

# HMC'S NONPROFIT TRANSFORMS COMMUNITIES THROUGH GIVING



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*For over three-quarters of a century, HMC Architects has provided innovative, sustainable, and progressive solutions to our clients' challenges. This dynamic thinking is central to the way we work. When you partner with HMC, you will see the difference in the HMC Experience. These examples demonstrate how Design for Good has positively impacted our clients and communities.*

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**The Designing Futures Foundation is a beacon of hope in our communities, illuminating the power of design, philanthropy, and collaboration to create a more equitable and sustainable world.”**

**Shweta Joshi**

Board Member, Designing  
Futures Foundation

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# Goals

**Architecture:** To invest in architecture and design projects that positively impact the built environment and leverage our philanthropic investments through pro bono design services.

**STEM Education:** To support education programs that expand opportunities in architecture and design for historically underrepresented students and professionals and build a diverse talent pipeline that reflects the communities we serve.

**Sustainability:** To advance sustainability in the built environment, promote climate justice, and build a regenerative future.

**Health and Human Services:** To build healthy, thriving communities.



# Designing Futures Foundation



**Since its establishment in 1940, HMC Architects has been dedicated to designing transformative spaces that serve as the pillars of education, healing, and community. Beyond the realm of architecture, the HMC Designing Futures Foundation (DFF) was established in 2009 with an initial endowment of \$1.9 million, evolving into a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. From its inception, the DFF has channeled over \$1.7 million into nonprofits championing architecture, STEM education, sustainability, and livable communities.**

At the core of HMC’s mission is a commitment to utilizing all available resources to influence our clients and communities positively. Through the multifaceted initiatives of the DFF, including its grant program, volunteerism, pro bono design services, in-kind donations, and a dedication to environmentally sustainable and equitable business practices, HMC actively contributes to the greater good.

This commitment is further amplified by the DFF’s alignment with justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) principles, as evidenced by its support for nonprofits expanding access and opportunities for historically marginalized students and communities.

Over the past decade, the DFF’s impact has been significant. Notable projects include a grant to the Riverside Art Museum, where HMC employee-owners provided pro bono services to design a tribute wall honoring Julia Morgan, the first female architect to receive the AIA Gold Medal. This project has become an educational beacon for local school children and museum visitors, shedding light on Morgan’s groundbreaking contributions to architecture.

The DFF’s investments extend beyond traditional boundaries, encompassing organizations such as the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Inland Empire, Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies, the Biomimicry Institute, One Tree Planted, and The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano, California, all contributing to a sustainable and regenerative future.

The DFF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded in 2009.

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**Architecture**  
**\$680,000**

To positively impact  
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**Social Justice**  
**\$17,000**

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**Sustainability**  
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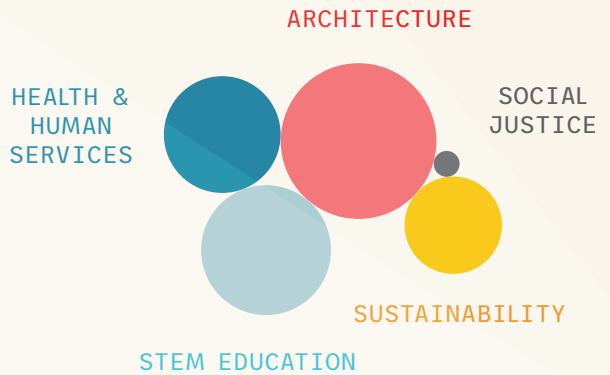
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**Health and Human Services**  
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To build healthy, thriving communities.

**STEM Education**  
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To support education programs that expand opportunities in architecture and design for historically underrepresented students and professionals and build a diverse talent pipeline that reflects the communities we serve.





**By awarding me an HMC Designing Futures Foundation Bridge to College scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning.”**

**Kiara**

Palomar College Student

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The DFF strategically invests in PreK-12 STEM/STEAM programs in education, combining financial support with employee volunteerism. Examples include HMC employees' involvement in the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program in California's Inland Empire, where the DFF also provides scholarships for program completers. The DFF also collaborates with Leap Arts in Education to fund architecture residencies in K-5 elementary schools in the Bay Area, fostering a creative educational environment.

Addressing societal challenges, the DFF actively supports initiatives to combat homelessness in Southern California. This includes backing the “Yes to ADU” (Accessible Dwelling Unit) initiative in Los Angeles County in partnership with the county's Department of Arts and Culture and urban design nonprofit LA-Más. Additionally, the DFF contributes to transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness by funding organizations like HomeAid in California's Inland Empire.

HMC Architects and the DFF are unwavering in their commitment to design for good, creating a positive impact that reverberates through education, sustainability, and community welfare.



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## ORGANIZATIONS WHO BENEFIT FROM DFF GRANTS

1. **400 Forward:** Supports the next 400 licensed women architects, focusing on African-American girls through exposure, mentorship, and financial aid.
2. **Ace Mentor Program, Inland Empire:** HMC helped set up the ACE Mentor Program, Inland Empire and provides 300 pro bono hours yearly. DFF awards scholarships to graduates pursuing ACE-related careers.
3. **Arquitina:** Founded by Alicia Ponce, Arquitina aims to exceed the 1% of licensed Latina architects in the US, fostering equitable opportunities in the field.
4. **Biomimicry Institute:** DFF backs the Biomimicry Institute, founded in 2006, supporting its Youth Design Challenge program for middle and high school students.
5. **Bridge to College Program:** DFF's "Bridge to College" initiative supports K-16 STEM education, partnering with eight community colleges to aid students aspiring to careers in architecture and design.
6. **Bright Prospect:** DFF supports Bright Prospect, a Pomona-based nonprofit college access program, with an 86% college graduation rate.
7. **California State Parks Foundation:** DFF awards a \$5,000 grant for reforestation, climate resilience, and equitable green space access.
8. **Garden School Foundation:** DFF grants \$5,000 to support operations at GSF's flagship garden, including Seed to Table classes, food share programs, farmers markets, and community garden days.
9. **Girls Garage (Oakland, CA):** DFF supports after-school teen programs, empowering 9th-12th grade girls in carpentry, welding, architecture, and activist art.
10. **HMC Million Meals Initiative:** In 2020, DFF launched the "HMC Million Meals" initiative, investing over \$200,000 to provide one million meals during the COVID-19 pandemic.
11. **Leap Arts in Education:** DFF supports the LEAP Arts in Education K-5 architecture residency program, contributing to the annual Sandcastle Classic.
12. **One Tree Planted:** DFF awards a \$10,000 grant to plant 10,000 trees in Tulare County, addressing the effects of climate change and California wildfires.
13. **SoCal NOMA Project Pipeline:** DFF sponsors and provides volunteers for the SoCal NOMA Project Pipeline Architecture Summer Camp, promoting diversity in architecture education. ●

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Founded with the purpose of anticipating community needs, HMC aims to create designs that have a positive impact, now and into the future.

We focus primarily on opportunities to have the most direct contribution to communities — through healthcare, education, and civic spaces.

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