedere, during the COVID epidemic. BCF supported the Raccoons' efforts with a grant to the new center.



Annie Mendenhall (left), Lisa Mathews, and Roxanne Richards pose at one of the houses on the tour



Marla Kelly displays a floral e-bike

## BCF SUPPORTS LITTLE LEAGUE'S OPENING WEEKEND CELEBRATION

The event began with a parade of all the TPLL teams down Tiburon Blvd. to Fountain Plaza in downtown Tiburon. **Barry Bonds** was the grand marshal of the parade, much to everyone's delight. Once at the plaza there was pizza from Waypoint, chowder from Sam's, games, live music, silent auction, TPLL swag and high fives from the Lou Seal mascot. It was a wonderful way to usher in the return of baseball to the Peninsula.



Barry Bonds (center) celebrates with Tiburon Little Leaguers

## AUDUBON NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN ENTERS PHASE II

In 2021, with support from BCF, the Richardson Bay Audubon Center began constructing a Native Plant Demonstration Garden to educate visitors about native plants and their importance for birds. Now in fall of 2022, with another BCF grant, volunteers are preparing the final two garden beds. Native plants grown from seeds collected on-site are growing quickly in the greenhouse and will be planted after the first major rainstorm.



Teen volunteers prep the planting sites

## OLD RAIL TRAIL MURAL CELEBRATES PORTUGUESE DAIRY FARMERS

A BCF grant is contributing to a Portuguese tile mural along the Old Rail Trail commemorating the four Portuguese dairy farms that used to exist on the Tiburon Peninsula. The mural will feature the dairy located on the Del Mar School site and will be comprised of traditional Portuguese tiles called "azulejos". The site will also include cork seating and traditional cobblestones also known as "calçadas."

Del Mar students wait to meet the president of Portugal at the mural ground-breaking



## BCF GRANTS HELP VOLUNTEER GARDENERS BEAUTIFY OUR PENINSULA

BCF is proud to help our local volunteers keep our public spaces green and beautiful. Harvey's Garden volunteers replaced some plants and mulched and pruned others, keeping the garden at Blackie's Pasture vibrant and blooming. The Green Team continued maintenance of several areas, including the wildflower meadow and butterfly garden, and planted the median in front of the library. Both groups use drought-tolerant vegetation for elegant and un-thirsty landscapes.



Harvey's Garden volunteers enjoy a beautiful day in the garden



# *Belvedere Community Foundation*

## **Invites you to the 2022 Annual Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 17, • 7:00 pm • Belvedere City Hall

Photography Contest, Business Meeting, and Reception  
Masks recommended.

*Dear Friends and neighbors.*

As we close out the year and look ahead, we want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Belvedere Community Foundation. With your generous donations, we can continue to fund many worthy local projects, including the ones described in this newsletter.

The Belvedere Community Foundation exists as a labor of love. We are a 100% volunteer-run organization comprised of Belvedere residents. We are grateful for your participation as we work to fulfill our mission of enhancing and preserving the high quality of life in Belvedere. In addition,

we hope to inspire current and future Belvedere residents to get involved and give back to the community.

If you haven't yet contributed, please consider donating to BCF so we can continue supporting our community. If you have a project that might fit our mission, please reach out to us at [grants@belvederecommunityfoundation.com](mailto:grants@belvederecommunityfoundation.com)

With many thanks,

*The Belvedere Community  
Foundation Board,*

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