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Arriba (previously known as South Coast Sustainable)

No regular public transit routes serve Pescadero, Loma Mar, La Honda, or San Gregorio, or run between these areas and Half Moon Bay, which has full grocery stores, a library, a pharmacy, and a laundromat. This limits access to after-school enrichment, athletic, and social activities for students, as well as access to local jobs for those without personal transportation. They sought CAP team assistance in identifying options besides public transit that would support community needs.

Thrive Alliance

Thrive Alliance is in a unique position to offer nonprofits the technology and resources to advance their local impact. With Thrive's goals of advancing the influence and capacity of San Mateo County nonprofits, the project focused on understanding how their network could adopt and implement AI to achieve greater impact, as well as how they could integrate and utilize AI to maximize community benefits. The project identified opportunities for nonprofits to utilize AI and, coupled with featured case studies, provided a roadmap to AI integration specific to the context of local nonprofits.

Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council

The Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC) aimed to eliminate health disparities in diverse communities across generations. One way they pursued that mission was through their Community Mammogram Program in partnership with Mills-Peninsula. BACHAC sought assistance from their CAP team to elevate this program (free mammograms) to the next level by increasing its visibility to reach more women. Their ultimate goal was to increase program utilization and formalize a process to assist these women in obtaining healthcare coverage, thereby addressing their overall health and well-being, as well as providing access to other health services.



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Stanford Haas Center for Public Service

The Haas Center aimed to enhance student success and attendance among our students in the East Palo Alto and Belle Haven communities. Through discussions with our regional partners, they identified first-period absenteeism at school as a significant issue affecting youth in East Palo Alto (EPA) and the Belle Haven community. A significant factor contributing to this issue is the lack of reliable transportation. While the transition of EPA students from Carlmont High to Menlo-Atherton High reduced commute times, transportation barriers persist, impacting student attendance and success. The Haas Center sought assistance from its CAP team to understand and address these barriers.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) published “Fund the Future”, a comprehensive look at the nature and causes of women’s financial challenges in San Mateo County. The pandemic exposed economic vulnerabilities of women who struggled with no childcare, loss of jobs, income and long-term savings. Since 2023, CSW has focused exclusively on women's economic health.” This report represents extensive research, interviews, surveys, feedback and recommendations. The CAP Team provided assistance and advice on how to educate the SMC community about its findings.

South San Francisco Department of Economic and Community Development

The City is focusing its efforts on bringing new revitalization to downtown by leveraging existing opportunities, such as the nearby thriving biotech industry, new housing, and the potential formation of a new Property-Based Improvement District. They aimed to gather insights and perspectives from a diverse group of stakeholders connected to South San Francisco’s downtown area, providing recommendations to the City that support local small businesses in the downtown



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district. The Community Acceleration Project team assisted in Stakeholder engagement through outreach and the development of recommendations that downtown may implement over the next 1-3 years.

Daly City Youth Center

The Daly City Youth Health Center has been serving teens and young adults for more than 33 years. Although 'Daly City' is in our name, we cover a broader geographical area, including Pacifica, Brisbane, Colma, South San Francisco, and other areas of San Mateo County. The Daly City Youth Center believed that clear, more accurate branding would enable clients to find us more easily and access our services. The CAP team assisted in identifying, researching, and branding a new name for the center that better reflects the organization's geographic service area and the population it serves.

Leadership Council SMC

Leadership Council SMC believes that well-resourced individuals, companies, and organizations should not have exclusive access to leadership skills training. We offer two extensive 10-month leadership immersion programs; however, we recognize that not everyone can afford the time or resources to participate in such a program. The CAP team assisted in collecting community input to help us design a learning curriculum for our community, including civic education and leadership training opportunities that are effective and require limited time from participants.

El Concilio of San Mateo County

El Concilio sought support in developing its climate justice and environmental justice (EJ) curriculum. While they had various initiatives under this umbrella, they needed help with program development and organization. For example, they had launched their Climate Ready Ambassadors pilot program, inviting six community



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members to participate. The ambassadors received training from local partners on various climate justice and EJ topics. The next step was to assess the program to identify what worked well and what could be improved in order to develop a strong curriculum. The CAP team assisted in evaluating the program and provided recommendations for improvement.

CalTrain

CalTrain sought recommendations on how to improve sustainability and foster long-term environmental stewardship at its operating facilities. The project scope focused on a single CalTrain station and produced a report that recommended projects or operational changes to enhance sustainability.

PAL Center

The PAL Center focused on developing and implementing a wellness program for its staff to enhance their well-being as they fulfilled the organization's mission. Despite limited resources, the team recognized the potential to strategically leverage existing organizational assets and untapped community resources. The goal was to establish a sustainable initiative that promoted staff wellness, ultimately enhancing staff retention efforts and aligning with broader organizational objectives.