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## 2023 Annual Report

To support and promote Napa Valley's vineyard workers  
through education and professional development

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## DEDICATED TO EDUCATION:

# Felicia Woytak and Steve Rasmussen, Fields of Opportunity Mentors

For Felicia Woytak and Steve Rasmussen education flows both ways. As vineyard owners, they have been both the students and the educators.

In 2015, after purchasing Palisades Vineyard, they joined the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and dove into workshops and seminars to master grape growing. Their enthusiasm for learning naturally extended to the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation, where they became mentors for the Patrick Foley Fields of Opportunity (FOO) program.

Felicia and Steve's involvement with FOO was a seamless fit, aligning with their belief in experiential learning, both inside and outside the classroom. They view farming as more than just agriculture—it's about land stewardship and community engagement. Passionate about the canyon's wildflowers, wildlife, trees, and histories, they create meaningful ways to share their knowledge with others.

Steve collaborates with local organizations, such as the Napa County Open Space and Recreation District, the Calistoga Fire Safe Council, and the Napa Valley Native Plant Society, to promote preservation and education. They have also opened their extensive network of fire roads and trails to the local Mexican horse community. With their support, students



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from Calistoga and Howell Mountain schools visit regularly for field days, exploring geology, ecology, and land conservation.

When invited to participate in FOO, Felicia and Steve saw it as a natural extension of their work with young people. They cherish the opportunity to host students over the summer, teaching them to mend fences, harvest honey, drive their Kawasaki Mule (a prize from Harvest STOMP!), and measure vineyard water stress with a “pressure bomb.” Felicia says, “Steve and I feel privileged to have a property like this, and we want to share it, especially with kids who will be the future leaders of our farming community.”

*Cultivating the next generation of farmers is crucial to the success of the Napa Valley. Fields of Opportunity fills that need with its annual summer program that matches grape growers with high school students interested in learning about careers in farming.*