# SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT

## SEBASTOPOL GUIDE TO NONPROFITS & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



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## **Call to Action**

When we give back to our community, we tighten the fabric that binds us all together. Thank you for joining us today as we share with you a view of the City of Sebastopol as seen from the perspective of the nonprofit organizations that work so hard to meet our community's needs.

The Sebastopol Community Needs Summit is an opportunity to learn about the great work our local nonprofits are doing and to participate in and support their efforts. In the spirit of strengthening the bonds that make us a compassionate and connected community, we at the City of Sebastopol join with local service organizations in urging you to listen, ask questions, and find a way that you can participate in giving back to our community. We hope that the Community Needs Summit sparks a personal awareness of the great work that nonprofits do in our community and an appreciation for the everyday folks that make amazing things happen for those who need help the most.

With support from our Sebastopol community, we have an opportunity to meet the demand of our unprecedented times. Natural disasters and the pandemic have left our nonprofits needing more support than ever before. If there was ever a time to enhance the vitality of our community, the time to act is now.

Join us! Sebastopol is ready for *you* to plug in and help where you may. If you are already helping, see what you can do to bring other people along.



## ┥─ GET INVOLVED! →►

## ACTIONS THAT THE READER CAN TAKE TO GET INVOLVED:



Join a Service Organization and lend a hand



Donate time, money, and supplies to the organizations in this guide



Consider regular Sustained giving to your favorite charity



Volunteer for a Board position and lead by example



Recruit others to help your favorite nonprofit



Attend virtual and in-person nonprofit events and mixers to plug in



If you see a need or great idea bring it one of the Service Organizations



Host a virtual fundraiser with ten of your friends for a local nonprofit



Consider legacy giving through your estate planning

INTERESTED IN TAKING ACTION?

Fill out this Google Form and get involved NOW!

## **About This Guide**

This Guide is intended to provide an opportunity to review the various needs in the community and to hear from those who are currently doing the work to make our community thrive. Please use this guide during and after the summit to familiarize yourself with what the various organizations in our community do and how you can help to further their respective missions.

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## PROFILES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS



## **Analy Band Wagon**

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Visit Analy Band Wagon Website

Analy Band Wagon and Casey Jones are excited to be developing an after-school music program for elementary and middle school students in West Sonoma County. This program is in the planning stages, with a target rollout date of October 2021. We hope to utilize support from Creative Sonoma, and Music from Schools through the Luther Burbank Center (which has an instrument bank). We are looking for funding sources to help with hiring and insurance costs. Planning, outreach, and advertising are necessary to build an accessible after-school program that supports schools in the West County!

#### **Brook Haven Middle School**

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Visit Brook Haven Middle School Website

Brook Haven Middle School is home to Sebastopol Union School District's fifth- through eighth-grade students. The school has been an integral part of the local community for over 50 years. It is a hub for community events, and is the quintessential neighborhood school. Rigorous academics coupled with enrichment programs foster the development of well-rounded students at Brook Haven. In addition to academic classes, we offer physical education, STEM enrichment, band, choir, video production, woodshop, art, and opportunities for students to take leadership roles and to act as tutors and teacher's assistants. We offer a full athletics program, many student clubs and activities, and the TOOLBOX social-emotional curriculum. Brook Haven prides itself on supporting the whole child in a diverse and welcoming environment.

## **Burbank Heights and Orchards**

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Burbank Heights and Orchards offers affordable housing in Sebastopol. The John Stewart Company manages Burbank Heights and Orchards through two Resident Services Coordinators, who help residents connect with resources. Residents are low income seniors. Assistance provided by various partners includes subsidies to cover utility bills, as well as funding to pay for needed prescriptions. We need help finding additional resources in the community for our residents, who at this point in their lives need to be able to turn to their community for support.

## **California Homemakers Association**

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Visit California Homemakers Association Website

California Homemakers Association organizes low-income workers to address poverty conditions. We advocate for living wages for caregivers and other low-income workers. We advocate for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, including ending poverty and combating climate change. We need volunteers who can organize emergency and supplemental food distributions, medical sessions, legal advocacy sessions, and advocate on behalf of low-income workers to reverse policies that cause financial hardship, endanger health and well-being, and degrade the environment.

#### **Centro Laboral de Graton**

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#### Visit Centro Laboral de Graton Website

Centro Laboral de Graton is a worker-led day labor center that organizes with domestic workers and day laborers in West Sonoma County for the advancement of their rights and dignity as workers, as immigrants, and as members of the broader community. Programs include leadership development and civic participation, health access and education, just and dignified job placement, occupational safety and health training, vocational training, rights education, and English instruction. CLG also serves as a base of support and a place where solidarity and friendships flourish. The Center is an active resource, embedded in the local community. Centro Laboral de Graton takes a holistic approach to serving day laborers and domestic workers.

#### **Ceres Community Project**

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Visit Ceres Community Project Website

Ceres Community Project has three focus areas: (1) ensuring that low-income medically fragile people have medically appropriate meals and other food support, including those who are housing insecure, (2) providing youth ages 14+ with opportunities to gain skills, develop leadership, and learn how their food choices can help them, their community and the planet, and (3) engage people of all ages and from all walks of life in finding meaningful ways to contribute to one another. In 2020 we provided 184,000 medically tailored meals to 1500+ clients and their families. Annually we engage 400+ youth in 20,000 hours of work readiness, leadership development, gardening, culinary and food system education. We engage 600+ adult volunteers annually. We are in the process of scaling our work and continue to need funds, adult volunteers, and youth volunteers.

#### **Community Foundation Sonoma County**

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Visit Community Foundation Sonoma County Website

Community Foundation Sonoma County has the following focus areas: housing, youth, mental health, and homelessness. As a Community Foundation, we are addressing these issues on a county-wide scale through grant funding and our work beyond the grant, by convening organizations, collecting and disseminating data and sharing information with donors. We are a foundation with funding primarily from endowments. We collaborate with many entities all over the county. We also distribute funding based on the intent of our donors.

#### **Community Market**

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Visit Community Market Website

Community Market has the following focus areas: food insecurity/underserved groups, alternative transportation, and sustainable agriculture. We address these issues by partnering with community groups such as the California Homemakers Association, by partnering with Bicycle Coalition, and by partnering with local farms, featuring 100% organic produce. We are a not for profit, worker run organization operating a retail establishment. We partner with several local organizations on fundraising and donations to social justice causes. We appreciate collaborations with other community groups to raise funds and bring awareness to the issues previously listed. We look forward to hosting events in the future to bring folks together in service of our community.

