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### OCF Grant Recipients 2023

Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe  
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Lamorinda Arts Council: Library Gallery  
Lamorinda Arts Council: Artify Orinda  
Lamorinda Village  
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region  
Mindful Littles  
Orinda Association  
Orinda Garden Club  
Orinda Junior Women's Club  
Orinda Starlight Village Players  
Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center  
Lamorinda Film & Entertainment  
Foundation  
Miramonte High School Writers Magazine  
Orinda Citizen of the Year  
Live at the Orinda!  
Orinda Action Day

OCF Board: (L to R) Natalie Fay, Gene Gottfried, Richard Westin, Vince Dell'Aquila, Sandy Roadcap, Carlos Baltodano, Annette Linney, Perry Shustack, Sue Severson, Jocelyn Bennion, Jim Keefe, and Larry Berger. Not pictured are Christina Linezo and Tina Zwahlen.

To learn more about Orinda Community Foundation, contribute on-line, or to volunteer, visit our website at [www.orindafoundation.org](http://www.orindafoundation.org). You can also donate at [www.PayPal.me/orindafoundation](http://www.PayPal.me/orindafoundation).

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# Orinda Community Foundation Annual Report to the Community

Volume 13, Number 1

Enhancing the Quality of Life in Orinda

Spring 2024

Thanks to your support, the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) had another good year in 2023! Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Orinda. We do this by raising funds and making grants to non-profits in our community. A list of our grant recipients for 2023 is on the back page of this newsletter. We support a wide range of activities including the Garden Club, downtown beautification, Lamorinda Idol and Concerts and Movies in the Park. **We have donated over \$500,000 to local organizations since our start in 2010.**

We are requesting your support and are working hard to earn it.

- We are a qualified 501(c) 3 public charity.
- We are 100% volunteer. We have no payroll.
- We are 100% locally managed. A group of Orinda residents serves as the board.
- We partner with other community groups including the City of Orinda, the Orinda Association, the Orinda Theatre, and many others.
- We support only charities and community groups with local operations.
- We are an ongoing and consistent funding source. Our partners count on us to be there for their year after year.
- We are transparent and efficient. In 2023, our total administrative and fundraising expenses were less than 4% of our total revenues. Charity Navigator gives its highest rankings to organizations that spend less than 15% of expenses on overhead. Our results are materially better because we rely on volunteer help and management.
- We are growing our endowment. With the help of our fellow Orinda residents, OCF is planning for long term sustainability. Our goal is to help the Orinda Community – today and tomorrow.

As your local community foundation, much of our work is behind the scenes. We raise funds, solicit grant applications, and make donations. This places the organizations we help front and center. We want to feature three of them in this year's letter to you. Each of these groups does very different things. Collectively, they help to create a diverse and vibrant community. Life in Orinda would be diminished without the ongoing work of our partners.

First, we want to feature the **Orinda Association.**

The Orinda Association (OA) started in 1946 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Like the Community Foundation, OA is dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life in Orinda. In 2024, the OA will be celebrating two significant milestones: the 40th 4th of July Parade and the 20th Classic Car show! The OA does lots of other work including publishing the Orinda News and directing the Seniors Around Town (SAT) program.

- The OA, in partnership with the City's Parks Department and the support of the OCF organizes the annual 4th of July Parade and related Park activities. This is a tremendous endeavor utilizing over 100 volunteers and has been recognized as one of the Best Little Hometown Parades.
- With the generous support of the OCF, the Seniors Around Town program provides free rides to Orinda seniors totaling 150 per month, underscoring the great need for this service.
- The Orinda News, published by the OA and delivered to 10,000 households, has become one of the main sources for local news.
- The Annual Car Show will occur in September and is organized by the OA with the collaboration of Orinda Motors and the OCF. The theme for 2024 celebrates Shelby Cobras and the 60th anniversary of the Ford Mustang. This free event has become not only popular in Orinda, but also throughout the Bay Area! These OA events and other programs receive funding from many donors. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please contact [www.OrindaAssociation.org](http://www.OrindaAssociation.org).

Next, we would like to feature **Live at the Orinda Theatre.**

Live at the Orinda Theatre brings musical productions to our local iconic theatre. The vision of the organization is to provide a live concert cabaret performance through renowned singers of Broadway, television, film, and jazz. Making this happen has required lots of hard work! The shows are presented in the intimate 170 seat theatre. The seats have been refurbished, and a new first class sound system and permanent lighting have been purchased. All of this makes for a delightful musical cabaret experience. Donations such as those from the OCF have helped fund these improvements and also have

helped defray the cost of the productions. These shows create unique experiences. They would not be possible without the help of donors, subscribers, and the Orinda Community Foundation.

OCF is also a supporter of the **Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe.**

The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe is a volunteer non-profit organization started in 2009 to preserve Orinda's Moraga Adobe. Our mission is to transform this State Historic Landmark and National Register property into a History Museum and Learning Center dedicated to the preservation of California's East Bay region early history with a focus on the Rancho period, between the Mission period and the Gold Rush.

