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San Carlos Education Foundation





Strong Schools Build Strong Communities

2025–2026 ANNUAL REPORT





Supporting the Whole Child. Every Day. In Every Way.

Since its founding in 1982, the **San Carlos Education Foundation (SCEF)** has contributed more than $52 million to our local public schools, bridging the gap between what the state provides and a well-rounded education for all students. Your donations to SCEF help San Carlos public schools provide a whole-child education for all students. We work in partnership with parents and the community to support additional educator positions, and innovative and core programs that are vital to an exceptional education.

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Your Donation Supports:

STEM & Project-Based Learning

Your investment ensures that our children have access to supplies and materials to support critical thinking & innovation.

Music Programs

We are proud to support music, band and orchestra classes.

Your School PTA

Your donation funds every school PTA, which supports classroom supplies, art programs, community gatherings, teacher appreciation and more.



Art, Science & Innovation

Your donation supports art programs, science kits and electives.

Emotional Health & Wellness

Your contribution ensures our children have counselors who offer guidance and support.

Library & Literacy

Libraries are places for reading, gathering, research, studying and reflection. Your donation helps keep libraries open for all students.

Dear Friends,

As parents of children who have grown up in San Carlos schools, we have seen firsthand the strength of this community. Our teachers, principals, staff, administrators, and parents show up every day for our kids.

Our teachers make every minute count, bringing enthusiasm and creativity to each lesson. PE teachers bring energy to the blacktop on sleepy mornings. Librarians offer calm and a world of imagination. Music instructors embrace the squeaks and clangs, knowing the pride that will come on performance night. Counselors listen and guide. Year-round PTA events bring families together, creating connections that extend beyond the classroom and lasting memories for us all.

Everywhere we look, we are reminded that it is the people of this community who make San Carlos schools so special. Parents show up in many ways, giving our time, sharing our talents, and investing in the programs that help our children thrive. Through SCEF, that collective generosity helps fund essential programs like music, PE, library services, counseling, STEM and community building activities.

Together, we granted more than $3.3 million during the 2025–26 school year. To learn about how these funds were used to support students, please see page 5. What an incredible investment in our children and the schools we all love.

To our SCEF Board and staff, thank you for the countless hours, creativity, and dedication you bring to this work. And to every family, business, and community member who supported SCEF this past year, thank you for believing in our schools and investing in our kids.

Together, we are building more than strong schools. We are building a community that shows up for one another. And we are so grateful.

With Appreciation,



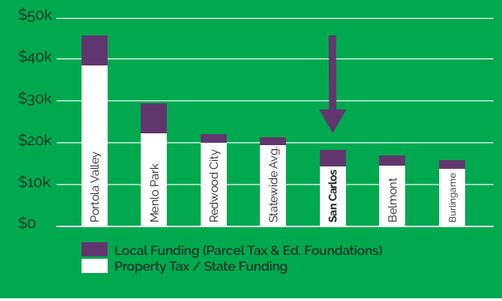
Jennie Romeo
President



Kathy Parmer-Lohan
Executive Director

Why do we need an Education Foundation in San Carlos?

Public school funding has not kept pace with inflation. Your donations to SCEF help provide supplemental resources needed to protect the high-quality education students deserve. The chart on the right shows public funding in white & local support from SCEF, the Sequoia Health Care District & local parcel taxes in purple. Learn more on our website: scefkids.org/why-the-need



Working together, the San Carlos school community raises funds to ensure that students have access to programs not possible with government funding alone. From music to art, technology to mental health supports, San Carlos students benefit from your generosity.

3,363
STUDENTS BENEFITED FROM YOUR DONATIONS

$3,300,100
GRANTED TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE 2025–26 SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDING $421,806 TO SUPPORT SCHOOL PTAS

$811,323
PROVIDED VIA EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFTS

After the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, many local communities formed Education Foundations to bridge the gap between the resulting funding model for public schools and the needs of students. The San Carlos Education Foundation was founded in 1982 by parents who were concerned about the impact of budget cuts on school programs. Today, 44 years after it was established, SCEF continues this important work and, because of your generous donations, contributes nearly 5% of the School District/SCC annual budget.







