



Orfalea Foundation Statement on the Retirement of The Orfalea Fund

Dear Grant-seekers, Partners, and Friends,

We want to make you aware of changes at the Orfalea Foundation. For over a decade, most of our work has been driven by *The Orfalea Fund*, which was intentionally created to achieve ambitious goals in a concentrated timeframe and, with the help of our partners, has transformed Santa Barbara County's disaster readiness status, school food reform, preschool quality, and educational and youth development opportunities. We set out to create sustainable results, not a perpetual organization.

By December 2015, we will complete the planned spend-down of The Orfalea Fund, while devoting more of our resources to sharing what we have learned – providing the benefit of our experience to other nonprofits, funders, and policy-makers working on early childhood education, food system reform (especially school food), experiential youth development, education, and community disaster readiness. We have every confidence that our existing partners and other organizations will continue to achieve great successes in these arenas of public concern and community well-being.

As a result of the spend-down, The Orfalea Foundation is not soliciting new grant requests or engaging in new ventures at this time. Our present scope of work is directly related to the long-term sustainability of our existing initiatives and focus areas, in collaboration with current partners. The Orfalea Foundation continues to work for the empowerment of individuals and strengthening of communities as we wind down The Orfalea Fund. On behalf of the Orfalea family and the Orfalea Foundation, we thank you for your partnership and support over the years.

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