

Around Town

BAYLANDS CENTER SAVED . . . When the Lucy Evans Palo Alto Baylands Interpretive Center came under the city's budget ax, operating hours at the center were threatened with cut backs. But before slicing and dicing the community resource down, the city called Environmental Volunteers, a Palo Alto based non-profit that works with 10,000 school children each year through hands-on science education. Struggling for funding themselves, EV approached the Center for Venture Philanthropy, a division of the Peninsula Community Foundation, to help find the dollars and manpower needed to keep BIC alive and flourishing. "We are connecting resources and opportunities," said Carol Welsh Gray, executive director of the Peninsula Community Foundation. CFVP used their nonprofit network to tap into support from Hidden Villa Ranch and Save the Bay, and individual philanthropists. The collaborative effort has allowed the BIC to expand their operating hours and services - and will keep the Bay-side treasure afloat.

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