As a 30 year resident of Kern County, I know firsthand that we are a giving community — each year we rank among the nation’s top performers when it comes to events that raise money to cure and treat cancer, honor veterans or celebrate our cultural diversity. Supporting these efforts requires each of us to do our part and practice true philanthropy — the habit of giving now and making long-term investments to support the causes we care about forever.

Helping local donors to give now and forever while providing philanthropic solutions for our most pressing needs is why we are in business and encompasses Kern Community Foundation’s mission — Growing community. Growing philanthropy. With support from the generous donors listed on the facing page, I am proud to share our recently updated 2015 Charity Giving Guide with you.

The guide features general information about the Foundation on page 3 and more specific information about our strategic priorities — Nonprofit Sustainability and College Access — on pages 4 and 5. The remaining pages of the Guide highlight more than 100 local charitable organizations that meet the highest national standards of accountability and transparency. It is a comprehensive resource to help you, your family and your business to learn and practice the habit of giving. Keep it handy and share it with your friends, neighbors and colleagues or use it to learn more about the charitable organizations in our community. You can access each organization’s profile using the “Nonprofit Search” tab located at the top of the Foundation’s website or you can also click on our YouTube channel to view short videos featuring many of the organizations.

The organizations featured in this Giving Guide do so much to make Kern County a better place to live, to work, and to visit. I encourage you to be generous with your giving — give to the Foundation or give to your favorite cause, just give with the knowledge that our community — Kern County — is a very special place.

Kristen Barnes
President and CEO
Initiatives Update

The Women’s and Girls’ Fund

Ten years since its creation, over 600 donors have collectively given to build an endowment of $1.2 million that will permanently support women and girls in Kern County. With the announcement of the 2015 awards, the Fund’s cumulative grant total reached $207,000.

Upper Kern Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Established to support fisheries conservation projects in the Upper Kern River Basin, the Fund has granted over $700,000 since 2007. Most recently, an $80,000 grant was awarded to the Kern River Hatchery for improvements.

Kern River Valley Community Fund

Striving to keep philanthropic capital local, the Fund is building to become a permanent charitable resource. Currently, a generous anonymous resident has offered to match every dollar raised, up to $100,000. The Fund balance is at $140,000; leaving $40,000 of match funding still available.
Nonprofit Sustainability

Through data collection on Kern Community Foundation’s Nonprofit Search, we found the existence of nonprofits in our area is extremely fragile.

**THE PROBLEM**

90% local charities have < 12 months savings

**So what?**

This means our charities, essential to our community, are busy fundraising when they could be doing more through programs and services.

**Why are charities important?**

They provide museums, hospital support, summer camps, housing the homeless, feeding needy families, education, care for animals, the list goes on.

**THE SOLUTION: ENDOWMENT**

Endowments provide a permanent source of revenue for a charity, through long-term investments. This means less time fundraising, more time on programs and services.

Donors that ♥ the charity → Endowment → Reinvested Returns (this preserves the “forever” part of the endowment)

Investment Returns

Annual Distribution to Charity

**HOW TO HELP - SUPPORT A NONPROFIT FOREVER!**

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College Access

Each year, about 10,000 students graduate from public high schools in Kern County. All have the potential to enter into some form of higher education.

THE PROBLEM

- The cost of Higher Education prohibits many talented students from attending.
- The complex application process for public and private financial aid makes tapping into financial resources difficult.
- Only 15% of Kern County adults (25 years+) have at least a Bachelor’s degree.
- Only 33% of Kern County high school graduates complete UC/CSU “A-G” requirements.

EVERY FORM OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAS A COST

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THE SOLUTION

The complex problem of providing higher education access to our students requires a multifaceted solution that addresses both educational and financial hurdles.

Centralized and Impactful Scholarships

- Grow funds through local donors to provide long term scholarship funding.
- Distribute local scholarships in a coordinated effort to maximize efficiency.

College Access Blueprint

- Increase college attainment for Kern County students by convening educational stakeholders to create a College Access Blueprint.

In 2015, Kern Community Foundation piloted an online common scholarship application and awarded 115 to Kern County graduates, totaling $236,000.
Arts and Culture

Arts Council of Kern
Mission: To provide, support, and promote arts access, advocacy, and education for all Kern County residents and visitors.

