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Become a member - Donations of all sizes are appreciated. Donors will be recognized in the year's Annual Report of the Kern Community Foundation.

Become a Founder - Donations of \$1,000 (check, credit card, or installment payments) are invited through June 1, 2010. Founders have perpetual voting rights with regard to Women's & Girls' Fund granting priorities. Founders are permanently recognized.

Individuals, couples, groups and businesses are welcome as Founders.

Host an informational meeting - These are for friends or associates, to spread the word about the Women's & Girls' Fund.

Volunteer - Tasks include committee work, special events, and one-day projects.

Invite us to speak - We will visit your club, civic group, or professional association.

Contact us - If your nonprofit, organization, or agency can work with us to share research, leverage grant-making, or in any other way enhance the quality of life for Kern women and girls, please contact us. We especially invite dialog with groups outside of Bakersfield.

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WE

WE will transform the lives of women and girls in Kern County by mobilizing the power and passion of women working together.

Women Educate
to create awareness of women's and girls' needs unmet by current strategies.

Women Endow
a permanent fund whose annual yield supports programs benefitting women and girls throughout Kern County.

Women Empower
one another and our girls to become philanthropists and advocates of positive social change.

THE WOMEN'S & GIRLS' FUND OF KERN COUNTY



WHY A WOMEN'S & GIRLS' FUND?

Nationally, less than 7% of foundation dollars specifically target women and girls.

22% of Kern women live in poverty.

47.7% of female-headed families are in poverty.

Births to mothers age 15-19 accounted for 16% of all Kern births in 2002.

From 1998-2002, Kern calls for assistance in domestic violence situations rose 52% while state calls dropped 5%.

The pass rate on high school exit exams for Kern girls lags state averages in both reading and math.

Health issues ranking Kern among the worst counties in California include Chlamydia, heart disease, obesity and diabetes. African American women and teens are at greater risk than the general female population.

Women Educate

WE know that pooled dollars invested toward key issues can have a far greater impact than smaller, individual gifts.

OUR ENDOWMENT

The **Women's & Girls' Fund** is a Field of Interest Fund established with, and managed by, the Kern Community Foundation. The Community Foundation is a public charity whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of all the people of the county by encouraging philanthropy. Donations to the Women's & Girls' fund will create and build a permanent endowment, the earnings of which will become grants for women's & girls' programs. As the endowment builds, so will the growth of monies available for annual grants.



OUR FIRST GOAL

In order to generate \$10,000 or more in annual grant monies, our endowment must generally exceed \$200,000.

WE challenge ourselves to build a \$250,000 endowment by June 1, 2010.

WE will extend our first grants when our challenge is met.

WE invite you to help us achieve our goal.

Women Endow

GRANT MAKING

WE will empower one another and our girls to become philanthropists and advocates of positive social change through our grant making.

Each year's grants will focus on one issue area balloted upon by our Founders. Issues ballots will be generated from extensive community research into women's and girls' needs. Requests for proposal will be extended to agencies serving women or girls in the focus issue. Proposals will then be evaluated by the Grants Review Committee.

The Grants Review Committee will consist primarily of our Founders, with additional input from Community Advisors and Kern County teens.

Women Empower

ALLIANCES

WE will work with other nonprofits and agencies to share research, leverage grant-making, fund cooperatively, and maximize positive impact for women and girls. We invite research, proposals, and alliances from all areas of Kern County.