Financial Performance

Since 2008 more than $1,051,000 has been distributed to the San Carlos School District and San Carlos Charter from the SCEF endowment fund. As of June 30,2026, the balance of the endowment fund was $5,058,664. For information regarding the SCEF endowment, visit our website or contact Kathy Parmer-Lohan, Executive Director at kathy@scefkids.org

Support and Revenue 2025–2026	
Annual Fund	
Annual Fund Donations	$ 2,257,379
Employer Matching Donations	$ 811,323
Restricted Grants	$ 170,000
Total Annual Fund	**$ 3,238,702**
Fundraising and Community Events (net)	$ 554,772
Total Support and Revenue	**$ 3,793,474**
Program Expenses — Grants for use in 2025–26	
Grant to San Carlos School District	$ 2,443,277
Grant to San Carlos Charter	$ 435,017
Grants to School PTAs	$ 421,806
Total Program Expenses	**$ 3,300,100**
Operating Expenses	
Administrative	$ 272,327
Fundraising	$ 178,328
Total Operating Expenses	**$ 450,655**
Total Expenses	**$ 3,750,755**

Source: San Carlos Education Foundation

Support for Our Schools

Your contribution to the San Carlos Education Foundation provides vital funding that helps our schools provide a well-rounded education for every student. Funds raised in the current school year are granted to fund programs and educators in the following school year.

Support to SCSD, SCC and PTAs in 2025–2026	**$3,300,100**
Educators at our Small Neighborhood Schools	$ 720,279
Elementary PE and Middle School After School Sports	$ 421,523
Allocation to school site PTAs	$ 421,806
Counseling and Social Emotional Programs	$ 388,865
Middle School Electives, Elementary Music	$ 459,881
Library Services, Technology, Staff and Infrastructure, Applications and Devices	$ 435,794
Principal Funds, Instructional Supplies and Materials, Field Trips	$ 303,385
Fund-the-Future of STEM	$ 148,567

Source: San Carlos School District and San Carlos Charter

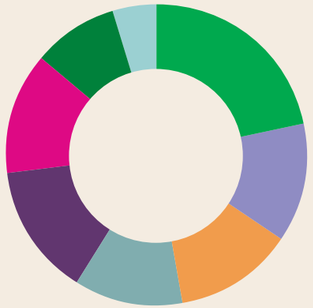
Our audited financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2025 is available on our website scefkids.org. Fiscal Year 2026 numbers presented here are for information purposes. Once our audit for fiscal year 2026 is complete, it will be posted to our website. Our foundation manages its operations using a net proceeds model, in which we view revenues net of direct expenses. As such, costs for special events are deducted from the associated revenues. Therefore, revenues and costs under US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles will differ from those presented herein.

Use of SCEF Grant Funds 2025–26


Band


SCEF Read-A-Thon


Library Services



- Educators at our Small Neighborhood Schools
- Elementary PE and Middle School Sports
- Allocation to School Site PTAs
- Counseling and Social Emotional Programs
- Middle School Electives, Elementary Music
- Library Services, Technology, Staff and Infrastructure, Applications and Devices
- Principal Funds, Instructional Supplies and Materials, Field Trips
- Fund-the-Future of STEM


SCEF Gala


Lego Robotics


STEM Supplies


Orchestra


Additional Educators


SCC Derby Day

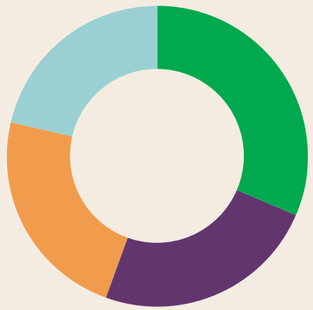
Use of SCEF PTA Allocation for Seven School PTAs 2025–26


PTA Fun Run



Heritage Day


Art in Action



- Teacher Grants and Staff Appreciation
- Programs, Community Building, and Events
- Library and Arts
- Principal, School, and Admin Support


SCC Chili Cook-Off


PTA Glow Dance


West African Drum & Dance Assembly


Lunar New Year


PTA Multicultural Night.


PTA Family Fun Day

Donor Roll 2025–2026

Leadership Circle

Donors whose combined giving exceeded $5,000 in 2025–26 qualified for Leadership Circle membership. Their support is critical to our ability to meet the fundraising goal each year. We are grateful for the generous support of Leadership Circle members. To learn more, go to **scefkids.org/leadership-circle.**

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* These businesses made a matching gift to SCEF

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"We believe strong public schools build stronger communities. As a scientist, Mike knows how early exposure to STEAM can shape a child's future, and we love supporting it through Fund-A-Need because every student can find something that sparks their interest. SCEF has also helped create a real sense of belonging. Some of our best friends are people we met through San Carlos schools!"

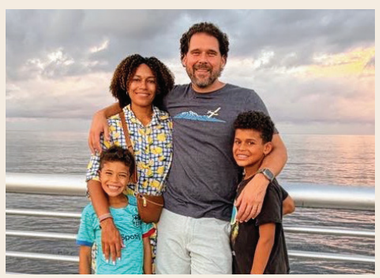
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Donor Circle

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