## **Community Matters**

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Visit Community Matters Website

Community Matters' flagship program, Safe School Ambassadors, helps schools identify and train diverse student leaders to stand up and speak up to mistreatment in all forms. We have provided services to West County schools for many years. Those services include Restorative Practice training for school staff, Safe School Ambassadors, LGBTQI Ally Youth program, Empowering Student Athletes as Leaders training, professional development, and other youth programming. During COVID we provided Zoom Upstander training and opportunities for youth to connect with each other in a pro-social positive way. Our flagship program, Safe School Ambassadors, helps schools identify and train diverse student leaders to stand up and speak up to mistreatment in all forms. Funding is the biggest issue for us. We are also in the process of developing a volunteer program.

#### **Daily Acts Organization**

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Visit Daily Acts Organization Website

Daily Acts has the following focus areas: water-conservation, community education, and climate change. We host educational workshops (online and in-person) to educate and demonstrate DIY solutions, and we participated in Petaluma's first climate action plan and committee. We work with local and regional partners to bring in expert presenters. Daily Acts is primarily funded through city contracts or aligned grants. In Sebastopol in particular, having a contract to provide a certain amount of talks, tours, workshops, and installations would allow us to have more of a presence in the city. We also see an opportunity to connect with community allies, individuals, companies, and organizations with shared values, to improve our work and our ability to reach a wider audience to share resources and event dates.

## **El Molino High School**

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El Molino High School provides a high-quality education focused on helping students maximize their potential and achieve lifelong goals. To reach this objective, El Molino High School fosters an appreciation of diversity and respect and empowers students to make informed judgments, accept responsibility for their actions, grow intellectually, achieve academic success, and practice the social skills necessary to be productive members of the world community.

#### **Experience Sebastopol**

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Visit Experience Sebastopol Website

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center's Experience Sebastopol website allows visitors and locals to know what is happening in the community. The website will soon include a business search option, which will be especially useful for visitors who want to plan their day in Sebastopol. We would like to see more businesses/programs/non-profits posting their events on the website, in order to make it a resource that the people of Sebastopol can rely on when they know what is happening in town.

## **Food For Thought**

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Visit Food For Thought Website

Food For Thought provides healthy, comprehensive nutrition services to people impacted by HIV, COVID-19, congestive heart failure, and other illnesses, including about 50 low-income, food-insecure Sebastopol residents. Food For Thought exists today because of a grassroots, collaborative effort, and to this day we engage in many community-wide initiatives in order to maximize the effectiveness of our programs. We belong to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance, a coalition of diverse stakeholders working to improve our food system through community engagement and collective action. We are limited in how many people we can serve mainly by finances and physical capacity. Every \$7.15 we raise means we can provide one more meal to a low-income, seriously ill person in need. Our Forestville capacity is bursting at the seams. We are hoping to add on a new location in 2021-2022, and are in need of funding for that expansion.

#### **Forestville Union School District**

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Visit Forestville Union School District Website

We are looking for community partners to support our students and families in crisis, particularly with mental health issues. We are looking to increase hours for our school psychologist, counselor, and for intervention. We do our best to fund these efforts, through our general fund and special one time money from the state and federal government. We also will continue to partner with the Sonoma County Office of Education and other community partners (West County Health Centers) when available. But existing funding is not enough to meet the substantial need we see in our student body. Having ongoing funds and trained professionals in wrap-around medical and mental health services available for referral for parents and students in need would be ideal.

#### **Generation Housing**

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Generation Housing is focused on increasing the supply of affordable housing for lower income families, as well as increasing the supply of all kinds of housing for families at all income levels. We produce educational events to inform the broader community about housing issues, and advocate for housing developments and pro-housing policies that help address our housing shortage. We launched a public will building campaign to shift the narrative about the importance and community benefits of having more inclusive neighborhoods in which all of our friends, families, and neighbors have affordable homes. Gen H produces research and offers technical assistance about housing policies, and convene cross-sector stakeholders to create a pro-housing common agenda. We are interested in amplifying the message and our outreach to the community about the importance, need, and benefits of having more affordable housing.

#### **Gravenstein Health Action Coalition**

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Gravenstein Health Action COALITION Visit Gravenstein Health Action Coalition Website

The Gravenstein Health Action Coalition is a collaboration of local organizations, agencies and individuals working together to support policy, system and environmental change, in order to improve health outcomes of all residents of West County Sonoma. We mobilize community partnerships and resources to achieve equity and improve the health, safety and wellbeing for all in West Sonoma County. GHAC conducts community assessment using the Self Healing Communities model, hosts an Age Friendly monthly group, and participates in Connections, Capacity, and Change. We collaborate with many agencies, and are looking forward to working with ACES Network grant program to get assistance in organizing and interviewing selected groups in our local west County community.

#### **Gravenstein Union School District**

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Visit Gravenstein Union School District Website

Gravenstein Union High School District is focused on the following goals: (1) Mental Health: bolstering our on-campus offerings as well as community partnerships for referrals/warm hand-offs; (2) Environment: Support for household connectivity/device access for families that will continue with distance learning. To meet these goals on behalf of our students and their families, we need funding to add mental health campus space (when we return we currently do not have space for our staff to meet with students in-person), and we would like to increase our connections and knowledge of community partner resources.

#### **Hallberg Butterfly Gardens**

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## Hallberg Butterfly Gardens

Visit Hallberg Butterfly Gardens Website

Hallberg Butterfly Gardens is dedicated to: (1) enhancing connections to nature as an essential and often overlooked aspect critical to the quality of human life, (2) stewardship of private and public lands to support the effects of habitat loss and climate change, (3) accessible information and community science, and (4) a sustainable future. We plant mostly native plants focused on supporting the full lifecycle of butterflies and other pollinators. We open our gardens for school and public tours, workshops, community science, and plant sales. We have historically offered presentations to local classrooms. We offer butterfly conservation presentations online and informative videos on our website. We support volunteer opportunities with HBG, and help direct people to other resources, organizations, and natural preserves. Funds and volunteers are at the top of our needs list. With an increase in funds, we could better maintain the Gardens and expand our services and reach our goal of providing a social network and resource space for our community.

