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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.

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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The Women's & Girls' Fund of Kern County

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.



WHY A WOMEN'S & GIRLS' FUND?

Kern's poverty rate is 75% higher than the state's. Families headed by single mothers are Kern's poorest, with 48.7% living in poverty.

Kern's teen birth rate is 4th highest in California. Taxpayer cost in 2006: \$69 million.

In 2007, 40,830 new cases of sexually transmitted disease were diagnosed in Kern 15-24 year olds. Total medical cost: \$29 million.

At any given time, Kern has 1,500 homeless people, including 200 children. 300 are chronically homeless. Taxpayer cost: \$40,000-50,000 per homeless person.

California's 20th District (Delano, Wasco, East Bakersfield) was ranked last among 436 U.S. congressional districts in "human development" (income, life expectancy, educational attainment).

Women Educate

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.

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 build a permanent endowment, the earnings of which are the basis for grants to women's & girls' programs. As the endowment builds, so will the growth of monies available for annual grants.



WOMEN DEFINING PHILANTHROPY

WE highlight Kern women and teens who demonstrate outstanding commitment to their communities with proven leadership in philanthropy. Starting in 2007 we made \$500 grants in honor of these women:

2007 – **The Mountain Mommas**
Creative philanthropy in the Kern River Valley

2008 – **Audrey Cochran**
Focused endowment to benefit gerontological health

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 be evaluated by the Grants Allocation Committee, consisting of Founders, advisors and Kern County teens.

Women Empower

2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

CSUB Foundation – \$5000 Early Start Summer Math for incoming female students

Girl Scouts Joshua Tree Council – \$6,500 On my Own targeting girls ages 14 to 18

Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic – \$8,500 Girl Power reaching girls ages 10 - 14