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Welcome from the Executive Director

Greg Applegate, was named Executive Director of the Sonora Area Foundation after 21 years as City Administrator of Sonora.

It is an honor and a privilege to have been named the new Sonora Area Foundation Executive Director. For years I have watched this community foundation grow and prosper, as it assists such a wide range of community organizations and individuals meet so many worthy needs and goals. To be an employee of such a successful community foundation gives me an opportunity to help make our community a better place to live, work and play.

I am thankful to be able to work with such an accomplished staff and board, as I take on this new role. I come to the Sonora Area Foundation after retiring with more then 30 years of work in the local government profession, with the last 21 years serving as the Sonora City Administrator. I was drawn to community building work from a young age, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Sacramento State University and a master’s degree from Golden Gate University. I am a believer in grass roots government, where you meet people, interact with them and work together to accomplish things as a team. Through the years I have served on a number of local community committees including Partners in Education, Healthy Children’s Project, Community Indicators Project and the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority. Throughout my local government career I served as an active member with the League of California Cities, California Redevelopment Association and the International Cities and Counties Management Association. It is refreshing and exciting to be able to apply my skills and community connections now to the Sonora Area Foundation, where team work and relationships are the heart of our work.

Beyond professional connections, my wife Debbie and I have deep roots in Tuolumne County. We raised our family here, and our two children and two grand children all currently reside in Tuolumne County. My family and I enjoy immensely the bountiful recreational opportunities that are offered here.

I can say without hesitation that I truly look forward to working with the Sonora Area Foundation Board of Directors as together we further our community philanthropic goals.
Connections WATCH helps disabled adults stay independent & involved

After 38 years serving disabled adults, the WATCH Program is a familiar part of daily life in Tuolumne County — and that's just what advocates aim to achieve.

WATCH buses run all week long into every neighborhood to pick up and drop off clients at their homes. Small work crews and independent clients are out and about every day with jobs and activities at all types of agencies and businesses. And its center is a hub of work and recreation activities seven days a week.

More than 180 clients and their families participate in WATCH and more than three dozen businesses and public agencies provide work placements, giving the agency a wide reach in the community.

“I rarely run into someone that doesn’t know who we are, what we do or have a connection to someone who uses our services,” said Executive Director Chris Daly.

For an agency with a mission to help disabled adults remain integrated in the community and achieve active, independent lives, that’s a good measure of success.

Twain Harte resident Patt Koral, whose son, Ben, 33, is a WATCH client, said the program and its approach is exceptional.

“Benjamin is so excited when he goes to work every day,” Koral said. “It gives him a real sense of self worth and I think it’s good for the community, too, to see people with disabilities fully participating. It makes us aware that all kinds of people make up our community, and that’s so important. We need to consider everyone as a contributing member of our community — we all have value.”

The Sonora Area Foundation and its supporting organization, The Irving J. Symons Foundation (IJS), have been strong supporters of WATCH for many years, and this fall presented the agency with two major grants — a $40,000 matching grant to help WATCH raise the funds to move into a larger, more accessible building, and a surprise $25,000 grant from the IJS Foundation in honor of the late Jane Symons, Irving Symon’s widow.

Mrs. Symons, Daly knew, had been a regular customer of the program’s Sonora thrift shop, Good Stuff, but the memorial gift was completely unexpected.

Jane’s daughter, Marianne Coombes, was there to present the check and told the WATCH staff that her mother had long been aware of the agency and liked to see the clients out working in so many parts of the community.

Daly said while most people are aware of WATCH, many still have misperceptions about its mission.

“People sometimes tell me it must be hard to work with people who have such challenges,” Daly said, “but that isn't the hard part. This is a place where you can come to work every day and be told ‘You’re beautiful, I love you.’ Our people are so honest and open. And they have the right to be a part of the community in every way.

“The only hard part is all the government paperwork and trying to find funding to provide the services they need.”

Government support, she said, has been eroding for years, and that has made community support and local partnerships more and more critical. WATCH has two major fundraising events each year, and will be launching a fundraising campaign soon for the new building. Details on the sale are not yet final, Daly said, but she expects it to be settled by the end of the month.

The building the agency hopes to acquire is on Cabezut Road, on a level site with much better parking, better handicap access, areas for outdoor activities and nearly twice as much indoor space.

PHOTOS:
Top: WATCH client carves a decorative fish from clay.
Middle: Clients work on keyboard skills in the computer lab.
Lower: Clay fish get a careful coat of colorful glaze.

