



Fiscal Year 2025 Report

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This report is intended to summarize the accomplishments, plans, and current status of the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation (SCCBF).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/DONATIONS

APRIL 2025

SCCBF sponsored the return of this classic Sutter Creek event, after a decade-long hiatus. It is a local community-focused fundraising and recreational day at Minnie Provis Park, Cribbs Field, and the banks of Sutter Creek itself. Local non-profit vendor booths lined the ballfield and include food, drinks, demonstrations, kids' activities, crafts, games, information, resources, and comradery.

Event proceeds go into a Sutter Creek Project Fund administered by the SCCBF. Each year of the event will focus on a specific improvement project, with the Sutter Creek pool at Amador High School being the recipient of funds in 2025.

The Great Sutter Creek Duck Race

Saturday, April 26
10am-3pm | Minnie Provis Park | Sutter Creek

free entry & fun for all ages

support 30+ local nonprofits

Adopt a Duck
5 ducks for 20 bucks!
or 1 duck for \$5

available at:
Knight Foundry
Sutter Creek Visitor Center
Monteverde General Store
or online:

need not be present to win!

event proceeds benefit the Sutter Creek Community Pool

Throwback 1999 Price!

MAY 2025

The coach at Amador High School contacted community members and organizations to secure funds needed to redo the gymnasium floor. It hadn't been upgraded since the 1960's and was in dreadful shape with several dead spots on the court. SCCBF joined in this effort by donating \$8,000.

JUNE 2025

Starting in 2021, we established yet another way to continue with our community enrichment endeavors. Three high school scholarships, each for \$1,000, continue to be awarded. SCCBF is proud to continue this program as part of our vision. If you would like to be a donor, you can designate that your donation be specifically applied to this fund or to our general fund that is used to address needs that make a lasting contribution in our community.

AUGUST 2025

SCCBF was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Jackson Rancheria. These funds were used to add some outdoor lighting to help with safety and security of the building. Vicari Electrical installed power outlets on the exterior of the building and added lighting to the hallway gallery.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL TOUR

May 12, 2025 - This was the second year a history tour was given to Sutter Creek students. Arrangements were made through Frank Cunha, Director at the Knight Foundry, for students to take a walking tour of the town visiting various historical sites and public offices. Frank Cunha, along with Tim Murphy and Rick Champlin (from SCCBF) made sure each student and their teacher had an opportunity to ring the old school bell, and tried to answer zillions of questions. Also helping this year were SCCBF volunteers Brian and Barbara Comnes.



CHAMBER MIXER

In July, SCCBF co-hosted, with Elegance by Design, an Amador County Chamber of Commerce mixer at the old historic grammar school. Catering was provided by the Hotel Sutter, Shauna's Sweets, and Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting. Around 70 community members enjoyed a self-guided tour of the historic grammar school and learned about some local history in the museum room.



FIREMAN'S DINNER DANCE

The SCCBF, Sutter Creek Fire District, and Passport to Amador Rotary Club have successfully brought back the annual *Sutter Creek Firemen's Dinner Dance* held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This year, over 300 local residents and guests enjoyed a tri-tip and spaghetti dinner with music by Darin Sexton and the Highway 49. This event began three years ago and is a major source of discretionary funds for the three organizations as well as an example of the local community culture we are committed to support.



VIDEO PROJECT

In August, volunteer Marcie Canale, finished producing SCCBF's first historic video. The subject was the Monteverde Store Museum. A plaque was placed inside the front window so that the QR code could be accessed by anyone passing by. It is a short, historical video of this site. Check it out!



SCARECROW

In October, the Sutter Creek Business Association sponsors a Scarecrow Contest along Main Street and some of the side streets. SCCBF's entry, featuring the Sutter Creek Elementary School, won first place in 2025.

**GUEST SPEAKER SERIES**

Our Spring, "Guest Speaker Series" began in February. All events are free to the public; however, seating is limited. Seats were reserved by emailing info@sccbf.org.

- February 8 – Teresa Guidi - "Hidden Treasures from the Amador County Archives and How to Find Them"
- March 8 - Frank Tortorich - "Stories From Life in Early California"
- April 12 - Susan Manning - "Introduction to Tri County Wildlife Care " including a visit with some live special guests
- May 10 - Karl Knoblauch - "The History of the Preston School of Industry and Preston Castle 1890 to 2025, currently endangered"

OPEN HOUSE/MEET & GREET

On October 8, the SCCBF sponsored an open house and “meet & greet”, primarily for service clubs and non-profits based in Sutter Creek. The intent is for this initial event to turn into a yearly occasion for the community to learn about, join, or volunteer with a local club. The historic grammar school was divided into spaces approximately 10’ x 7’ for participants to display information and answer questions. Over a dozen different organizations participated.



AMADOR[®]
GIVING
TUESDAY

Each year, SCCBF joins the Amador Community Foundation at Katharine Drexel Parish for this globally recognized day for giving back – #GivingTuesday. This is another major source of funding for us.

NEWSLETTERS

Periodically, SCCBF distributes a complimentary newsletter with a different topic. In most cases it relates to an historical place, person, or event. Information on our lectures and events are also distributed to our readers. The current newsletter and prior editions can be accessed through our website (suttercreekfoundation.org/newsletter).



2026 PLANS

- Continue living history videos of Sutter Creek’s most significant historical sites.
- Renovate room 3 (on the lower floor) in the historic Sutter Creek grammar school. This room is currently used for storage and as a workroom. It will be cleaned out and repairs made to make it another room available to the community to rent.
- Investigate replacing the missing window, now covered in plywood, in the dance room and determine if other repairs are necessary.
- Re-glaze and paint existing window sashes and frames.
- Repair previous patch, remove and re-caulk old spray foam, and paint on the outside of the building on the north side.
- Repair holes left by old fire escape and paint.
- Remove peeling stucco on dance room exterior and paint.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The work of the SCCBF continues to depend primarily upon membership dues and individual donations. Projects and operations are managed through an annual budget process, as approved by the Board. The SCCBF maintains an emergency reserve of \$25,000 as well as a long-term/major project set aside to fund needed repairs to the exterior of the grammar school. Individual projects and events are funded directly from annual revenues. SCCBF complies with all State and Federal requirements necessary to maintain a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status (Tax ID #87-1825043).

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SCCBF is funded primarily by public contributions and memberships. If you have an interest in preservation, history, or are looking to be involved in the community, [email INFO@SCCBF.org](mailto:INFO@SCCBF.org).

Volunteer

Become a Member

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SCCBF's current renovation project is the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School which is rich in Gold Rush history. This beautiful building is California's second oldest two-story brick schoolhouse. There are four rooms within the Historic Grammar School that can be rented.

Contact the City of Sutter Creek for information on rates and availability - (209) 267-5647 ext. 230 or email info@cityofsuttercreek.org / website - cityofsuttercreek.org

The Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation (SCCBF) is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and development of the community's historic assets both now and for future generations. (nonprofit 501(c)3 – Tax ID #87-1825043)

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