

Major Crimes Board donates \$10,000 to Tehama Together

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The Tehama County Major Crimes Unit Board announced a \$10,000 donation from funds garnered from the seizure and forfeiture of drug assets to local nonprofit Tehama Together. The funding will go toward youth leadership opportunities and the nonprofit's Saturday Farmers Market vouchers.

Tehama Together board member Susan Murphy said the nonprofit has been able to hire young adults to help with outreach and events. In turn, the young people earn a service and leadership certificate that can strengthen their job and scholarship applications for future opportunities.

The market vouchers benefited 55 households with special needs, and 118 children this year.

"We're very excited to receive the monies from the Major Crimes Anti-Gang/Anti Drug Board. With their help we will not only increase the voucher amount but double the number of vouchers. This allows all Tehama County residents and families access to fresh, healthy, nourishing food while helping the Saturday Farmers Market vendors. We can continue our goal of meeting the unmet needs of Tehama County," voucher director Bill Fleharty said.

The county Major Crimes Unit Anti-Gang/Anti-Drug board makes periodic donations to local nonprofits and organizations, including recent donations to the film commission and to the Red Bluff Spartans for travel to Texas.

The board includes Sheriff Dave Kain, Chief Probation Officer Pam Gonzalez, Corning Police Chief Ed Curiel and District Attorney Matt Rogers. The board members oversee funds that are garnered from drug asset seizure and forfeiture, 15% of which must be directed toward programs with the goal of keeping children away from drugs and gangs, per California law.

"Tehama Together continues to do good work in the community by helping families, our youth and our local vendors. We are proud to continue to support their efforts to support our community," the Major Crimes board stated.