COVER PHOTO:
WATCH clients spend a morning in the sunny ceramics workroom.
Scholarship Columbia College challenge

A San Francisco Foundation and half a dozen Tuolumne County donors have created an impressive new scholarship program to benefit Columbia College students.

Together, they have guaranteed that at least 10 second-year students every year will receive $1,000 scholarships to stay in school – and the program will continue in perpetuity.

“I like that word – perpetuity,” said Sonora donor Joyce Brockman with a smile. She and her husband, Ed, quickly stepped up to the challenge. “Who wouldn’t want to do this for students if they’re able?”

The program, a challenge created by philanthropist and community college advocate Bernard Osher, works like this – for the next eight months, the Osher Foundation will match $1 for every $2 raised by local donors to help establish endowed scholarships at any California community college. Funds are pooled and invested to assure that for every $20,000 raised, a new $1,000 scholarship can be paid out annually. So donors contribute $13,500, the Osher Foundation contributes $6,500 and the selected community college takes on administration. Each scholarship must be awarded to low-income students in their second year of study.

“This was a tremendous opportunity and I thought it would make sense to many of our donors,” said Sonora Area Foundation’s Mick Grimes, who recently retired as the Foundation’s executive director. “Local donors can name their scholarships and even be involved in the selection of students.”

Already, Sonora Area Foundation has helped donors establish 10 new Osher scholarships, including four by the Sonora business, Front Porch, one in the memory of Foundation donor Marjorie Coffill and one established by the Sonora Area Foundation’s Board of Directors to honor Grimes.

Update Suicide task force

As a rural county, Tuolumne County’s suicide rate is more than double the state average – a tragic condition that is driving a team of health experts along with youth and senior advocates to take bold action. By the end of next year, the Tuolumne County Suicide Prevention Task Force aims to have nearly 2,000 community members trained in how to recognize the signs of someone at risk of suicide and the basics of how best to help.

This huge community education effort – the heart of the task force’s extensive three-year work plan – will be accomplished with the help of an $81,648, two-year grant from the Sonora Area Foundation. Twenty certified volunteer trainers and many local agencies are contributing their resources and staff time.

The task force launched the education effort this year, and already has trained more than 700 people in schools, public agencies, churches and service groups. Most complete about a 2-hour information session called “QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer,” while emergency responders and mental health professionals go through more intensive courses.

“Our goal is to see that no matter when or where someone shows signs that they’re at risk of suicide, there will be someone there who recognizes what is happening, who can listen and knows where to turn for help,” said Public Health Director Dr. Todd Stolp, the task force director.

Profile Couple opens doors

Living Recovery Home grew up on the streets of San Jose, lost in gang life, drugs and violence. He was in and out of juvenile centers, and served time at eight prisons up and down the state.

Bobby Medina is not your typical nonprofit manager. The founder of We Care Sober

But everything changed 19 years ago, when instead of a 25-year sentence, Medina was sent to San Francisco’s Delancey Street rehabilitation program. In his five years there, he cleaned up, started over and committed himself to a new life working with addicts, alcoholics and ex-cons.

His work eventually brought him to the Sierra Conservation Center to run a program for addicts. Seeing how fast newly released inmates were sent right back in, Medina and his wife, Beki, founded their first We Care recovery home in Tuolumne. The Sonora Area Foundation has supported their work over the years, with grants to help cover costs.

The Medinas at one point operated more than half a dozen group homes throughout the county, expanding to serve other hard cases of people in recovery. But the recession has taken a toll on the Medinas’ ability to subsidize costs. They now have just their original We Care home in Tuolumne. Six men live there now, with daily meals and supervision provided by the home’s long-time caretaker Geraldo Ochoa.

“Like they say at Delancey Street,” Medina said, “Harvard takes the top 10 percent and We Care takes the bottom 10 percent. Everyone here is working to get better, but this isn’t the Betty Ford clinic. These guys would be out on the street if they weren’t here.”
10 second-year students every year will receive Columbia College scholarships. Living Recovery Home grew up on the streets of San Francisco and spent nearly 20 years in and out of juvenile centers, and served time at eight prisons up and down the state. The Oak Pavilion was in and out of juvenile centers, and served time at eight prisons up and down the state.

