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To: Board of Trustees
From: John Michael Ordorica, Immediate Past Chair, Future Fund
Date: December 7, 2022
Re: Future Fund Update

The 25th Anniversary of Future Fund has been an energetic year full of exciting initiatives, engagement with our members and thoughtful grantmaking.

Highlights of the year include:

- Celebrating the 25th Anniversary with a fun “birthday” party, engaging with alumni, and launching a \$25,000 fundraising campaign (over \$19,000 has been secured to date).
- Exceeding our membership goal of 100 with 104 members – this is the highest membership count since 2016.
- Revamping our membership rates – which haven’t been updated in 25 years – to be more inclusive and offer single and double memberships.
- Moving Grant Night to August and continuing our process of having membership debate on issues, and not focus on the nonprofit presentation – this has been well-received from our members.
- At Grant Night, members selected Housing & Homelessness as the issue to focus on for the next 12 months, giving our grantmaking a targeted focus for more impact. This is the first time Future Fund activities will have a more narrowed focus.
- Publishing an Op-Ed on our 25th Anniversary, the Monday right before Giving Tuesday
- To be more inclusive, the Summer Splash was hosted for members with children so they could participate with their families.
- Revamped the Outstanding Philanthropist award, and highlighting the winner (Natasha Garcia of the Women’s Re-entry Center on the Start Bragging, Stop Bagging Podcast
- Improving our process for welcoming new members into Future Fund
- Celebrating our 25th Anniversary at Great Grant Giveaway with a special promotion
- Continuing to partner with the Young Professionals Association (YPA) in a joint event. This continues to be a strong partnership.
- Using microgrant events not only to engage members year-round, but to try different mechanisms of grantmaking.

Future Fund continues to thrive, be a place where all are welcome to engage in philanthropy, and where we can be bold and innovative in how we collaborate to create the most impact in our community.