

The Foundation's Mission...

Assisting Community Donors... Supporting Community Needs and Causes

Approximately seven hundred-plus farsighted US communities have established Community Foundations as their central means of encouraging and managing local philanthropy, the goal being to significantly improve the health, education, culture and general well-being of the people who live in Kern County.

Recognizing this opportunity to make a difference in lives and to strengthen our community, now and for future generations, our Founding Directors set out the Kern Community Foundation's Mission Statement objectives quite clearly:

"To enhance the quality of life for all of the people of Kern County by encouraging philanthropy, by providing services to donors, and by assisting those who serve to meet the needs of the community."

To fulfill the Foundation objectives, the following primary action steps remain in place... permanently:

- We encourage local private & corporate giving, and the application of this philanthropy to local needs by means of our nonprofits granting programs.
- We also have received and will continue to receive significant community granting support from major California private foundations.
- As an IRS approved tax exempt organization, (Sections 501(c) (3), and 170b(1)(A)(vi)), we provide a flexible, tax-exempt vehicle for donors who may have varied charitable interests, causes, or estate planning concerns.
- We offer a variety of charitable funds that will allow the donor to select and address a variety of programs and causes.
- We establish and manage permanent endowment funds, so that the Foundation and our donors may effectively respond to the long-term and changing needs of our community's residents.
- We regularly serve as a catalyst, convener and partner in shaping effective responses to community problems and opportunities.

We will continue, through our programs and our actions, to apply our leadership to the efforts that support and strengthen the rich diversity of our communities... For **good**. For **ever**.

The Board of Directors

Currently, Our Principal Areas of Focus...

Reflecting the interests of Foundation donors, our management and board, with significant financial assistance from major California private foundations... are addressing needs in the following principal areas.

Community Health

Expanding access to affordable health care or underserved individuals and families.

Education Schools to Careers

Helping students pursue their education and then providing assistance in the move from school to employment.

Communities Needs and Services

Contributing to the establishment and operation of various community services & programs.

Our Private Foundation Partners Include:

David and Lucile Packard Foundation
James Irvine Foundation
Weingart Foundation
The California Wellness Foundation
The California Endowment
The Great Valley Center

Setting up a Fund...

A donor, choosing from a variety of personal assets, establishes a fund with the Foundation, as a separate, identified account with its name, purpose and amount being defined by the donor.

The extent of the donor's involvement in granting may be established by the type of fund that is opened. Some funds often preferred are...

Donor Advised Funds

Established by individuals who wish to participate actively with the foundation staff in designating distributions.

Field of Interest Funds

These funds center on the individual's or organization's specific interests, issues or concerns (an example, our Women's & Girls' Fund).

Donor Designated Funds

Designated funds provide ongoing support to organizations specified by the donors.

Unrestricted Funds

There are no constraints on the use or purpose of these funds, allowing the Foundation flexibility in responding to current & future community needs.

More Information? Call...

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