

## Hats Off to 20 Years!

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The year was 1998, and even then, local residents knew that San Luis Obispo County was a special place. The county was still treasured as a hidden gem and, to most, life couldn't get much better. However, an inspirational group of pioneers had a vision that recognized the power of philanthropy in the future of our community. In the spring of 1998, a group of community leaders developed the partnerships necessary to form what is known today as The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County.

First on the to do list was to provide sustainable funding to support this new organization's goals. Twenty years ago, a figure like \$60 million seemed like a faraway dream. Today, The Foundation's \$60 million in assets is used to ensure funding of grants, scholarships and many other programs. We are proud to recognize and thank the community members who were the founding force behind the legacy that is now The Community Foundation.

Since 1998, we've proudly met and exceeded many goals, which means this year we are celebrating 20 incredible years of impact in the most wonderful community in America. We're excited to celebrate this momentous milestone as we recognize you, our friends, family and neighbors. It's been 20 years of service, 20 years of giving, 20 years of inspiration and 20 years of impact in a beautiful community. We thank you for being part of the journey and invite others to join us for the next 20 years.

In celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be sharing some personal stories of impact through our new blog to highlight the accomplishments of our incredible community members. Stay tuned for more behind-the-scenes stories of our communities' greatest achievements. Hats off to 20 years of impact!