

The Robbins Foundation and Wareham Development, as a community developer, have been giving back to the communities where we develop for the past 37 years. A few of areas of concentration of late are:

### **STEM AND STEAM Programs**

Wareham has a strong commitment to educational programs, especially in the more challenged communities. We were very early proponents of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) in the East Shore Corridor. Working with



CSU-EB event at EmeryStation East.

Bayer HealthCare and Bechtel, we have funded the Cal State University East Bay STEM Institute, and work closely with their director to advance important local and state initiatives.

Our contributions go beyond dollars and cents. Because of our long-term relationships with the school districts in Berkeley, Emeryville and Richmond, we have been able to provide the vital introductions necessary to the district superintendents so they may encourage the teachers to participate in “teaching the teachers” programs to give them the skills to demystify science, particularly, and to attract and engage otherwise distracted students by third grade. We are also working diligently to foster the creation of after school and year-round programs.

Wareham believes that all of our children—from the most privileged to the most at risk—deserve to be equipped and encouraged to know the life rewards accessible to them through a STEM-related career. Further, we believe that a strong education and strong schools lead to a strong job force, with commercial and residential stability.

## Art

Wareham also has a strong commitment to the artists in the communities where we develop. We are the major donor to the Celebration for the Arts in Emeryville and we have hosted the show in several of our buildings over the years. Wareham proudly displays local artists' work throughout our portfolio.

We are one of the largest supporters of KALA, a school and studio for upcoming local artists with several great programs for kids. Wareham's philosophy is that art has a profound impact on "feeding the soul" especially in the world of technology and science. Ideas germinate into commercial applications and these ideas come from various external stimulus. We believe strongly that the arts are a major component of what we are trying to create in our buildings and for our campuses.



KALA artists-in-schools.

## Berkeley FILM Foundation

Together with the Saul Zaentz Company and the City of Berkeley, Wareham founded the Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF). This is a grant program for



Annual BFF fundraiser.

independent filmmakers with a mission to nurture, sustain and preserve the thriving Berkeley film community while attracting the next generation of filmmakers. Grant-winning filmmakers have gone on to reap Oscar nominations and have screened at film festivals around the world, including the Mill Valley Film Festival and the Sundance Film Festival. We are proud, that in five short years during an historical economic downturn, the BFF has made grant awards of \$700,000. Again, Wareham feels that this Foundation is a major investment in the East Bay communities. The film sector creates jobs not only for the filmmakers but for the

businesses that support filmmaking. Over 80 filmmakers are tenants at our

Zaentz Media Center. Wareham is also a proud and long-time major sponsor of the Mill Valley Film Festival.

### **Supporting the Community**

Additionally, Wareham is a large supporter of the Libraries, YMCAs, Museums, Sports Programs for at risk youth (Team Up and First Base), vocational programs such as I Do, shelters, food banks and Programs for the Elderly (ECAP). We continue to support community clinics as well as state of the art research at local universities.

It is a privilege to contribute to many other worth-while organizations who continue to make strides locally, nationally and internationally to protect the planet and to help where help is needed.