Updated in 2010, Columbia College challenge scholarships are now available to Seniors in their second year of study. Each scholarship must be awarded to low-income students in their second year of study. Funds are pooled and invested to assure that for every $20,000 raised, a new college. Funds are pooled and invested to assure that for every $20,000 raised, a new

The Medina Family is a very generous family of philanthropists who generously contributed to the Tuolumne County Suicide task force. They contributed $13,500, the Osher $1,000 scholarship can be paid out annually. Over $12,000 was contributed to the Sonora Area Foundation by the Medina Family, and they have a very long history of supporting organizations such as the Columbia Union School District, Sierra Waldorf School, Tu. Co. Youth Football/Youth Cheer, Sierra LifeNet, and the Friends of Tu. Co. Library.

The Tuolumne County Suicide task force was created to help prevent suicide and the basics of how best to help. Nearly 2,000 community members trained in suicide prevention. The program, a challenge created by the Medina Family, is a huge job, and to keep the program moving, the Interfaith Social Services team has developed a more efficient operation means more households can receive free wood, said Interfaith’s Barbara Woodward. They don't have to use their own trucks as much to haul around loads of logs, and they can dump a large load of wood in minutes rather than having to unload it by hand. This is such a big help for our volunteers” said Woodward.

Success Funds buy delivery truck for Interfaith. Fall is firewood season at Interfaith Social Services – volunteers will be cutting, moving, splitting, stacking and giving away more than 120 cords in coming months, all to help more than 250 disadvantaged families stay warm this winter. It’s a huge job, and to help keep it moving, Interfaith received a significant boost this summer – a compact, 1990 GMC diesel dump truck that volunteers can use to pick up and drop off loads of wood to the agency’s newly expanded wood lot. The truck was a grant from the Irving J. Symons Foundation, a supporting organization of the Sonora Area Foundation. “This is such a big help for our volunteers” said Interfaith’s Barbara Woodward. “They don't have to use their own trucks as much to haul around loads of logs, and they can dump a large load of wood in minutes rather than having to unload it by hand.”

“A more efficient operation means more households can receive free wood,” Woodward said. The program provides half a cord per qualified household, with priority to seniors, disabled people and single parents with children.

### 2010 Competitive Grants

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**TOTAL** $411,077

Grants from Restricted Funds $551,207

**TOTAL GRANTS** $962,284

### Sonora Area Foundation

**Including Supporting Organizations and Component Funds**

#### ASSETS

**Current Assets:**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $3,491,222
- Contributions receivable: 45,833
- Interest and Investment income receivable: 110,744
- Rents receivable: 111,996
- Other receivable: 211,778
- Marketable Securities: 6,801,740
- Deferred property taxes: 1,891
- Prepaid expenses: 38,531
- Accounts receivable: 433,673
- Planned gift receivable: 359,195
- Investment: 4,966,016
- Other assets: 7,101

**Total Current Assets:** $16,589,720

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**Current Liabilities:**
- Real property net of depreciation: $9,652,410
- Equipment and furniture, net: 25,859
- Total Other Assets: $8,678,269

**Total Assets:** $26,257,989

**Other Liabilities:**
- Security deposits: 18,865
- Total Other Liabilities: 18,865

**Net Assets:**
- Unrestricted: $20,100,786
- Temporarily Unrestricted: 2,571,488
- Permanently Restricted: 2,281,067
- Total Net Assets: $24,964,141

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets:** $26,257,989

Audited financial statements of the Foundation and its Supporting Organizations are available at the Foundation office, 362 S Stewart St, Sonora, CA.
**Funds**

**ADVISED FUNDS**
- Charitable purposes in Tuolumne County (unless otherwise noted)
  - Acorns to Oaks Fund
  - Bergsund Family Fund
  - Boyd Family Fund
  - CB Celebration Fund
  - Comazzi Family Fund
  - Donald A. and Elisabeth Weber Fund – Support charitable programs
  - Foothill Ministry Fund – Anonymous family-advised fund
  - Front Porch Charitable Fund
  - Geer Family Fund
  - Gianelli Family Fund
  - Grimes Family Fund – Support charitable programs
  - Hohne Family Fund
  - Irving J. Symons Trustees Fund
  - Kevin Bates Fund
  - Joe Martin Family Fund
  - Julie Hulet Memorial Fund
  - Kiwanis Club of Sonora Fund – Support charitable programs
  - Marjorie L. Coffill Charitable Fund
  - Norbert & Elaine Wilson Endowment Fund
  - Ozbirn Family Fund
  - Phil and Barbara Harvey Charitable Fund
  - Priest Family Fund – Support charitable programs
  - Sierra Nevada Service Fund – Anonymous fund for general charitable granting
  - Todd and Cyndi Simonson Fund
  - Tuolumne Angel Fund – Anonymous family-advised fund
  - Tuolumne Sunrise Fund

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**
- Barbara McClymont Fund – Student needs at Sonora School
- Betty Regelin Fund – Support A-TCAA Family Homeless Shelter
- Bill of Rights Fund – Bill of Rights education at Sonora Elementary School
- Brizard Fund for South Side Seniors Inc. – Support programs and needs of the Gathering Place

**Education Grant**

**Bringing tales to life**

More than 50 art students at Summerville High School's Connections Academy learned the craft of storytelling for filmmaking from master storyteller BZ Smith. Her new course was developed with teacher Cord Rawlinson and a grant from the Sonora Area Foundation.

