About Roberta “Bertie” Bialek Elliott

Roberta “Bertie” Bialek Elliott has a long history of volunteerism and philanthropic support, especially on the Monterey Peninsula in California and at her alma mater, Northwestern University in Chicago.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Omaha, Neb. and graduated from Northwestern in 1954 with a degree in history and Phi Beta Kappa honors. In 1963, she and her then-husband moved to Carmel, Calif. to raise their family. She was an early investor in Berkshire Hathaway, founded by her brother, legendary investor Warren Buffett. She and her three daughters established the Berkshire Foundation in 1996 and have supported many organizations and institutions through it.

Mrs. Elliott has had a relationship with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and now its parent company, Montage Health, for more than 20 years. She served on the board of trustees from 1997-2003, led the campaign to build the hospital’s Comprehensive Cancer Center, and provided support for numerous other projects, including the Family Birth Center and Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

She has also served on the boards of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Monterey County Symphony Association, Carmel Bach Festival, and Community Foundation for Monterey County. She is also a former president of the Junior League of Monterey County.

In 2015, Mrs. Elliott donated $100 million to Northwestern University to establish the Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Studies.