



Ag workers checking out with volunteer and St. Helena firefighter, Max Kinworthy, following their vaccines at the St. Helena Hospital Foundation's Vaccination Clinic. Photo by Sarah Anne Risk.

NAPA VALLEY FARMWORKER FOUNDATION DONATES OVER \$60,000 TO ST. HELENA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC TO SUPPORT AG WORKERS

NAPA, CA (March 19, 2021) - The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation (FWF) is excited to announce a donation of over \$60,000 in support of the St. Helena Hospital Foundation's (SHHF) COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Donations were generously contributed through a matching grant program, with the FWF and an anonymous donor matching donations dollar-for-dollar.

The fundraising campaign's success was made possible through the outpouring of monetary support from donors within the FWF and Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) communities. This donation follows an earlier \$10,000 contribution when the vaccine clinic first opened, making the FWF's total gift over \$70,000 to-date.

The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation and St. Helena Hospital Foundation have partnered throughout the pandemic to prioritize the health and safety of essential farmworkers. In July, the FWF and NVG jointly funded the pilot program of SHHF's mobile testing unit, which since then has successfully provided nearly 15,000 in-the-field COVID-19 tests for vineyard and winery workers.

FWF's most recent donation comes as the state focus has shifted toward the equitable distribution of vaccines among eligible sectors of the community. Napa County's farmworkers have provided essential work throughout the pandemic, and the SHHF has proven its commitment to the agricultural community and the community-at-large during these challenging times, putting Napa's farmworkers and agricultural community first, from their very first day of vaccines two months ago. To date, their clinic has administered nearly 20,000 vaccines, with over 10,000 vaccines that have gone to farmworkers.

"Since the pandemic began, the Farmworker Foundation has been a true community partner, first with their support of the mobile testing unit and now with our COVID-19 vaccination clinic," said Glen Newhart, President and CEO, St. Helena Hospital Foundation, "We value this ongoing partnership and share the goal of providing essential ag workers direct, safe, and secure access to vaccines and important COVID-19 resources."

While vaccine supply has posed challenges across the state, the SHHF team, with the support of the FWF and Napa County, designed a streamlined companywide sign-up program to ensure Napa's farm-working community has continued access to vaccine appointments. Since this program began in February, FWF, along with NVG, have provided 500 hours of bilingual staff support, helping with scheduling, Spanish-translation, various site needs, and check-in at both the SHHF clinic and the Napa County vaccine clinic locations.

The FWF is proud to support equitable access to vaccines through the SHHF's efforts. This critical funding will be used to assist SHHF in continuing vaccination efforts via the streamlined, companywide vaccination sign-up process.

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About the Napa Valley Grapegrowers

The Napa Valley Grapegrowers is a non-profit trade organization that has played a vital role in strengthening Napa Valley's reputation as a world-class viticultural region for 45 years. Its mission is to preserve and promote Napa Valley's world-class vineyards. NVG represents 685 Napa County grape growers and associated businesses. For more information, visit our website Napa Valley Grapegrowers and follow Napa Valley Grapegrowers on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation

Founded by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers in 2011, the mission of the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is to support and promote Napa Valley's vineyard workers through

education and professional development. The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is the only one of its kind in the United States, providing educational opportunities, advanced training programs, leadership and management classes, English literacy programs, and much more. To date, the Farmworker Foundation has offered education and professional development opportunities to more than 21,000 vineyard workers and their families. For more information, visit our website [Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation](#) and follow the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About the St. Helena Hospital Foundation

The St. Helena Hospital Foundation was established in 2004 to provide the highest quality care for Napa Valley residents and its neighboring communities through fundraising and philanthropic activities. Led by a Board of Directors who serve as vital community advocates, the Foundation has raised over \$122 million to fund the latest equipment and technology and obtain the finest medical team to provide an elevated health care experience for patients at Adventist Health St. Helena and its related clinics. As a 501(c)(3) charity, the Foundation partners with supporters from across the region to fund technology, equipment, and programs to improve and save people's lives. For more information, visit the [St. Helena Hospital Foundation](#) website.