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ANNUAL REPORT

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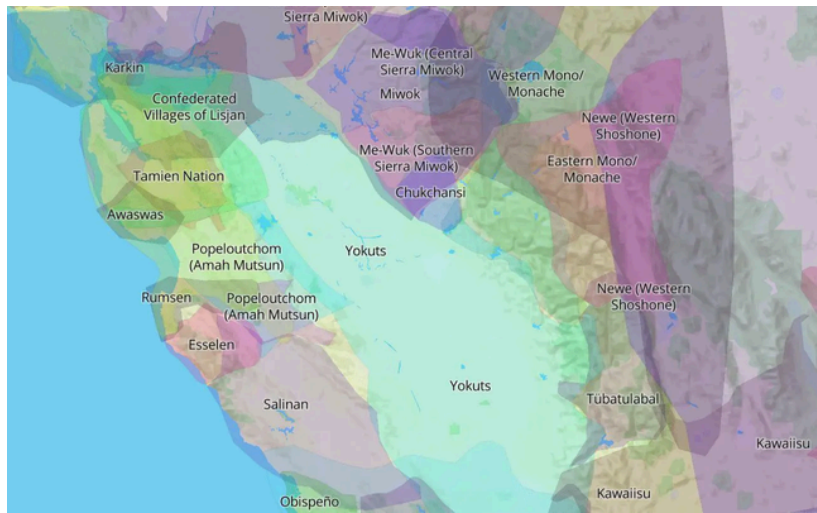
Through the Sebastián Family Foundation’s scholarships and grants, we amplify the power and possibilities of community transformation. To learn more about the Indigenous societies of the lands with which you live, visit native-land.ca

This annual report encompasses activities across 2023 to 2025 where four Native students were awarded scholarships.

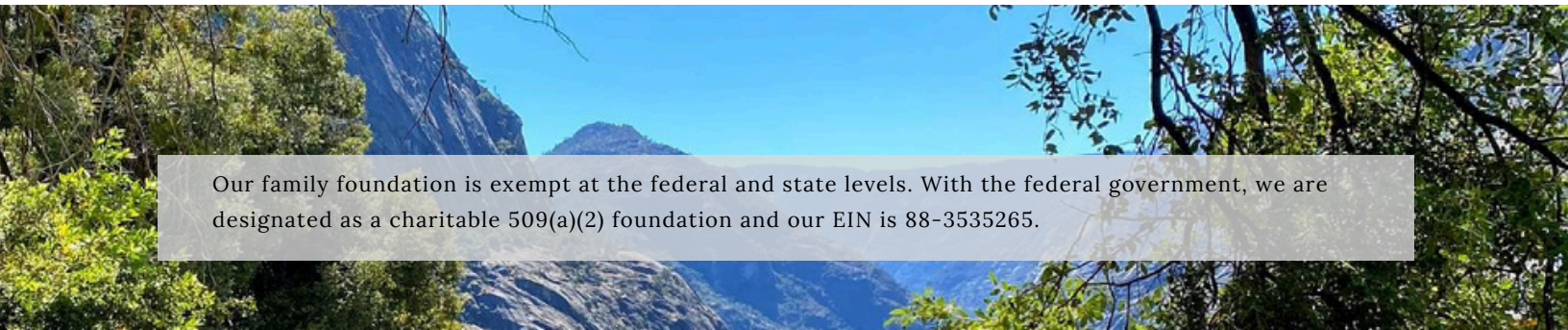
Our family foundation stems from Grandmother Dora Miller, born on the Cherokee reservation; Grandfather Henry Young, born on the Choctaw reservation; and

Grandmother Aurelia Ramirez of the Tephuan people who traveled from the Durango area to El Paso, Texas. All three grandparents teach us about our lineages and the political and economic challenges of our family’s journey at the turn of the 20th century. Today, we live on Yokuts Land in Central California.

The Foundation is one way we serve and honor our elders and the Indigenous communities of Central California. The Native Student Scholarships (NSS), launched in August 2022, is one program specifically focused on celebrating the beauty and power of Native students in Central California. In the near future, we will grow more scholarship and grantmaking programs.



Photography by Aurora García on Yokuts Land



Our family foundation is exempt at the federal and state levels. With the federal government, we are designated as a charitable 509(a)(2) foundation and our EIN is 88-3535265.

RELATIONS

The Native students and their families graciously allow our family to share in their educational experiences, a major part of their and their families' paths. Their beauty and power highlight the collective strengths throughout Indigenous communities.

2023-24 GIVING



Shane Lara & Family
Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana, Fresno State University, American Indian Program.

2024-25 GIVING



Cheyenne Dakota Morales & Family
Comanche, Bakersfield College Psychology & Sociology.



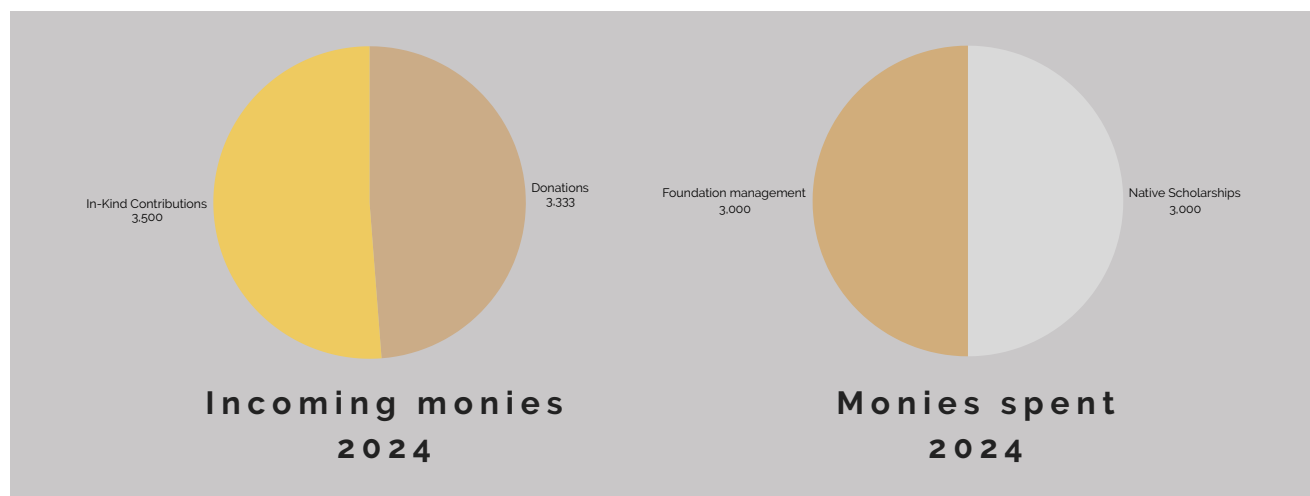
Anessa Rocha & Family
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, Fresno State University, Health Science Administration.



Jordan Clark & Family
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians. Fresno State University Anthropology & American Indian Studies.

RECIPROCITY

The Sebastian Family Foundation launched in 2022 to elevate awareness about the power and beauty of Native children, youth, and young adults. We prioritize and celebrate Indigenous families and communities through scholarships as well as by operating transparently. Below is information about the most recent funding practices in 2024.



Our Values

Decolonize: We honor the land and Indigenous communities through the celebration of our beauty and strength.

Community: We contribute to community-based solutions through support for social equity among Native and Latinx children, youth, and young adults.

Transformation: We amplify the transformations underway through support for community-based organizations serving Native and Latinx children, youth, and young adults.

Our Board of Directors



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