



SouthCoast Community Foundation

Impact Update: November 2022

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO, LEONARD M. LEE

In this season of gratitude, I reflect on how thankful I am for the rich culture and vibrant arts present in our South Coast communities. Theaters, galleries, dance, music — they enrich our world, and the South Coast is fortunate to be replete with many people, events and organizations that bring the arts to life. **Supporting the arts is one of the key initiatives of the SouthCoast Community Foundation** because we know that cities and towns are made infinitely better through arts programs and artists.



As we look towards the holidays, here are a few ways that you could support these areas (and have a little fun too!):

- 1) Support [Buy Black NB](#) and “Small Business Saturday” by buying from local artists and artisans.
- 2) Bust out of your usual evening routine and [enjoy a cultural event](#).
- 3) **Give back!** There are so many wonderful nonprofit organizations on the South Coast doing great work such as creating public art, bringing arts programs to young people, helping artists with business plans, and more. Find your favorite and make them a part of your year-end giving tradition.

And, this weekend, after all the turkey is gone, and the shopping is complete, I hope you will take part in **Giving Tuesday** and **consider a gift to nonprofits that are important to you, including the [SouthCoast Community Foundation](#)**. Thank you for your continued support.

IN SERVICE OF OUR SOUTH COAST COMMUNITIES

Giving Back

The SouthCoast Community Foundation loves to give back to our communities! Whether through grants, scholarships, or volunteerism. Recently, several of our staff members helped [PACE, Inc.](#) put



together Thanksgiving meals for families in need.

How grateful we are to be able to lend a helping hand!

Left to right: Pam Kuechler of PACE and SCCF Staff: Kim Heard, Tricia Grime, Nhamaa Cortes packing Thanksgiving meals.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

SouthCoast Community Foundation Board Members Honored by Chamber



Carl Cruz



Gail Fortes, Board Chair



Cynthia Rose

Three SouthCoast Community Foundation Board members, **Carl Cruz**, **Gail Fortes**, and **Cynthia Rose** were recently honored by the [One SouthCoast Chamber](#) at their Annual Meeting at White's of Westport. All three were recognized for their commitment and dedication to our community, exemplified in their long histories of engagement with many community organizations. Carl Cruz and Cynthia Rose received the John S. Brayton Community Service Award, and Gail Fortes, SCCF Board Chair and Executive Director of the [YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts](#), accepted the APEX Award for excellence in the nonprofit sector on behalf of the YWCA.

In reflecting on receiving the award, Gail said, "I am excited and humbled to receive the APEX award for Nonprofit of the Year from the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce. Our Mission Impact work of eliminating racism and empowering women is the cornerstone of everything that we do in the community. It is truly an honor to be recognized and I hope that all businesses, individuals and organizations will join us in this work to make our community and region more equitable, inclusive and just."

Check out more photos from the event on [the Chamber's Facebook page](#).

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