Bakersfield Art Association
Mission: We raise funds for scholarships to artists, aged elementary to college, and help artists of all ages evolve their own self-expression.

Bakersfield Community Concert Association
Mission: To enhance the cultural, along with the social and educational, life of all people living in our community.

Bakersfield Museum of Art
Mission: Inspires and engages diverse audiences by providing a broad spectrum of creative visual arts experiences.

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra
Mission: To provide the best possible performances of great music and musical education for the young people of Kern County.

Center of the World Festival Inc.
Mission: To develop an interdependent, consensual, and ecologically sensitive community through storytelling, social theater, arts and cultural events.

Imagine Ballet Company
Mission: To enrich our community through art, and provide excellence in youth development.

Kern County Museum Foundation
Mission: Showcase Kern County’s rich history and culture in entertaining and innovative ways through education, exhibits, and events.

Ridgecrest Chamber Music Society
Mission: Promotes education and awareness of the genre of chamber music, providing opportunities for community members to experience this music.

Tehachapi Performing Arts Center Foundation
Mission: To build a Performing Arts and Museum Center so that our large arts community will have a place to perform.

Valley Public Radio
Mission: Expanding your world through voices and sounds that inform and inspire.

The Fox Theatre Foundation
Mission: Enhance the quality of life in Kern County through the effective operation of the Historic Fox Theater as the area’s premier cultural center.

Give $500
Bakersfield Art Association
Will make it possible for the BAA to offer five students four art classes each at the Art Center.

Give $150
Boys and Girls Club of Kern
Provides a child with academic and enrichment activities after school for up to 80 hours per month.

$15,000 Grant
To: Kern Adult Literacy Council
From: The Women’s and Girls’ Fund

$50 Grant
To: Bakersfield Museum of Art
From: Nonprofit Search Fund

A Measure Of Our Mission
In your own words, tell us what this grant will help you do:
This grant will help the BAA purchase art supplies for our summer program for kids!
Education and Youth Development

**African American Network of Kern County**  
**Mission:** Through unity, promote responsible and meaningful programs that are designed to educate, achieve economic parity, and create job opportunity.

**Bakersfield College Foundation**  
**Mission:** Expand access and opportunity for students of all ages.

**Bakersfield Police Activities League**  
**Mission:** Providing activities for the youth; helping them become responsible citizens and to establish positive relationships between youth and police.

**Bike Bakersfield**  
**Mission:** Promote biking for every day transportation to improve the quality of life for Kern residents.

**Borax Visitors Center**  
**Mission:** Dedicated to public education about mining and minerals and providing support to charitable organizations in surrounding communities.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County**  
**Mission:** Enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science**  
**Mission:** To educate and involve the community, through recovering, preserving and displaying local and world wide natural history objects.

**Community Reading Project - Kern County Superintendent of Schools Education Foundation**  
**Mission:** Assists at-risk second grade readers by providing trained volunteers to help students practice reading for 15 minutes every day.

**CSUB Foundation**  
**Mission:** To support California State University, Bakersfield through advocacy, fundraising, managing finances and advising.

**Dolores Huerta Foundation**  
**Mission:** To create a network of organized, healthy communities pursuing social justice through systemic and structural transformation.

**Girl Scouts of Central California**  
**Mission:** Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place.

**Jim Burke Education Foundation**  
**Mission:** Providing opportunities to excel for students, teachers and community organizations.

**Junior Achievement of Bakersfield**  
**Mission:** To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

**Kern Adult Literacy Council**  
**Mission:** Improve the quality of life for Kern residents by teaching individuals to read, write and speak English, enhancing their productivity.

**Kern County Student Leadership**  
**Mission:** To mentor student leaders and influence, encourage, motivate, and inspire them to be leaders of quality, integrity, values, and character.

**Kern Economic Development Foundation**  
**Mission:** A research and education-based nonprofit organization that supports Kern County businesses and communities in reaching their full economic potential.

**LightWave Education**  
**Mission:** To create tools for individuals to thrive, prosper and succeed through education, mentoring and community outreach.

