

Philanthropic Ventures Foundation -  
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### **Celebrating 15 Years of Philanthropic Service to the Community**

With the desire to create a unique philanthropic foundation, PVF was established in 1991 by its current President Bill Somerville, through the leadership of its original directors, Albert Horn of Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson and Horn; William Green of the Law Offices of William E. Green; and Tom Ford of the Ford Land Company, and through the financial support of Tom Ford, Ambassador L. W. "Bill" Lane, Jr., Gordon Russell, Albert Horn and three anonymous donors.

Fifteen years since its inception, PVF has grown considerably while retaining its unique approach to philanthropy. PVF has a growing endowment and serves thousands of donors and non-profit agencies through its donor advised funds, designated funds and program funds.

In 2004, PVF gave out over \$5 million in grants to over 1,500 charitable organizations. PVF acts as a demonstration foundation – taking risks, trying out new forms of grantmaking and sharing its experiences and results with other grantmakers. PVF is a leader in initiative philanthropy, seeking out people and projects doing outstanding charitable work in the community and identifying unmet needs that can benefit from charitable support.

With gratitude to all those who have worked with and supported PVF over the years, PVF celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and looks forward to an exciting future of growth, creativity and charitable giving.

### **Duncan Beardsley New Board Member**

The staff and board of PVF extend a warm welcome to its newest board member Duncan Beardsley. Duncan brings many talents and skills to the board and PVF is honored to have him as a board member. A graduate of University of California at Berkeley, long-time Peninsula resident, and former Director of the Stanford University Alumni Association's Travel/Study Program, with an extensive background in marketing and advertising through his work with three cruise lines and Young & Rubicam Advertising Agency, PVF is delighted to have Duncan on its Board.

### **Immediate Response Resource Grants Programs**

In 1995, PVF pioneered the concept of "immediate response resource grants." PVF targets segments of society with unmet needs and makes funding available within 48 hours through a streamlined application process. The quick turnaround time adds substantial value, getting funding where it is needed, when it is needed. Grant recipients are direct service providers – teachers, social workers, therapists, librarians, juvenile court judges – experts in their field who access funding to address specific critical needs of the population they serve.

Currently, PVF is operating immediate response grants programs in the following areas:

**Science Resource Grants** – to support science and conservation, up to \$500, to Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz public school teachers, K–12, funded by The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

**Children & Family Services Social Worker Resource Grants-** to support foster care youth in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, up to \$250, funded by an anonymous donor

**Music Resource Grants** –to enhance music programs, up to \$3,500 by invitation, to Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara county public schools, grades 5-12, funded by The Flora Family Foundation

**Emancipated Youth Resource Grants** – to support foster care youth as they “age out” of the system, up to \$250, in Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, funded by The Barkley Fund

**Special Education Resource Grants** - to support special education students, up to \$500, in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties, pre-K –12, funded by The Thomas J. Long Foundation

**Arts Resource Grants** – to enhance classroom and after school arts programs, up to \$500, to Southern San Mateo County public school teachers K-8, funded by The Steve & Anita Westly Foundation

**CASA Resource Grants** – to support foster care youth in Alameda County, up to \$250, funded by The Barkley Fund

**Teacher Mini Grants** - up to \$500 by invitation to San Mateo County public schools, K-8, funded by an anonymous donor

**Literacy Intervention Resource Grants** - to support literacy curriculum, up to \$500, to East Palo Alto public school teachers, funded by The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

**Librarian Resource Grants** - to promote library use and literacy of young people, up to \$500, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, funded by the Sand Hill Foundation

**Juvenile Court Judges Program** – to meet critical needs of foster care youth as identified by judges in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Napa and Sonoma counties, funded by the Van LobenSelsRembeRock Foundation