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## Four Silicon Valley nonprofits share their mission as year-end giving season approaches



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Marie Bernard, executive director, Sunnyvale Community Services

**SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Headquarters:** 1160 Kern Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085

**Leadership:** Marie Bernard, executive director

**Mission:** "Sunnyvale Community Services' mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger in our local community. Our vision is a community where everyone has a home with food on the table. Every day, Sunnyvale Community Services helps people who are struggling to make ends meet in Silicon Valley."

**History:** "Founded in 1970, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) is an independent, nonprofit emergency assistance agency in the heart of Silicon Valley. SCS is designated as one of seven Emergency Assistance Network (EAN) agencies who together form a safety net for Santa Clara County. SCS assists residents in Sunnyvale and the Alviso community in San Jose, as well as unhoused persons in Santa Clara County. Our comprehensive services directly address the needs of individuals and families facing financial hardship, housing instability, and food insecurity. In 2024-25, SCS served 11,523 of our neighbors with one or more safety net services."

**Philanthropic Focus:** "SCS believes that early intervention is the most effective way to prevent and address local homelessness and hunger. SCS addresses immediate critical needs of low-income families and seniors with food assistance, financial aid, referrals, and wraparound case management."

**Impact:** "Distributing over 2 million pounds of nutritious food and produce annually. Food distributions include the Weekly Food Program for over 3,500 individuals, Children's Summer Nutrition Program, Self-Select Pantry for unhoused persons, and Home Delivery Program for seniors and homebound residents."

Providing over \$3 million in emergency financial assistance annually for rent, security deposits, utility bills, car repairs, and gift cards for critical family needs.

Serving as a safety net hub in North Santa Clara County, hosting dozens of partner agencies and resource fairs for referrals, access to critical services, and programs in financial education, health and wellness, entrepreneurship, and computer literacy. Offering comprehensive case management for the most vulnerable neighbors to support their paths to stability and self-sufficiency."

**Financial Details:** "With a budget of \$11 million, SCS has received the top 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator for 13 years and earned a Platinum Seal for organizational transparency from Candid's GuideStar. Over 1,000 community volunteers enable SCS to keep operating costs low."

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