## **Harmony Union School District**

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Visit Harmony Union School District Website

Harmony Union School District covers Occidental, Camp Meeker, Bodega and West Sebastopol. Our focus is on education, family services, nutrition, and mental health. We provide education and support services for our families, including counseling, nutrition and other family services as needed. Our efforts would benefit from collaboration with other important agencies in the area: West County Health Centers, the food kitchen, athletics organizations, family legal aid, etc. Connecting services throughout the community for students and families is essential for us. As a specific project that needs funding right now, \$150,000 would give us a fully funded cafeteria and garden.

#### **Impact 100 Redwood Circle**

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Visit Impact 100 Redwood Circle Website

Impact 100 Redwood Circle is a women's giving circle. This year we will award \$225,000 in grants to Sonoma County nonprofits. We award our grants based on rigorous grant application and decision processes. Our focus is arts & culture, health/community betterment, education, environment/parks/sustainability/recreation. Our grants are funded by member donations to our grant fund. We want to have a significant and sustainable impact on our community through our grantmaking. We are always in search of insights and education on the greatest needs in Sonoma County and how/by whom those needs are being addressed. That would help guide our work.

#### Interact Youth Leadership Program (Rotary Club of Sebastopol)

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Interact is a service club for young people ages 12-18 who want to be involved in their local community and around the world. It is supported and mentored by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Interact members join together to tackle issues in their community. Students learn leadership skills, citizenship, teamwork, organization, and project coordination. They are responsible for planning, financing, organizing, and carrying out their own activities and projects. Both Brook Haven and Twin Hills Middle Schools have active Interact Clubs. In 2019-20, these students engaged in a variety of projects, including (among others) a coat drive for the homeless, making blankets for The Living Room, helping at local events, and donating the money from their fundraising events to Ceres, the Interfaith Pantry, and to pay for yearbooks for students who couldn't afford them. Both Clubs took part in the Adopt-A-Family program, providing gifts and good cheer, delivered by fire truck, to needy families at the holidays.

#### Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

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The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation works with partners such as the City of Sebastopol and others on the restoration and conservation of wetland habitats in the Laguna Wetlands Preserve and other public and private properties with wetlands and tributary creeks that connect to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, including community stewardship and environmental education activities. Some of the community issues relating to our work include trash and garbage debris, unauthorized homeless encampments, and general lack of awareness by residents about the Laguna watershed. Annual funding of approx. \$80,000 would enable us to be very effective in providing stewardship support for the Laguna Wetlands Preserve. We could hire the staff needed to coordinate our volunteer group and to take on grant writing and management duties.

## Laguna High School

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Laguna High School serves students at risk of not graduating from high school. Our students are predominantly low income, and live in generational poverty. We provide life and academic skills to our students. We have the highest percentage of foster/homeless youth and of Special Education students in West Sonoma County. We have developed a new curriculum that represents a shift in the way we educate our students. It involves five courses. Each is project based and interdisciplinary, which means that the students learn throughout the planning and implementation of a larger project. Rather than learning about a subject, then doing a project at the end of the unit to represent the culmination of the learning, students plan their own learning throughout the unit with the teacher as a guide. The courses are also not designated as in a particular discipline, such as English and Math, which means the students will earn high school credits in multiple areas because the course covers content standards in those multiple core areas. We are in the process of working with industry partners to create partnerships for our students to learn the soft skills kids need in the workplace.

#### **LandPaths**

618 4th Street, Suite 217 Claire McMurtry / Craig Anderson claire@landpaths.org



LandPaths reaches over 6,000 people annually with programming and volunteer opportunities that foster a love of the land. We grow community through nature with volunteer stewardship opportunities and seasonal celebrations. We root youth in nature with school-based and summer camp nature education programs that include standards-based learning, and we branch out conservation for everyone with public outings, Spanish-language programming, and opportunities for those historically excluded from the outdoors to access the benefits of time in nature. LandPaths seeks volunteer involvement regularly to steward the 2,800 acres in our care across the County; our fundraising efforts are ongoing and urgent, funds from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are currently sought to provide summer camp scholarships and keep the 30% increase in costs to run camp during covid from being paid by families, and to recover and restore habitat on our two preserves that burned in the Glass and Walbridge Fires in 2020.

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#### Lantern

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Lantern's mission is to increase the size of the Sebastopol Regional Library in order to improve educational opportunities, as well as opportunities to address social justice issues in the community. Our current library is very small and limits our flexibility and the breadth of our services. A larger library would allow partnerships with other nonprofits and governmental agencies, both locally and County-wide. We are hoping to expand support for a capital campaign for the library, through greater communication and partnerships.

## Luther Burbank Experiment Farm (Western Sonoma County Historical Society)

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Visit Luther Burbank Experiment Farm Website

The Luther Burbank Experiment Farm provides educational opportunities to the general public and local schools, on the legacy of Luther Burbank. The Historical Society is the parent organization for the Farm. We offer docent tours of the three acre property and of the small cottage which houses a small exhibit. We are developing the nursery to propagate specific unique plants. We make various plants available for sale to the public. Pre-Covid we offered tours, activities, and tree plantings for several local school groups, as well as tours, events, and open houses to the public. We are in need of docent volunteers to lead tours of the grounds. We need funding for outreach, to buy supplies, and to maintain and improve the property in the orchard (replacing aging fruit trees and Shasta daisies that have been destroyed by gophers). We would love to add an outdoor amphitheater area to enhance our educational opportunities by providing a space to demonstrate grafting and plantings. We would also be interested in partnering with other local groups such as the Master Gardeners and Rare Fruit Growers to co-host plant-related events.

## Main Stage West

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Visit Main Stage West Website

Main Stage West offers theatrical productions for the enjoyment of the West County community. We also have a popular program for youth that introduces them to the joys of the theater. Although we have been closed due to Covid, we hope to open again in the Fall (health department rules allowing). Once open, we hope to revive our Sebastopol Shakespeare Festival, and would be very interested in a location other than Ives Park (which was a bit distracting and noisy for a theater event). Our biggest challenge, however, is space. It would be a game changer to have an old barn or warehouse to use as a shop to build sets. A rehearsal space would be equally wonderful, and storage space for our sets and costumes would make a huge difference.

