

# Fast Forward >> Home

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

*Turning Passion into Action*



The national economic crisis that began more than a year ago has crept into the lives of San Luis Obispo County residents; it is taking jobs, threatening utility cutoffs, and worst of all forcing eviction. As the new face of homelessness shifted at a staggering rate from single males to entire families, the Community Foundation responded quickly.

An Urgent Needs Fund was created to help keep people in their homes and to make sure the lights and the heat stayed on. Grants were made to the Community Action Partnership, Catholic Charities, and the Salvation Army to augment their existing programs to assist with emergency rent and utility bills.

“We partnered with donor advisors to pool money into the Urgent Needs Fund,” SLOCCF Executive Director Barry VanderKelen explained. “This fund helps get resources to people in distress as quickly as possible.”

Another example of the Community Foundation’s response to the economic recession is Fast Forward >> Home, funded in part by the Helen and Ronald Dunin Memorial Endowment Fund (held by SLOCCF). Fast Forward >> Home is an exemplary program that does exactly what the Dunins had in mind: it helps hard-working people to help themselves. Homeless applicants are first screened and once accepted, they are required to attend budgeting classes, perform community service work, and work toward a savings goal. In May, the first family to complete the program moved into their own apartment. Now the children do better in school, the adults work harder and parent better, and their health and nutrition are improved.

The Urgent Needs Fund and Fast Forward >> Home are just two of the many ways that the SLOCCF has risen to the occasion, bringing real help to real people affected by ongoing economic calamity.

## Our Mission

The San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation is a public trust established to assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable funds to meet the changing needs and interests of the community.



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