

What is Annie B's Community Drive?

The North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) has launched the largest community-wide grant program in the region – Annie B's Community Drive.

All nonprofit organizations and charitable causes in Butte, Glenn, Tehama, and Colusa counties are eligible to participate in a two month fundraising drive. North Valley Community Foundation will give a percentage grant for monies raised.

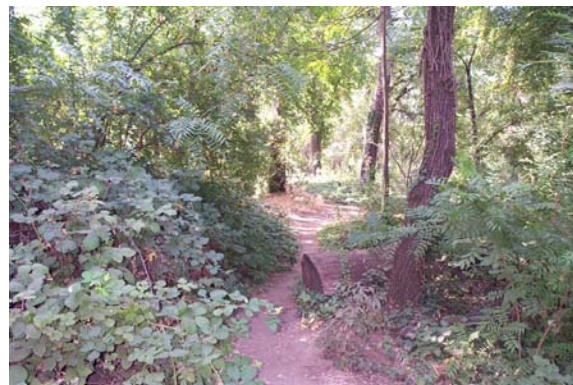
During the 2010 campaign, contributions for Bidwell Park and other participating nonprofits will be supplemented by as much as \$200,000 from NVCF, allowing donors' contributions to make an even greater difference. In 2009, donations to participants reached a total of almost \$900,000 with 7% in percentage matching grant funds added by NVCF.

For a fourth year, the City of Chico's Park Division is participating in Annie B's Community Drive.

Help the City of Chico's Crown Jewel -- Bidwell Park Today!

Bidwell Park was established July 20, 1905, through the donation by Annie Bidwell of approximately 2,500 acres of land to the City of Chico. Since that time, the City has purchased additional land and today, the total Park size is 3,670 acres (nearly 11 miles in length), making it one of the largest municipal parks in the United States.

With thousands of visitors each day, Bidwell Park's natural resources are being impacted. Your donation will go a long way in sustaining the health and well-being of Bidwell Park today and for future generations.



Funds raised through Annie B's Community Fund Drive (August 1 to September 30) for Bidwell Park will be used toward vegetation management and restoration efforts, the Park Division Intern volunteer leader program and toward the general upkeep of the Park.

To make an online donation visit:

www.nvcf.org

and select Bidwell Park, City of Chico. You can also find the NVCF link on the City of Chico's webpage.

Donations should be sent to:

North Valley Community Fdn
3120 Cohasset Road, Ste. 8
Chico, CA 95973

****Please make checks payable to:**

"Annie B's/Bidwell Park, City of Chico"

NVCF can also accept gifts of stock, real estate, and other property with value. Bidwell Park will receive 100% of these contributions plus a portion of the \$200,000 in grant funds. The ratio of grant funds available to donor contributions determines the percentage grant.

Just a few of the things happening in Bidwell Park!

- Increased habitat restoration efforts through invasive weed removal & the replanting of native plants in areas throughout Bidwell Park. Chico High School's horticulture class helped by cultivating CA native plants in their greenhouse for the Park.
- In 2010, 19,726 volunteer hours were logged in Bidwell Park! The Park Division's Intern program made it possible to provide more volunteer opportunities. In September *Volunteer Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays*, all drop-in programs, and annual work days like, Earth Day (April) and Make a Difference Day (October) will once again be offered.
- Invasive weed removal focused on reducing Yellow starthistle, Spanish broom, Japanese privets, European hackberry and other invasive weeds from the Park.
- Trail repair and maintenance through two trail seasons held in the fall and spring.

*A donation to
Bidwell Park through
Annie B's Community
Drive will make your
gift go even farther!*

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*Fund Drive starts  
August 1 and ends on  
September 30, 2010*

For more information about the Annie B's Community Drive, contact the North Valley Community Foundation, at (530) 891-1150 or Bidwell Park Volunteer Coordinator Lise Smith-Peters at (530) 896-7831.



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BIDWELL PARK  
TODAY!***

*City of Chico Park Division*

***August 1 to September 30***