## Map Your Neighborhood (Sebastopol Fire Department)

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Visit Sebastopol Fire Department Website

The Map Your Neighborhood Program (MYN) is supported by the Sebastopol Fire Department, which also supports the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU). The goal of MYN is to educate neighborhood leaders and the goal of SNCU is to provide back-up communications at the neighborhood or community level. These efforts are facilitated by our Public Safety Outreach Coordinator, who works with volunteers from both groups. We collaborate with the Gravenstein Health Action Coalition to support the MYN Leader Council. Our efforts to expand the Map Your Neighborhood program and the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit would be improved by funding for broader marketing and promotion of the classes and meetings that we offer to the community. We welcome increased collaboration and continued discussions on ways to improve our community's resilience and emergency preparedness.

#### **Monte Rio School**

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Visit Monte Rio School Website

Monte Rio School's students and families face many challenges that make serving their needs difficult. Affordable housing is lacking, due in part to competition with out-of-town investors. Basic health care needs are often unmet because even with amazing outreach efforts, many people still do not take advantage of the available health options offered. Providing educational services to students is challenging because some parents/families do not understand the positive impact their volunteerism can have, nor do they understand the importance of school attendance. We constantly send emails, newsletters and robo-calls to our community to remind them of our services.

#### Mr. Music Foundation/ Peacetown Concert Series

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Visit Mr. Music Foundation Website

Mr. Music Foundation puts on the Peacetown Summer Concert Series at Ives Park. The concerts have volunteer help from the Love Choir and we feature a local nonprofit organization each week to help support their efforts. Project Whole Child runs our Family Village. We also provide music teachers to local schools and help organizations book local musicians for events. We would like assistance in bringing back our Peacetown Concerts as soon as safely possible, along with other live music events. If and when we are given the go-ahead to resume concerts, we will immediately need funding to pay for bands and sound along with other expenses. We can always use more volunteers!

## **North Bay Construction Corps**

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The North Bay Construction Corps partners with the construction industry to provide high school seniors with construction career exploration and basic skill building. We help youth find their career path, whether it is construction or another industry. Our program is free to all students. We have recently made changes to attract more women to participate. High school seniors in the program meet weekly from January to mid-May to get training directly from contractors and others in the construction industry, and then participate in a two-week "real construction project." We rely on community support to provide this program free of charge. We do not receive any government grants. We look to industry members, community organizations such as the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation, local school education foundations and Rebuild North Bay Foundation. This year, our fifth year, we are in the middle of a fundraising campaign that will include the entities just mentioned, plus a stronger effort to secure private and public grant funding. We need to raise at least \$300,000 over the next three years to continue providing this program to students and industry.

#### **Pleasant Hill Christian School**

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Visit Pleasant Hill Christian School Website

Pleasant Hill Christian School sees education and faith as key community issues that need to be addressed. We are a Christian school and are supported completely by donations and tuition. We do not receive any government support. Our primary challenges (and needs) are financial, and can be met by increased enrollment or by additional donations.

## **Project Whole Child**

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Project Whole Child's focus areas include strengthening communities, child abuse and neglect prevention, and supporting positive childhood experiences. We are hoping to obtain funding to continue our work, and we are also interested in being incorporated into an existing nonprofit that would offer the resources and support necessary to expand our efforts in order to better meet the needs we see in the community.

#### **Reach Charter School**

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Visit Reach Charter School Website

The REACH School is a creative, liberal arts charter school in Sebastopol that supports the emerging child in becoming a whole person through the integration of strong academics, creative arts, and community involvement in an environment that fosters acceptance of and respect for self and others. We have a Project Based Learning approach that encourages collaboration, design/creation and problem solving. We practice Positive Discipline and integrate Social and Emotional Learning into our curriculum. We offer enrichment opportunities throughout the year for Art, Music, Poetry, and numerous annual field trips to destinations local and further. We have an independent study program that caters to students and parents wishing to merge more parent/student driven education with home-based activities and lessons. We offer Aftercare for students from TK through 4th for families who need flexible hours.

### **Redwood Empire Food Bank**

3990 Brickway Blvd., Santa Rosa Rachelle Mesheau / David Goodman rmesheau@refb.org



Redwood Empire Food Bank distributes food through our own programs and our partner organizations in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties. As the largest hunger-relief organization in our area, we work on the front lines of emergency food assistance in our region, playing a crucial role in helping individuals, families, seniors, and children. We serve our communities through three initiatives. Every Child, Every Day includes four robust programs that address the nutritional needs of children, targeting both schools and seasonal meal gaps. Senior Security serves a monthly average of 4,300 low-income seniors healthy, fresh food across our five-county region. Neighborhood Hunger Network strives to improve the health and well-being of our community with food and nutrition education. In order to keep up with the increase in food demand, we need volunteer support daily, food donations and monetary donations.

#### **Russian Riverkeeper**

P.O. Box 1335, Healdsburg info@russianriverkeeper.org



Russian Riverkeeper has been fighting since 1993 to ensure a thriving river system and your rights to fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters. Unfortunately, clean water is under new attacks from a rapidly warming climate, big agriculture and our government. Now, more than ever, your river needs vigilant enforcement of environmental laws and the care and commitment of people like you.

## **Sebastopol Area Senior Center**

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Visit Sebastopol Area Senior Center Website

The Sebastopol Senior Center sees the following issues as pressing for our senior population: isolation and the need for resources/referrals, food insecurity, and transportation needs. We have a phone buddy program to provide regular check in/wellness calls for isolated seniors. We offer virtual classes/activities/support groups, and we field inquiries and provide resources and information on a variety of issues, from caregiving resources to vaccine information and more. We deliver approximately 800 meals per week to 120 seniors, helping immuno-compromised seniors to reduce shopping trips, and getting free meals to low income seniors. Our volunteer drivers provide free rides, getting seniors to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and more. As to our needs, additional funding would allow us to continue to provide quality services, and to cover the costs of reopening (for safety/health measures such as sanitizing stations, PPE, etc). We are also in need of volunteers - for the front desk/front office, as well as more drivers.

#### **Sebastopol Area Time Bank**

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VisitSebastopol /	Area Time	Bank	Website
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The Sebastopol Area Time Bank is a way for community members to provide SERVICES to other community members through "requests" and "offers" that form the basis of an "exchange" -- with no money changing hands. We bring together like-minded individuals for connection and social events, too. The Time Bank is run by volunteers who help our members use our website to record requests, offers and exchanges. We have gone through a change of leadership and are fine-tuning our processes and direction. We need two things: First, we need members to feel comfortable again interacting with other members to get their needs met. We need to return to pre-pandemic times! Second, we need other community organizations to be aware of and let their constituencies know about the Sebastopol Area Time Bank. Membership is free!