**Smile Keepers Fund** – Support dental needs of the underserved in Tuolumne County
**South Tuolumne County Museum Library Fund** – Maintenance of the Groveland museum-library
**Stage 3 Theatre Company Fund** – Support programs and projects of Stage 3
**SOS/Safety Net Fund for Tuolumne County - Support**
**Tuolumne County Juvenile Judges Fund** – Needs of Tuolumne County youth referred by justices
**Tuolumne County Tennis Court Restoration Fund** – Restoration of tennis courts
**Tuolumne River Project Fund** – Recreational needs in the Tuolumne River canyon
**Twain Harte Skate Park Fund** – Skate park maintenance
**Vial for Life Fund** – Support Vial for Life project
**William and Mary Crook Fund** – Support of the Alano Club
**YES Partnership Fund** – Support of the YES Partnership coalition

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**
- Elinor F. Brown Endowment Fund – Endowed fund for Tuolumne County educational purposes
- J.R. Christensen Family Fund – Nursing and health education in Tuolumne County
- Jim and Louise Angelo Family Fund – Endowment for Tuolumne County schools
- Local Emergency Services Support Fund – Disaster prevention and recovery
- Robert and Kathy Boyer Fund – Youth Sports in Tuolumne County
- Robert C. Jones Fund – Advocacy for those who experience discrimination
- Tuolumne County Eye Care Fund – Eye care needs in Tuolumne County
- Tuolumne Tennis Association Fund – Improve tennis in Tuolumne County
- Wings Fund – Expenses for the non-medical care of ill children
- Youth Sports Foundation Fund – Tuolumne County youth sports facilities

**AGENCY DESIGNATED FUNDS**
- ATCAA Family Literacy Fund
- Calaveras Heritage Council Fund
- Central Sierra Arts Council Fund
- Dawn’s Light Fund
- Economic Development Co. of Tuolumne County Fund
- Friends of Tuolumne County Library Fund
- Hospice of the Sierras Fund
- Humane Society of Tuolumne County Fund
- Infant-Child Enrichment Services Fund
- Meals on Wheels Fund
- Northern Mariposa County History Center Fund
- Rose Wolf Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Fund
- Salvation Army of Tuolumne County Fund
- Sierra Foothills Residential Care Fund
- Senior Resource Services Fund
- Sierra NonProfit Support Center Fund
- Sierra Repertory Theatre Fund
Southside Senior Services Fund
Summerville High Foundation Endowment Fund
Support Sonora School Endowment Fund
Support Sonora School Fund
WATCH Endowment Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
Cunningham Family Fund
Geiger Fund
Homer Latimer Fund
Martha Barnes Tuolumne County Betterment Fund
Nikki & John Karpinski Fund
Sonora Area Foundation Futures Fund
Toni Gibson Fund

