



## Accomplishments for 2024

The MP Foundation completed another successful year in supporting the equestrian environment. Below are some highlights. For more information on MPF activities, please visit:

[www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org](http://www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org)

We are pleased to announce that grants to the community have just passed \$697,300, since founding in 2002. Over 67 % of this came from generous contributions from many folks and organizations, for which we and the recipients are forever grateful. This year we have awarded a total of \$35,240:

### Grants Made in 2024

	<u>Board Reserve/ Discretionary</u>	<u>Donor Funds/ Directed</u>
2023-2024 Rodeo Scholarships		\$6,000
Equestrian Merit Scholarship	\$5,000	
San Mateo County Horsemen's Association (Clinics – Instructors)	\$1,200	
(Hitching racks)	\$1,200	
Friends of Huddart & Wunderlich Parks	\$1,000	
NCEFT (general support)	\$2,800	
Flag Foundation	\$2,600	
One Step Closer Therapeutic Riding	\$1,500	
Sweetbeau Horses (Wild Mustang Rescue)	\$1,500	
SM County Sheriff's Activity League	\$1,500	\$1,400
SM County Sheriff's STAR Program	\$1,000	
Bay Area Barns and Trails	\$1,000	
Jasper Ridge - CASA, Veterans rides	\$1,000	
San Mateo County Human Services (veterans)		\$1,000
San Mateo County 4-H Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	
WHOA! (Day of the Horse)	\$1,000	
San Mateo County Large Animal Evac Group	\$1,000	
UC Davis Veterinary School	\$1,000	
Equine Land Conservation Resource	\$500	
Bay Area Ridge Council	\$500	
Woodside Pony Club	\$500	
Subtotals	\$26,840	\$8,400
Total		\$35,240

## Current fund raising projects

### Replacement of Greer Road Bridge/Kings Mountain Trail \$60,000 cost estimate

This is the bridge into Huddart Park trails, at the end of Greer Road. The trail is called the Kings Mountain Trail. This is a critical bridge for equestrians from the Mounted Patrol and South Woodside to get into Huddart Park. The alternate route is to ride up the asphalt road and over the vehicle bridge, which can be a bit slippery when wet and is not desirable.

The creek has undermined the footing, and the bridge needs to be replaced with new footings that are set back from the bank at 8 to 12 feet. The new bridge will be longer (45 feet vs 24 feet) and require new beams. The County Parks team and the MP Foundation are developing a plan and budget to replace this bridge, which is estimated to be \$60,000 for materials.

**Bridge is closed**



**Footings are undermined**



## Rides for Veterans

The MP Foundation is picking up responsibility for managing and funding the rides for veterans at Jasper Ridge. Giving veterans a chance to enjoy a horse is a wonderful way to recognize their contributions and service to our country.

**Please consider donating to support these projects. Please include a separate check to payable to the MP Foundation. More information is at:**

<http://www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org/DonateNow.htm>

## **Highlights of significant programs in 2024**

### **The Woodside Equestrian Merit Scholarship**

The Mounted Patrol Foundation and the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association (WHOA!) awarded their jointly-sponsored \$10,000 Woodside-area Equestrian Merit Scholarship to Zachary Koeller, a recent graduate of John F. Kennedy High School., who has outstanding involvement in equestrian activities as well as academic achievement and community service. His goal is to “major in Agricultural Communications ... and get involved with the colt starting program at Cal Poly SLO”.

There will be another scholarship in 2025 so if you know of an eligible youth, have them apply in the spring.

### **Miramontes Bypass Trail in Phleger Property**

During the winter storms of the last several years, the old Miramontes trail that followed the West Union Creek was washed out, preventing access to the Phleger Estate Property (National Park Service). The Mounted Patrol Foundation worked closely with the NPS to support the design and building of a new bypass trail. The new trail was opened this summer, and the beautiful trails of Phleger are once again open to equestrians.

### **Lights at Jack Brook**

The MP Foundation worked closely with San Mateo County Horsemen's to install lights at Jack Brook Horse Camp. Many thanks to Mike Bushue for his efforts to do the hard work to make this happen.

### **Rodeo Scholarships Awarded**

Two outstanding participants in the 4th of July Rodeo were recognized. Jackson Lee from San Carlos was awarded \$2,000. He is planning to attend Montana State University. He competes in Chute Dogging, Steer Wrestling and team roping. Jessica Owens from Livermore was awarded \$1,000. She is planning to study Equine science at Reno or San Luis Obispo. These two young people represent the best of the West, and our future looks bright with young people like this

### **Social Media**

The Foundation is posting to Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. Log in, and follow us there.

**The Mounted Patrol Foundation  
Woodside, California**  
**Summary Report for 2024**

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County Foundation, or Mounted Patrol Foundation (“MPF”) was formed by the Mounted Patrol membership in 2002 for the purpose of charitable giving in support of horse-related activities.

There are two sources of donation funds: Board Reserves and Directed Donations.

The **Board Reserves Fund** was begun with \$54,000 of contributions from the founding members back in 2002-2004. In the years since, MP members have also contributed \$76,700 with their membership dues. Thanks to prudent investment practices over the years, the fund has grown to \$415,000, net of grants made from the fund. The goal of the Foundation is to make annual discretionary donations of up to 10% of the average principal balance of the fund to worthy equestrian causes in the area.

**Project-Specific Funds/Donor-Directed Funds:** These are funds raised for a specific project, or funds from a donor for a specified cause, such as the Pescadero Creek projects. This year these funds accounted for 34% of our giving.

In 2024, the Foundation has made charitable donations, discretionary and donor-directed, totaling \$35,240. The details are included in the table above. I encourage you to look at the Foundation’s website (<http://www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org>) for more detail on its grant-making.

Mounted Patrol Foundation

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Check out our website for more information on these projects, financial information and history at:

[www.MountedPatrolFoundation.org](http://www.MountedPatrolFoundation.org)