## **Sebastopol Center for the Arts**

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Sebastopol Center for the Arts focuses on arts & creative education and on the environment (integration and equity). We offer a distance learning program for educationally at risk children, in collaboration with a local school district. Subsidies we offer to students in need makes our distance learning and camp programs available at almost no cost. We offer continuing education in various forms for all ages. Our exhibition program, poetry, and film programming runs year-round. Our visual arts exhibits this year have had an environmental theme (some exhibits titles include: Ecstasy Beauty of Nature, Trees, Recycling). Our exhibits include entries from many cultures and our staff is multicultural. The current pressing need we face is for funding to expand our outreach in order to engage more of the public with our programs, and additional funding to hire program staff and a volunteer coordinator. Volunteers to help with grounds and facility maintenance would also be very helpful.

## **Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce**

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Visit Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce Website

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce serves the business community in a number of ways. We provide Covid-related information and updates on upcoming tax increases. We support new businesses coming into Sebastopol and work with existing businesses that are struggling. We are looking forward to the time when we can once again host a live Apple Blossom Parade and Festival. We conduct outreach to businesses to see how they are doing and learn what they may need from us; we hope to gather more of this data and information and distribute it to the greater business community. We have been awarded grant funds to assist in keeping our business community informed. The Chamber of Commerce is run by one employee, with one very part time (2 hours a week) volunteer. It would be beneficial to have two more volunteers to assist in the office.

## **Sebastopol Community Cultural Center**

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Visit Sebastopol Community Cultural Center Website

The Sebastopol Community Cultural Center sees a need for equitable access to resources for the youth in our community, and is particularly interested in addressing the learning loss and mental health issues that arose during the COVID pandemic. SCCC's revitalized Teen Center, with an advisory board of young community members, will help steer the programming and support systems needed during the COVID crisis recovery period and beyond. The original Teen Center model was a collaborative effort between the Community Center, the Sebastopol Library and additional community members with guidance from the Chops Teen Center in Santa Rosa. We will continue to foster these relationships and will look for additional resources as well. At this time we need 10 to 15 qualified adult volunteers to support the tutoring and mentoring needs of the participating youth.

#### **Sebastopol Downtown Association**

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Visit Sebastopol Downtown Association Website

The Sebastopol Downtown Association has a number of ideas for community improvements. One is a kiosk, to be located in the Plaza, that would offer contact information, with QR codes for people to connect directly with any particular topic. Another is beautification of the downtown corridor (with a common theme similar to hanging flower pots that are seen in other towns). The SDA needs more business participation for these and other projects to be successful, and also to allow more balanced collaborations with other organizations (the Time Bank has been a valuable collaborator). It would be fabulous to have businesses engage their employees with incentives to participate.

#### **Sebastopol Farmers Market**

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Visit Sebastopol Farmers Market Website

The Sebastopol Farmers Market provides access to local sustainable food and farmers. We have partnered with different organizations and community members to provide food and farm education. We process SNAP benefits and do a match of up to \$10 through a grant collaboration. We also provide a punch card incentive - every 6 visits = \$10 market bucks for SNAP recipients. We also offer \$2 senior coupons twice a month. Our efforts could be improved with more funding and volunteers, but the biggest changes will happen through deeper collaborations.

#### Sebastopol Library Advisory Board

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Visit Sebastopol Library Advisory Board Website

The Sebastopol Library Advisory Board provides education support and the benefit of community input for the Sebastopol Library. We meet on a regular basis as a Board, respond to patron comments, and host an annual community forum. We are funded by the Library and often collaborate with Sebastopol Friends of the Library.

#### **Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit**

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## Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit

The Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU)'s goal is to connect MYN leads to available neighborhood resources, local information and first responders in the event of an emergency. The SNCU intends to provide real-time management of two-way communication based on the conditions and needs of MYN neighborhoods and local shelters. The Neighborhood Communications Plan will evolve to connect local businesses and organizations with Sebastopol area neighborhoods and shelters during emergencies or disasters. We meet monthly, offer training on two-way radio communications, hold regular radio check-ins, and offer support for those interested in becoming HAMs. A website is being developed to provide public outreach and information. Our needs are for reliable funding (we do not have any currently), and for volunteers.

## **Sebastopol Regional Library**

7140 Bodega Avenue Mathew Rose mrose@sonomalibrary.org



Visit Sebastopol Regional Library Website

The Sebastopol Regional Library focuses on life-long learning, educational support, and community building. We provide access to a world of information in a variety of formats, and assistance to those who need help with that access. We also provide programs and events that bring people together to share and exchange ideas, and seek to increase those programs and events. Currently, we are most limited by the physical spaces allocated to our services, which, in part, determines our staffing levels, which, in part, determines the quality and quantity of work we are able to accomplish.

## **Sebastopol Sea Serpents**

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Visit Sebastopol Sea Serpents Website

The Sea Serpents runs a free swim lesson program, offering hardship/scholarships to families with financial needs so their children can participate in swimming (an expensive sport). We offer financial assistance for swim meet costs and USA Swimming insurance membership through the DEI (diversity/equity/inclusion) Outreach Program. We collaborate with the Rotary Learn to Swim Program to provide additional volunteers to drown-proof children in the community. Our challenge right now is that we have lost the funding we relied on for over 19 years - our fireworks booth. This paid our \$19,500 facility rental fee. Because of limited pool time offered us we cannot add membership to help defer costs. (We have 80 people on our wait list.) Our choices to keep our program from closing? Funding to cover the rental fee, or increased pool time to allow us to bring on more paying members.

#### **Sebastopol Union School District**

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Visit Sebastopol Union School District Website

Sebastopol Union School District includes Park Side Elementary School and Brook Haven Middle School. Youth services are our charge as an educational institution for Preschool-8th grade. We have partnered with the Sebastopol Center for the Arts to offer in-person Covid-safe child care and activities to our students during the pandemic. Our main challenge is trespassing and vandalism at Brook Haven School. We need better surveillance, especially at night. We are hoping to develop a partnership with the Sebastopol Police. We are also focused on increasing youth activities.

