

The origins of Sand Hill Foundation are Tom Ford and his real estate development enterprise, Ford Land Company, located on Sand Hill Road in Silicon Valley.

- 1995** Tom & Susan Ford establish Sand Hill Foundation for their family giving.
- 1997** Tom & Susan gift Silicon Valley Community Foundation a 25% interest in Ford Land Company properties, establishing the Sand Hill Endowment Fund for permanent public benefit.
- 1998** Tom Ford (March 23, 1921–November 30, 1998)
- 2000** In memory of Tom, two fellowship programs are established at Stanford's Haas Center for Public Service to train future public servants.
- 2001-02** Major contributions to Packard Children's Hospital and Peninsula Open Space Trust foretell future giving priorities.
- 2007** Susan Ford Dorsey hires executive director Ash McNeely and together they launch a partnership with Pacific Foundation Services.
- 2010** The Foundation leads the Silicon Valley Out-of-School-Time Collaborative with local funding partners Packard, Sobrato and SV2, deepening its commitment to college access and youth development.
- 2014** Based on grantee feedback, the Foundation inaugurates support for social-emotional learning programs for youth that prove key to positive life outcomes.
- 2017** Sand Hill Foundation inaugurates an impact investment strategy for deployment of 100% of its financial resources for public good.
- 2018** Responding to community need, the Foundation establishes the ten-year Wellness Partnership, an initiative focused on youth mental health systems change in San Mateo County.
- 2021** During the pandemic, a strategic planning process clarifies the Foundation's focus on serving marginalized populations and communities in San Mateo County and addressing local climate change impacts.
- 2025** Sand Hill Foundation has granted \$140+ million over 30 years to support healthy families and a sustainable environment.