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS
Irving J. Symons Foundation for Tuolumne County
Symons Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Aaron Baker Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Andy Fredericks Memorial Scholarship – Fire fighting
programs and scholarships
Aronos William Morris Scholarship – Tuolumne County
high schools
Aronos Women’s Research Club Scholarship –
Columbia College attendee
Barbara Sardella Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: Sonora
Elementary graduates
Bill Gerber Memorial Scholarship – Summerville High: athletics
Bret Laws Memorial Scholarship – Columbia College: fire science
Brockman Family Scholarship – Sonora High: education
Bruce Paxton Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County
high schools: music
Class of 1946 Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
David Paul Grant Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne
County Students: law enforcement – EMT-fire science
Doc Curtice Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Earl and Mary Purdy Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High:
music or physical education
Elaine Symons Baker Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Eva Schicke Memorial Scholarship – Nursing or fire science
Firefighter Michael Chad Harris Scholarship – Columbia
College & Napa College: fire technology
Frank Salel Youth Fund – Benefit Tuolumne County youth
Front Porch Scholarship – Tuolumne County High Schools: math, engineering, computer science
Futures Forward Scholarship – Foster Care students
Gardella College Fund – Sonora High: interest in local
government or politics
Harry A. Riedinger Memorial Scholarship – Sonora
High: academics
Harvey H. Uhl Scholarship – Sonora High: Trade schools or higher education
Highland Oaks Agricultural Scholarship –
Summerville High: agriculture and natural resources
Homer Latimer Scholarship – Sonora High and
Summerville High: academics
Jeff Sanders Memorial Scholarship – Bret Harte
High: academics
Jeff Vassallo Memorial Scholarship – Summerville
High: Friday Night Live
Jennie Evans Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne
County high schools: business
Jerry Ryder Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Korean War Veterans’ relatives
Jessica Elizabeth Jager Memorial Scholarship –
Sonora High: academics
Joe Martin Family Scholarship – Sonora High: natural
resources
John E. Kelley Memorial Scholarship – Mother Lode
Round-Up Queen
Kathleen Calestini Memorial Fund – Tuolumne County
high schools: Sonora Elementary graduate
Kristi Francois Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Larry and Virginia Reed Twain Harte Rotary
Scholarship – Summerville High: vocational
Lyle R. Scott Scholarship – Vocations/trades
education
Lynn Gates Nursing Scholarship Fund – Columbia
College: nursing
Martha Barnes Scholarship – Summerville High:
academic fields
Martin and Bethel Liljedahl Scholarship – Sonora
High: agriculture
M.L. Interagency Training Officers Scholarship/Bass
Family Fire Fighters’ Memorial Scholarship –
Tuolumne and Calaveras high schools: public safety
Mother Lode Stanford Club Scholarship – Tuolumne
County high schools: Stanford University attendee
Mt. Springs Women’s Golf Scholarship –
Scholarships for women in golf
Myers Family Fund – Tioga High: vocational education
Pearl Segerstrom Memorial Scholarship – Sonora
High: academics
Pecchinino/Sylva Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Perricone-Hobbin-Hodge Scholarship – Tuolumne
County high schools: University of California
Ralph and Dotte Francis Memorial Scholarship –
Sonora High: athletics
Rockwood Scholarship – Sonora High: art
Ross Jones Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County
high schools: fire sciences or law enforcement
Sgt. Bobby Rapp Ski Scholarship – Official Ski Race
Team
Shaws Flat Scholarship – Sonora High: academics and
vocational
Sierra Music Scholarship – Tuolumne County student:
classical music lessons
Sierra Quilt Guild Scholarship – Tuolumne County high
schools: academics
Sonora Lions Varvandakis Scholarship – Sonora High:
male: academics
Stephen H. Manson Scholarship – Sonora High: art
and nursing
Tanya Anderson Memorial Scholarship – Survivors of
serious illness, priority to cancer survivors
Teresa Mary Thors Scholarship – Secondary education
for disabled students
Terry Campbell Loshalegro Award – Summerville High: academics
Tuolumne County Community Tennis Scholarship –
High school students involved in tennis or the arts
Tuolumne County Farm Bureau Scholarship –
Tuolumne County high schools: agriculture industry
Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Posse Scholarship –
Tuolumne County students: agriculture or related field
Tu. Co. Women’s Network Scholarship – Women’s
education
Tuolumne Sunrise Scholarship – Summerville High: academics
Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship –
Summerville High or Mother Lode Christian
Vicki White PEO Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High
Alternative Ed.: vocational/trade, college or university
education
Wally Berry Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Wes and Ruth Wyllie Memorial Art Scholarship –
Summerville or Sonora High: art
Wilma Lindberg Memorial Scholarship – Summerville
or Sonora High: elementary teaching

Community Impact Award
Mentoring program fosters friendships
Every year, one child at a time, the ATCAA Mentoring Works program changes the lives of
dozens of disadvantaged young people in Tuolumne County by pairing each with a trained volunteer for
one-to-one guidance and friendship. This wonderful program won the annual Elaine Symons Baker Community Impact Award of $10,000
presented by the SAF Board of Directors.
**Ten reasons people choose to give through the Sonora Area Foundation:**

**One**
We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

**Two**
Our professional program staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.

**Three**
We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual’s charitable and financial interests.

**Four**
Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.

**Five**
We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

**Six**
We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

**Seven**
We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.

**Eight**
We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

**Nine**
We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

**Ten**
We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

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- **Donor Advised Funds.** You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift. You work with our professional program staff identifying ways to use dollars from the Donor Advised Fund you establish to address the issues and needs you care about most.

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- **Field of Interest Funds.** You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life: Arts, Aging, Conservation, At-risk youth, Environment.

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- **Designated Funds.** You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization.

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