### Sebastopol United Methodist Church Saturday Table

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Visit Sebastopol United Methodist Church Website

Sebastopol United Methodist Church (SebUMC) celebrates diversity, recognizing the sacred worth of all persons regardless of race, age, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental ability, economic situation, or marital status. We welcome all to worship with us and to participate fully in the ministries of this church. SebUMC is one of the local churches which provide a nutritious lunch once a month for the community. On the FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, all are welcome to dine with us in Epworthian Hall. We also welcome people who wish to donate food or time/energy to help us provide this meal for our neighbors.

#### **Sebastopol World Friends**

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Visit Sebastopol World Friends' Website

Sebastopol World Friends' mission is to link Sebastopol with its sister cities through a variety of educational and cultural programs, and to coordinate exchanges to prompt lasting friendships. We offer an array of programs connected to our sister city relationships with Takeo, Japan, and Chyhryn, Ukraine. We also engage with our community through events and cultural activities, and offer opportunities to host visitors and volunteer. In the past year we collaborated with local churches on a project commemorating the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We also participated in judging the Community Center's virtual talent show, and are currently working with a project that is a collaboration between the West County Museum and a museum in our Sister City of Chyhyrn, Ukraine. We are raising funds for scholarships for student travel to allow any local child to participate in our program regardless of means. We request a four year commitment of \$250 per year.

### Sebastopol Zero Waste Committee

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Visit Sebastopol Zero Waste Committee Website

The Sebastopol Zero Waste Committee was formed by the Sebastopol City Council. Our goal is to help the City, businesses, and residents reduce the amount of waste going into landfill. We engage in projects to educate residents on Zero Waste practices, we write new Zero Waste event guidelines, and we work with restaurants and other businesses to reduce waste and divert organics to food recovery or compost. We could use volunteers to help staff compost and recycling stations at events and to help with education tabling at events.

#### **Social Advocates for Youth**

2447 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa Anita Maldonado anita.maldonado@saysc.org



Social Advocates for Youth's focus areas are youth homelessness, mental health services for youth ages 0-24 and their families, and youth employment. We provide street outreach services, an emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and community-based housing with wraparound supports. Our mental health services include grief therapy, school-based mental health services, and a Medi-Cal clinic. Our youth employment services include support with job hunting, job and interview preparation, paid work experience, career readiness presentations in local schools, and we also run an on-site career hub. We collaborate with more than 30 different community-based organizations within our county. The primary hurdle we face in improving our efforts is maintaining sustainable funding streams. Increased certainty regarding funding from year to year would allow us to better sustain and strengthen the programs we offer.

#### Sonoma 4-H California

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Sonoma 4-H focuses on education, youth development, and college readiness. We help by searching for grants, recruiting/training volunteers to deliver content. We are currently funded through State funds, fund raising, grants. We are interested in increasing our outreach to the community and promoting the amazing work that we do!

#### **Sonoma Applied Village Services**

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Visit Sonoma Applied Village Services Website

Sonoma Applied Village Services works to increase AFFORDABLE solutions for the homeless. We advocate for safe parking, RV camping and tiny villages. We need more low income housing. We perform outreach services every day placing people into the housing system and providing direct assistance. We have two permanent outreach employees. We feed people every day, providing 500-1,000 meals per week. We are working hard to start up a safe parking + tiny village and need lots of help! We receive County funding and last year raised \$50K for grants and direct donations. We need to make a village. We need land and then funds for infrastructure. Our projected costs are \$200,000 to open and \$300,000 to operate a village in West Sonoma County. We are on the street every day. We hear directly from our clients continuously. They need food, shelter, and compassion.

#### **Sonoma County ACES Connection**

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Sonoma County ACES Connection recognizes that childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a tremendous impact on future violence, victimization, and perpetration, and lifelong health and opportunity. These early experiences are an important public health issue. Much of the foundational research in this area has been referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The more adversity and trauma someone experiences as a child, the higher their risk of negative health outcomes as an adult—like diabetes, heart disease, or depression. Our work is focused on helping our communities build resilience against the effects of trauma. We support trauma informed communities, positive childhood experiences, and preventing child abuse and neglect. We provide a space for the community to come together and share resources, stories, and authentic voices.

#### Sonoma County DeMolay

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Sonoma County DeMolay is a Chapter of DeMolay International, a fraternal organization for young men ages 12 to 21. Members of Sonoma County DeMolay work on improving the educational system through a program called "Raising a Reader." We focus on Kindergarten - 6th graders, distributing books to schools. We also hold fundraisers to support all of our youth orders and charity programs. Funding is our primary need.

#### Sonoma County Farm Trails (Gravenstein Apple Fair)

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Visit Sonoma County Farm Trails Website

Sonoma County Farm Trails does outreach and marketing to showcase local products and ag services, sponsors ag-related tours, hosts the Gravenstein Apple Fair, collaborates with others to address food system issues, advocates for local agriculture, and funds scholarships for young, aspiring, and established farmers/producers. The continued viability of local agriculture and the resilience of our local food systems is an important concern for us, as is keeping the Gravenstein orchards in production in West County. We are in need of sponsorships and grants for our initiatives. The fires and pandemic, combined with loss of tourism (TOT) funds, have caused a devastating \$100,000 drop in our funding for 2021. We are also in need of volunteers for the Gravenstein Apple Fair event, which requires up to 500 volunteer shifts to be filled. We also need help updating and repairing our directional signage for the Apple Fair (the signage helps minimize traffic jams in Sebastopol and guides folks to Ragle Park for the Fair).

#### **SRJC Climate Action Night**

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# SRJC Climate Action Night

At the annual Climate Action Night, high school and SRJC college student groups present on climate-related legislation and ordinances being considered at the national, state, and local level. The yearly event is in late April (April 29th this year). Students educate the public about proposed governmental solutions to the climate crisis and show the public how they can help legislation pass. The event also teaches students about the political process at state and local levels and how they can advocate for change with their elected leaders. This spring was the 3rd annual event. Co-chairs of the event also set up lobbying meetings between student groups and state legislators. We operate on mostly volunteer efforts, but we do need funds or in-kind donations to help with our website (an experienced volunteer or ~\$1000 per year to hire a professional). We collaborate with SRJC, Sonoma Sunrise Movement, Daily Acts, Analy, El Molino, Orchard View student Eco Clubs, 350 Sonoma and 350 Bay Area.

