

CARIDAD PARTNERS

a Bay Area Giving Circle

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San Francisco, CA – Caridad Partners, a giving circle of Bay Area women, reached a milestone in distributing more than \$500,000 during its 13-year history.

The goal of Caridad Partners is to enhance the health, education and economic self-sufficiency of women and children in the developing world through high-impact grants to non-profit organizations. A giving circle is a pooled charitable fund through which members make grants together. Caridad Partners was founded by development professionals and philanthropists Pamela Cook and Patricia Stirling in 2006.

Caridad Partners demonstrates an effective and efficient model for giving circles, inspiring others to engage in collaborative philanthropy. The name, “Caridad” was chosen because it is a Spanish word encompassing the concept of charity, philanthropy and generosity; this remains a motivational mantra for the partners. Partner numbers have fluctuated between 12 and 19 women and represent a diverse group of leaders from a variety of sectors and spheres of influence.

The Caridad Process

Pooling individual contributions made to collaboratively selected organizations allows the participant partners to increase their individual annual giving impact. The research and selection methods constitute a learning process resulting in the members becoming more astute and effective philanthropists. Caridad Partners identify organizations with an impressive track record, a commitment to measuring and reporting impact and results, as well as maintaining a Bay Area presence. This allows for in-person, direct relationships to be fostered between Caridad Partners and recipient organizations.

Caridad Partners is grassroots in nature, flexible and reflective of the partners’ preferences. Partners share their knowledge, experience, contacts and research to select two organizations to receive a high impact grant from the pooled fund made up with a minimum of \$2,500 from each member. Each partner makes a direct individual donation to the selected grantees according to the minimum agreed by consensus.

Celebrating Success and Sharing the Caridad Model

Caridad Partners kicks off the new year by hosting a reception in January that includes a noteworthy speaker or panel of speakers to inspire the partners, their guests, and prospective partners. The reception also honors representatives of past grantees.

The upcoming celebration for 2020 is scheduled for:

When: Monday, January 27, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Presidio Café

(at Arguello Gate of the Presidio)

300 Finley Road, San Francisco, CA 94129

What: Featuring Bruce Wydick, PhD

Development Economist, University of San Francisco

Dr. Wydick will discuss his recently released book,
Shrewd Samaritan

Professor Wydick's recent work examines the impact of development programs such as microfinance, child sponsorship, and in-kind donation of children's shoes, wheelchairs for the disabled, and clean wood-burning stoves. Other recent work studies the role of hope and aspirations in escaping poverty traps.

For more information regarding the event and to secure tickets, contact:

CaridadPartners@gmail.com

A list of past recipients of Caridad Partners grants is attached.

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Since 2006, Caridad Partners has invested more than \$500,000 in 24 international organizations.

10,000 Windows

American Himalayan Foundation: Stop Girl Trafficking

Asante Africa

Caravan to Class

Children of Grace

Fistula Foundation

Foundation for Sustainable Development

Freedom from Hunger

GAIA

Global Press Institute

Grevy Zebra Trust

Hoshyar Foundation

Miracle Feet: expansion of Usa River Rehabilitation Center, Tanzania

Namaste Direct

Nepal Youth Foundation

Nurturing Minds

One Heart World

Pacific Links

Rise Up

Seacology

The Freedom Story

Village Enterprise

Wings

Women's Earth Alliance

Caridad's multi-year support came at a critical time in Village Enterprise's history and allowed the organization to make important investments in building the organizational capacity to grow and expand its program that empowers and equips women in rural Africa to start small businesses and savings groups.

Dianne Calvi, CEO

Village Enterprise

The values-aligned support of Caridad Partners has propelled Global Press to great heights this year. This general operating support allowed us to invest in the safety and security of each and every Global Press Journal reporter with the expansion and sophistication of our new, industry-leading Duty of Care program. At Global Press, Duty of Care provides for the physical, emotional, digital and legal security of our bold female journalists across the world.

Cristi Hegranes, CEO & Publisher,
Global Press

During the 10 years of our existence, Daraja Academy has never partnered with an organization like Caridad. Where other donors are rigid with their giving, backing only specific aspects of our program like STEM, technology or building projects; Caridad took a holistic view of the Daraja girl and the woman she could become. Providing support to W.I.S.H., the school's empowerment program, allowed them to meet female and professional role models during off site opportunities that has drastically altered the lives of the students and alumni. Daraja Academy's gratitude is genuine.

Jason and Jenni Doherty, Founders
