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# On the Town

## HUTTON FOUNDATION

The Hutton Foundation has found a way to really help nonprofit organizations in Santa Barbara. It already provides numerous grants and support to them, but when **Tom Parker**, president of the foundation, considered "what helps the most," he began to look long-term. The Hutton Foundation purchased and renovated the bank building at 1330 State Street to accommodate 10 nonprofit agencies related to the performing arts. The opening reception for the new Arts & Culture Center was celebrated July 30.

"In these difficult financial times, more and more nonprofits are finding they need to work together, where they can. When we purchased the building on State Street, the Foundation saw it as a way to stabilize the rising costs. The rent for nonprofits is one-third the market rate and it is for a 10-year period," said Mr. Parker.

Other shared perks include a huge conference room, break room for staff, printing area, parking lot, Internet access and more. Perhaps the most significant advantage is staff and volunteers are able to connect by just walking down the hall. This keeps the lines of communication open and the synergy encourages better ways of helping each other and coordinate planning.

The large balconies on two sides of the building allow space for receptions overlooking our beautiful city; the location provides easy access to theaters and restaurants.

The 10 nonprofits are already established in the new space and include: Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra; Opera Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara Choral Society; Santa Barbara Dance Alliance; Santa Barbara Vocal Jazz Foundation; Patricia Henley Foundation; Santa Barbara Education Foundation (music and arts in the schools); a part of the Music Academy of the West; The Granada; and Santa Barbara Symphony.

Brilliant!

## HOME FOR NONPROFITS



From left, Tom Parker, president of the nonprofit Hutton Foundation; his son, Chris Parker, project supervisor for Young Construction; Rob Rameriz of Meridian Group; and Dave and Bob Young of Young Construction, who completed the renovation of a former bank that is now home to 10 Santa Barbara nonprofits at 1330 State Street.