#### **Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods**

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Visit Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods Website

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods provides support for education, stewardship, and volunteer programs in local State Parks in the Russian River area. Currently our priority is responding to fire recovery efforts in Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek. These are challenging efforts, involving processing down trees into firewood, rebuilding burned fencing, rehabilitating trails, clearing brush, and restoring burned infrastructure at Bullfrog Pond campground including a restroom, picnic tables and food lockers. Our focus has been on reopening Armstrong Redwoods so the public can again enjoy this beautiful park. We are likely to be recruiting for new Board members in the near future. We are definitely in need of volunteers and funding!

#### SunRidge School

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Visit SunRidge School Website

SunRidge School is a charter school located in Sebastopol. We are focused on bringing together community members with the school through areas such as community projects and safety education. We are interested in volunteer opportunities for our school community. We are also seeking support for the school, both financially and for projects. Some of our efforts are funded through our Educational Foundation and Rotary grants. We are very interested in learning about local grant opportunities. We would like to strengthen our relationship between our Educational Foundation and the Sebastopol community.

## **TLC Child & Family Services**

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Visit TLC Child & Family Services Website

TLC Child and Family Services focuses on special education, housing and caring for foster youth, and on serving their mental health needs. We provide continuum of care services through foster care, adoption, residential treatment, a community and residential school, and speciality mental health services. We want to prove more opportunities for our youth to excel in the community. TLC is working on a farm to table educational program to increase transferable job skills in the culinary and hospitality industries. We collaborate with other CBO's, child welfare, behavioral health services and upstream Investment. We receive county, state, and federal dollars, but to continue our services to the population of foster youth we also depend on community support.

#### **Twin Hills Union School District**

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Visit Twin Hills Union School District Website

Twin Hills Union School District provides schooling in a safe environment with a focus on academics, whole child development, and social emotional support. In terms of ensuring that our students and families thrive and succeed, we feel that a key factor is community support for families. An environment that provides what families need for health and well being enhances school readiness and achievement. Family activities in the parks, and places to gather socially and engage with other families, all contribute to a student's success in the classroom. This already occurs in Sebastopol, but it's worth pointing out as an important goal as we look to what will help West County thrive in the future.

#### **West County Community Services**

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Visit West County Community Services Website

West County Community Services offers programs for housing and homelessness, senior services, counseling, and behavioral health. We provide permanent supportive housing and temporary housing to assist homeless individuals. We also provide school counseling, senior counseling, and behavioral health support at four separate sites. WCCS manages the Russian River Senior Center which provides meals, bulk food, case management, and emotional support for seniors. We have strong partnerships with a variety of other agencies. At the top of our "needs" list right now is a bilingual/bicultural outreach coordinator to focus on volunteer development, fundraising, and communication in both the English and Spanish speaking communities. We are seeking funding for that position, which would cost approximately \$75,000 per year.

#### **West County Homeless Advocates**

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# West County Homeless Advocates

West County Homeless Advocates serves the Sebastopol homeless population. Our priorities include safe parking, police/parking issues, sanitation (portable toilets/handwashing), and housing/Tiny Homes. We advocate to the City Council on all these issues. We coordinate with downtown churches re: Saturday Table hot lunches, the Food Pantry, the showers/ breakfast/ lunch program through Sunrise Rotary and Sebastopol Christian Church; safe parking and bus passes through UCC Community Church. We collaborate with Sunrise Rotary, and Interfaith Food Pantry for volunteer support. To serve the needs of the homeless, additional volunteer outreach to homeless youth is needed, as well as volunteers to increase contact with school systems. Additional government services to address mental health and drug use is also needed.

## Western Sonoma County Museum (Western Sonoma County Historical Society)

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Visit Western Sonoma County Museum Website

The Western Sonoma County Museum is dedicated to preservation of the history of our community, including histories of our town and our town's families. We are in need of funds to pay for programs at the Museum and possibly hire additional contracted staff. We also need volunteers in order to further our work, and are focused on recruiting people of all ages to support our mission by volunteering in areas of photography, oral histories, archiving, curating and educating the public about their past. Finally, we note that during the Covid era, when the Museum was closed, many homeless took shelter at the museum. Our shared social sadness was made clear to us. Addressing this issue is of future interest to the Museum and to our parent organization West Sonoma County Historical Society.





# PROFILES FOR MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE ORGANIZATION COUNCIL



# Active 20-30 Club of Sebastopol

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We welcome all men and women between the ages of 20 and 39 who hold a desire to serve their community while building personal and professional relationships.

Our signature project is the Children's Shopping Spree, which is a back to school shopping experience for children to start their school year feeling confident and secure. Christmas Caravan: We travel together through West Sonoma County to deliver a full holiday meal and bags of presents to 5-12 families whom we have selected through public nominations.

We also focus on education, community cleaning projects, fundraising, volunteerism, and food feeds.

# **City of Sebastopol**

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Visit the City of Sebastopol Website

Sebastopol is a dynamic community dedicated to high quality services and a compassionate and inclusive culture. The City is pleased to host the Community Needs Summit as a positive way to re-engage our community as we move out of an incredibly difficult pandemic year. We have put much effort into bringing our service clubs, non-profits, business leaders, and other stakeholders in Sebastopol together for this event. We see the Summit as pivotal in bringing our community together to tackle the many needs we face, to encourage and reinforce our ability to address those needs, and to celebrate our resiliency in having made it to this point. The Community Needs Summit is about hope and a vision for the future of our Sebastopol area.

# **CoMission**

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CoMission is a community-oriented organization dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals and improving the quality of life for communities. The organization supports government officials, non-profit agents, and business leaders inspire real action and transformation in their communities. CoMission can help you:

- 1. Listen to your Community: Gain data and insights on your community's struggles and how you can support them;
- 2. Develop an Informed Plan: Create an action plan focused on your community's strengths and connections; and
- 3. Engage in Collaborative Action: Use our expertise to manage the community stakeholders and create positive change.

CoMission creates webs of local resilience to becoming a stronger and happier community while fostering and thriving together.

