

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Website: The Discover San Miguel website was launched to provide a central source of communication to post community events and information. DiscoverSanMiguel.com is the main source of community information for potential investors as well as tourists.

Advocacy: San Miguel Resource Connection (SMRC) partnered with several agencies to create a Walkability Study and Walk to School Day. SMRC hosts public informational forums on various topics and advocates for community growth and design issues. SMRC spearheaded the request for a public, pedestrian, at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad between the school and several housing developments.

San Miguel Masters In Artful Places: A set of guidelines for the community was created to be used in planning major exterior works of art in San Miguel. Local artist, Steve Kalar has created the first outdoor mural piece proudly displayed on a historic business building.



Installation of mural

Park expansion for family outdoor activities: There is only one central community park in San Miguel maintained by the county. SMRC worked with SLO County to purchase property that expands the footprint of the park. Volunteers demolished the deteriorated structures to make the property useable.

MASTERS AT THEIR TRADE

The Masters At Their Trade (MATT) program provides the only formal arts instruction in the San Miguel Joint Union School District (K-8), which serves over 500 students free of charge.

The visual arts program invites distinguished artists working in a variety of mediums to teach an art unit during the school day.

American Sign Language (ASL) classes incorporate signing to music. Classes include keyboard, choral groups, calligraphy, poetry, music theory and appreciation as well as fine arts instruction both during the school day and in the LEAP after school program. Music and performing arts classes culminate with student performances. Artwork is collaged into large outdoor murals displayed on school buildings.

The program goals are to inspire and give students the opportunity to increase skills, knowledge and understanding of the arts thru music, performance and art workshops. Skill development will encourage responsibility and instill a sense of teamwork, accomplishment and self-confidence.



Logo for arts program



Watercolor by student artist

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Work is underway to develop the downtown as a destination, capitalizing on the wineries and ranches surrounding us. We hope to develop trails and build on the various features of San Miguel's history. While the Mission is being restored and seismically retrofitted, San Miguel can ready itself for the influx of tourists. San Miguel saw the opening of its first bank in nearly 50 years. The basic need for a grocery store was filled when a market with a full service deli opened.



SMRC works with developers to bring in small businesses as tenants. SLO County recently replaced the sidewalk, provided park benches, lamp posts and landscaping with diagonal parking for 2 blocks of the downtown. SMRC hosted the very successful San Miguel Business Forum to spotlight local businesses with nearly 100 people attending. A new Chamber of Commerce has formed and new businesses are steadily opening in the downtown core.

Partnerships: SMRC continues to build relationships with Camp Roberts, YMCA, Lions Club, civic groups, churches, San Miguel School District, Cal Poly, developers, county officials and agencies, San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation, The LINK, SLO Co. Dept. of Public Health, HEAL SLO, the San Miguel Community Services District, Advisory Council and the new San Miguel Chamber of Commerce.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Caring community members are welcome to join us! We hold meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month with special activities posted on our website's Community Calendar. Get involved and make a difference in the lives of local youth and projects that benefit our community.

Our main source of funding comes from our fundraisers, grants and generous donors like you. Please join us in our endeavor to bring music and art to our talented youngsters and continue our economic development projects. We invite you to visit the About Us page on our website to learn more about our projects and awesome group of volunteers. Your tax deductible donation to the San Miguel Resource Connection will ensure the continuation of our programs. Donations can be mailed to our address or made online through the Guide Star link on the About Us page on our website. California state employees can donate through the United Way.



Students paint a car pool van

Mission statement:

The San Miguel Resource Connection is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, facilitating, and implementing improved services, communication, and planning for the community of San Miguel by partnering with government, organizations, and individuals.



Local businesses were showcased at forum downtown

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