The Moraga Adobe was built in 1841 on a 13,000-acre Mexican land grant called Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados. The land grant was awarded in 1835 to Joaquin Moraga and his first cousin Juan Bernal. While several structures were initially built, Moraga's adobe home is the only one remaining. It is the oldest house in Contra Costa County. The Moraga Adobe is located in the City of Orinda in the hills above the Del Rey School.

In 2021, with help from generous individuals and organizations like the Orinda Community Foundation, the Friends of the Adobe successfully met its initial fundraising goal of \$500,000. This has funded rehabilitation work including bringing the structures back to their original 1840s footprint. The rehabilitation is now in the final stages of completion. After this work is completed, the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe will own this historic home and surrounding 2.3 acres in Orinda.

The Friends of the Adobe are currently focused on creating exhibits for the museum and developing landscaping for the grounds. With a planned opening in 2024, this will be the first time this adobe will be open to the public. Going forward, the Moraga Adobe will be an important community resource by providing school tours with an emphasis on 3rd and 4th graders studying local and California history, showcasing gardening of native plants, community service opportunities, and creating a connection with our rich regional history.

For more information on FJMA and the Moraga Adobe, visit our website at [MoragaAdobe.org](http://MoragaAdobe.org)

**The OCF is proud of the work of the organizations it supports. Please join us in helping them and the many others we assist!**

Choose OCF as your charity partner.

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Orinda Junior Women's Club  
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a California nonprofit public benefit  
charitable organization

MISSION: The Orinda Community Foundation  
enhances the quality of life in Orinda by  
fostering community spirit and citizen  
engagement, building partnerships, and  
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community activities, beautification and the  
arts.

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The Orinda Association presents its 20th Annual Classic Car Show in 2024.

The Balaguras/Park  
Family  
Kath Balamuth  
Carlos & Josie  
Baltodano  
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Damon (L) and Isaac helped clean up the San Pablo Creek at Orinda Action Day.



The Orinda Association presents its 40th July 4th Parade and Celebration.

Gary & Carolyn Depolo  
Peter Dinkelspiel  
Steve & Failin Draeger  
Dave & Lynne Ehlers  
Isabel Ehringer  
Ingrid Evans  
Sue & Al Farmer  
Dennis & Natalie Fay

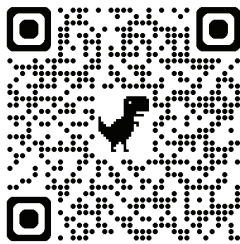
Matt Ginsburg & Janet  
Franklin  
Alex & Eva Glazer  
Gene Gottfried  
David & Kathleen  
Graeven  
Jeff & Maggie Halliday  
Peter Hartdegen



Members of the Orinda Starlight Village Players perform in Agatha Christie's *The Secret of Chimneys* at the Orinda Community Center Park Amphitheatre

John and Kathy  
Fernbacher  
Dr. Robert & Mrs. Jan  
Formanek  
Jeri & Herb Foster  
Tre Frane  
Anonymous  
Darlene & Dennis Gee  
Joan Getsinger  
Michael & Diana  
Gilmore

Steve & Tish Harwood  
Fund at the East  
Bay Community  
Foundation



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Huston  
Dane Iverson  
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Robert & Marjorie  
Kaplan  
Jason Kaune  
James Keefe & Lorna  
Lee



Front porch restoration at the Joaquin Moraga Adobe.

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Kersten  
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Douglas Ridey MD  
Sandy Roadcap  
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Sonya Ruehl  
Dr. Jon & Mrs. Mary  
Joan Sammann  
Anonymous  
Isabel Sears  
Steven & Lisa Sernett  
Ralph & Sue Severson



Since 2005, The Orinda Association has provided free rides to Orinda seniors via its Seniors Around Town program.

The Shapiro/Wheatley  
Family  
Sarah & Lawrence  
Siegel  
Shauna & Mark  
Simmonds  
Sharon Simpson  
Winifred Smith  
Deborah Smith

Kathleen & Richard  
Thompson  
Urban Foundation  
Ted & Lida Urban  
Clark & Geraldine  
Wallace  
Bill & Marie Waterman  
Howard Weiser  
Sheila Wendt



The Orinda News, published by The Orinda Association, since 1985.

Lionel & Ann Sorenson  
Evanthia Spanos &  
Steve Austin  
The Sullivan Family  
Jack Sweitzer & Joyce  
Hawkins  
Tim & Sylvia Carter  
The Nishimine Family

Richard & Pamela  
Westin  
Dorothy Wilson  
Cheryl & John Wingo  
John & Patricia Winther  
Amy & Tom Worth  
Gary & Vicky Yancey

Join us in 2024:  
Submit Citizen of the Year Nominations  
by September 30.  
Grant Applications start September 1  
and close on October 25!  
Check our website for details.  
[www.OrindaFoundation.org](http://www.OrindaFoundation.org)