

ANNUAL REPORT

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INTERDEPENDECE

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 within 2025 where three Native students awarded were scholarships. The Native Student Scholarships (NSS), launched in August 2022, is specifically program focused on celebrating the beauty and power of Native students in Central California.



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.

The Foundation is one way we serve and honor our elders and the Indigenous communities of Central California. In the near future, we will grow more scholarship and grantmaking programs. Today, we are honored to live on Yokuts Land in Central California.

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.

2024-25 GIVING



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



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

2025-26 GIVING

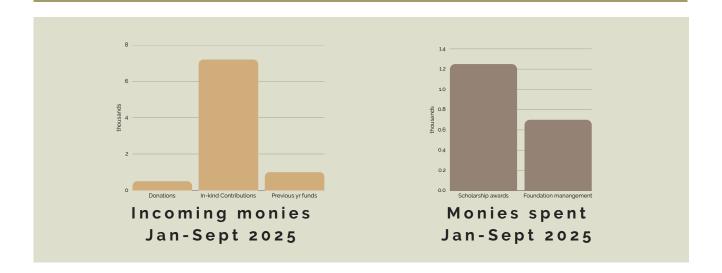


Ariana Lucero & Family Traditional Choinumni Tribe. Clovis Community College Teacher Education

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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 2025.



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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