# **Community Church of Sebastopol**

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Visit Community Church of Sebastopol Website

Community Church of Sebastopol provides a safe parking program. We also participate in the local Saturday Table program, providing a meal on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We support the Inter-church Food Pantry, participate in the bag lunch program at the Sebastopol Christian Church, and in non-Covid times (when our office was open) we provided bus passes, showers and snacks to those in need. We address immigration issues through our involvement in West County Rapid Response which is part of the North Bay Organizing Project, as well as in other ways. Our main funding need is for the addition of Conestoga huts to give two of our parkers a place to sleep and to keep their belongings safe (\$6,000 for 2). We also need funding to provide ongoing case management to help the parkers move into permanent housing. We expect the case management services plus insurance and other costs will be approx. \$35,000 annually.

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# **Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol**

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Visit Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol Website

Sebastopol Kiwanis Club is nearing its fiftieth year as a hands-on community service club with emphasis on the needs of youth. We construct and repair school and park facilities, raise funds and distribute them to worthy causes, and award cash scholarships to graduating Analy and El Molino high school students. We also Participate in the annual Apple Blossom Festival in the parade on Main Street. At Easter we stage a traditional early morning egg hunt at Ives Park; this is a festive occasion and is always attended by the Easter Bunny. On July 3, we celebrate Independence Day with a music and fireworks show at the football field at Analy High. This includes a parade of flags led by Uncle Sam, a patriotic songfest for children, and two hours of live rock music—Sebastopol's largest public event of every year. Our mission is reflected in our motto, "Serving the Children of the World". We are a group of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Anyone who wishes to support the greater Sebastopol community and participate in the Kiwanis Club may apply for membership.

#### Masons - LaFayette Lodge #126 Free & Accepted Masons

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Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is guided by the enduring belief that each man has a responsibility to make the world a better place. Our organization is open to men age 18 or older who meet the qualifications and standards of character and intention, and who believe in a Supreme Being. Men of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome.

We believe a person who strives to improve themselves can also improve their community and the world at large. Through Masonic principles and tradition, we foster personal growth and improve the lives of others. Masons support public schools through early literacy skills for kindergartners at high risk for educational failure; scholarships; and other critically needed programs benefiting under-served youth. Specifically, La Fayette in Sebastopol supports Analy and El Molino High Schools Project Graduation, hosts their music department fundraisers, and the Analy girls softball. For many years La Fayette has created fundraising pasta feeds, the Gravenstein Apple Festival fritter booth, and annual crab feeds.

# **Rotary Club of Sebastopol**

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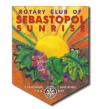


Visit Rotary Club of Sebastopol Website

Formed in 1925, Rotary Club of Sebastopol has been going strong for almost 100 years, funding and volunteering for worthy projects such as Learn-to-Swim, Learn-with-Me, Scholarships for youth, Interact, and an international Youth Exchange program. Rotary Club of Sebastopol's goal is to give every member the opportunity to find experiences that will fulfill them, while making a difference in the community and throughout the world. We are also dedicated to supporting important projects around the world, such as helping to educate girls in developing countries like Uganda and Mexico, and eradicating polio from the planet! We award thousands of dollars each year to deserving local organizations through community grants, a teacher grant program, and scholarships. We volunteer our time for projects that improve our community, and we travel around the world to contribute our labor as well as funding.

# **Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise**

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Visit Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise Website

The members of Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise are "People of Action, Meeting Today's Needs". Help us to help others in our many projects supporting schools, the homeless, local businesses, providing food to those in need, and cleaning our roads and waterways. We do what is needed, where it is needed. You can join our club as a member or volunteer for specific activities. All are welcome! Be a part of something fun and good.

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise meets weekly on a Wednesday at 7:15am-8:30am at the Masonic Hall, 373 North Main Street, Sebastopol in Northern California.

# Sebastopol Grange #306

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Visit Sebastopol Grange #306 Website

The Sebastopol Grange supports best agricultural practices through member education. We lobby for small farmer issues, as relates to climate change and food security with the goal of fostering communities that are resilient and better prepared for disasters. We offer monthly meetings and partner with other organizations for social connections, serving a variety of groups on a range of topics. We do outreach, hold food drives, plant pollinator gardens, run produce exchanges, give school garden scholarships, and engage in climate conversations. During the pandemic, we have offered SAVS the use of our kitchen to cook meals for the homeless. We partner with many organizations and enjoy the process. The pandemic has had a severe financial impact on us. We need community support to purchase solar panels and battery systems so we can function as a shelter, pay for repairs and improvements to the Grange Hall, and continue to serve the community. We are in search of fundraising energy and assistance.

#### **Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club**

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Visit Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club Website

The Gravenstein Lions Club provides eye care (eye exams and glasses) to any child in need in West Sonoma County. We do pre-school eye screening and provide eye care to local adults in need, including covering the cost of cataract surgery. We collect eyeglasses to provide to others within California and in third world countries. We donate to Ceres Community Project and the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB), and have volunteered at REFB. Finally, we provide \$500 scholarships to Laguna high school students, and support a variety of other youth-related efforts in town. From 2013 through 2020 we donated almost \$115,000 to 25 non-profit organizations. Our recent challenge is that we lost the funding from our fireworks booth. We are interested in working with other service clubs and nonprofit organizations to develop a replacement fundraiser, and to improve our current efforts and better recognize new needs that can be addressed. Our goal is to continue our good work for the community.

#### **Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County**

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Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Anyone can join, and we encourage you to inquire about becoming a member. Our signature project is the "Live Your Dream" scholarship, which provides local women (who are head of household, with dependents) with going back to school scholarship to support their education.

We rechartered our club back in 2019 in order to bring together like minded individuals with a focus on empowering and educating women and girls.

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Visit St. Stevens Website

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church welcomes individuals of every race, nationality, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church as we seek to respond to God's call to be a people of compassion and love. We host The Inter-Church Food Pantry, which provides emergency food to people living in the greater Sebastopol area. The Pantry is a collaborative effort of a group of Sebastopol churches. We also participate in the Saturday Table. Every third Saturday of the month St. Stephen's parishioners along with members of Occidental Laguna Sangha prepare and serve a hot lunch to those in need in our larger community.

# **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

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VFW Gold Ridge Post 3919 Sebastopol, CA

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The West Sonoma County, CA VFW Gold Ridge Post 3919 is a community of Veterans who meets regularly at the Veterans Memorial Building in Sebastopol to support Veterans and their families, and to take part in community activities. We invite local qualified Veterans to join Post 3919.

California Goldridge Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3919 was honored with a Diamond Jubilee Award in recognition of its 75 years of "exceptional service to the nation and its Veterans throughout its seven and one half decades of dedicated support for the programs and purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."