



MENDOCINO COAST HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

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READY FOR A NEW YEAR

As we look toward the end of 2020 and all the ways we can make an impact, our work here is not done. The need is so great and the ways our Foundation can connect with our healthcare community is essential. Please consider the many ways to give that benefit both the Foundation and provide you with tax advantages.

The “Temporary Universal Charitable Deduction” qualifies taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions can take a one-time deduction of up to \$300 for gifts made to charitable organizations.

Qualified Charitable Distributions. Your annual Qualified Distribution can be tax-free when the IRA withdrawal is paid directly to the Foundation and meet your AQD.

Certain conditions must be met for an IRA distribution to be considered a tax-free QCD:

The IRA owner must be age 70½ or older when the distribution is taken. “IRA owner” means both the individual who established the IRA and a beneficiary who has inherited it.

The amount eligible for tax-free treatment is \$100,000 per taxpayer, per year. This amount currently is not indexed for inflation.

The distribution must be payable to the charitable organization—not the IRA owner—though the distribution check can be delivered by the donor.

\$300 can go such a long way toward essential equipment the Foundation plans to Fund.

2020 GRANTS YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACTION

The 2020 Grants Initiative was made possible by the vision and direction of the MCHF Board of Directors who sought a way to make a greater impact by partnering with healthcare organizations within our beloved Mendocino Coast. This is a partial list of funded projects.

Together we are making an impact on the challenges our community is facing.



Pandemic Response

Testing for COVID-19 continues to challenge our community. MCHF has funded a rapid-testing machine to be located at AHMC so that patients can be testing quickly to assess proper treatment. Our funding PPE and safety equipment for healthcare organizations and the volunteer fire departments is part of our commitment to ensure our coastal community keeps our numbers COVID-19 numbers low.

Remote Medical Care & Telemedicine, bringing healthcare to YOU

Providing funding to expand telemedicine services has reduced cost, wait times and the challenges of exposure for our most vulnerable. Funding for equipment and software became a priority early in 2020 for the Foundation and continues as we granted additional funds to meet community demands. (Continued)

OB/GYN Services, supporting families

With the closure of the Labor & Delivery Department at the Hospital it became essential to support **Mendocino Coast Clinic’s** efforts to provide care for our families preparing for birth. With new fetal monitors and ultrasound machines the Foundation is ensuring our coastal patients have an assurance of the best tools available.

Helping the Houseless

The Foundation is providing the means for our **Coastal Street Project** to have medical equipment and our own Community Case Manager to work with our underserved street population to connect them to the resources they need to stay healthy and safe.

We are collaborating with **H.A.T. (Housing Action Team)** as well to build their web site and be on the front lines of finding affordable housing that brings housing accessibility and stability to our service region.

Providing Information

MCHF continues to expand our partnerships, working with the **Mendocino Coast Children’s Fund** to provide a bilingual resource flyer so that clinic and hospital patients have ready access to essential contacts they need during a crisis.

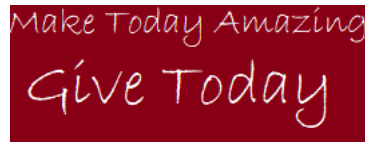
Working with **Healthy Mendocino**, the Foundation now has a web page to provide updates on our projects and grant funding, while being a critical funder for the Mendocino Coast Healthcare Needs Assessment.

Meeting Mental Healthcare Needs

Collaborating with **Project Sanctuary** (Matched by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County), we have bolstered their SOS Fund which will provide funds for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims and their ongoing treatment for trauma and recovery.

Safety for our First Responders

Long-time capital projects for many of our local fire departments have been realized as the Foundation connects with these essential service providers to fund safety equipment, PPE, and another new ambulance. When our community needs rapid response, the Foundation has provided the technology for them to be there when you need them.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR FUNDING

COVID 19 Mendocino Coast Response Fund – we have disbursed all of our available funding and know the requests will escalate as the pandemic continues for additional PPE, Safety & Testing Equipment.

Cancer Care: Many cancer patients have lost their health insurance or are financially challenged because of the loss of income. The Foundation, through our **Elwin Cox Cancer Fund** helps these patients pay their treatment bills to alleviate the financial stress during such a critical time.

Ambulance Fund and Emergency Response: The Foundation continues to focus on ensuring our community first responders have everything they need to stay safe while providing these essential services to our community.

Please consider a donation today – online at www.mchfoundation.org, Text “Winesong” to 345-345 or mail your check to:

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With sincere thanks, and incredible humility in the face of all our challenges – In gratitude,

Mary Kate McKenna, CFRE,
Executive Director



Hold the date for Winesong 2021 – Together Again, the weekend of September 10-11, 2021!

Thank you for your continued support!

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<https://www.winesong.org/> and
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