**Maturango Museum**  
**Mission:** Preserve, interpret, and develop an appreciation for the arts and the natural and cultural history of the Northern Mojave Desert.

**Probation Auxiliary County of Kern**  
**Mission:** To provide support and services with the Kern County Probation Department, enabling people young and older to become responsible citizens.

**South Fork School and Community Foundation**  
**Mission:** Provide programs and facilities to foster enrichment in education, cultural, recreational, and community-based inter-generational activities.

**Southern Sierra Council, Boy Scouts of America**  
**Mission:** To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

**STEMdelivered.org**  
**Mission:** To provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics enrichment and educational programs through, but not limited to, a series of workshops, publications, videos, blogs, games, and contests.

**Taft College Foundation**  
**Mission:** Dedicated to supporting student success through fund raising and development of community relationships.

**WarmLine: A Division of La Cresta Foundation**  
**Mission:** Provides educational programs for parents of young children, 0-6 years old.

**Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation**  
**Mission:** Dedicated to promoting college access and leadership opportunities to our local youth.

**Youth for Christ of Kern County**  
**Mission:** Mobilizing caring adults and student leaders in order to meet the physical, social, mental, and spiritual needs of every young person in Kern County.

Find these organizations on our YouTube channel!
Environment and Animals

**Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry**
*Mission:* To help keep family pets in their homes and out of shelters, by providing emergency pet food to families in need.

**Bakersfield SPCA**
*Mission:* To provide a home with adequate food, shelter, and care for all animals entrusted to the SPCA.

**California Living Museum Foundation (CALM)**
*Mission:* To display and interpret native California animals, plants, fossils and artifacts.

**Critters Without Litters**
*Mission:* Provides low-cost spay/neuter services to help solve the pet overpopulation issue in our community.

**Have a Heart Humane Society**
*Mission:* To rescue animals, provide low-cost vaccinations/spay/neuter, educate on responsible pet ownership, partner with local organizations.

**Kern Green**
*Mission:* To engage on the benefits of improving the environment through education and awareness that contributes to environmental conservation.

**National Audubon Society**
*Mission:* To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

**Sequoia ForestKeeper**
*Mission:* To protect the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada through monitoring, enforcement, education, and litigation.

**Sequoia Riverlands Trust**
*Mission:* Protect working landscapes, wildlife habitat, and scenic open spaces while ensuring economic growth in our communities is vibrant and sustainable.

**Tejon Ranch Conservancy**
*Mission:* Protect, enhance, restore native biodiversity & ecosystem values of Tejon Ranch and Tehachapi Range to benefit California’s future generations.

**The Wildlands Conservancy**
*Mission:* To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature.

**Whiskers, Paws, Hooves and Claws Animal Advocacy**
*Mission:* Providing horse rescue efforts and rehabilitation, support for horse foster homes, and Hooves Therapy Riding Program.

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**Give $300**
**CALM**
Will help care for one animal in CALM’s Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for one week.

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$150 Grant
To: Bakersfield SPCA
From: Diane L. White
Charitable Fund

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Tejon Ranch Conservancy oversees the conservation of 240,000 acres of land, home to more than 60 at-risk species.
Health

Alzheimer’s Disease Association of Kern County Inc.
**Mission:** ADAKC improves the lives of those in Kern County affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

American Heart Association Kern County Chapter
**Mission:** Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. That single purpose drives everything we do.

American Lung Association of California
**Mission:** To save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education and advocacy.

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation
**Mission:** Contributing to the quality of life for people in our community by funding healthcare technology and services at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House
**Mission:** Creating a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy.

Clinica Sierra Vista
**Mission:** Providing high quality comprehensive primary and preventative health care services to the underserved populations of Kern, Fresno, and Inyo counties.

Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic
**Mission:** Provides mental health and substance abuse services to Kern County children, adults and families.

Hoffmann Hospice
**Mission:** Celebrate the sanctity of life, provide compassionate end-of-life care and comfort the grieving.

JJ’s Legacy
**Mission:** Educate Kern County residents and inspire them to become registered organ and tissue donors and provide support for donor and recipient families.

Links for Life
**Mission:** Benefitting persons and families affected by breast cancer.

Friends of Mercy Foundation
**Mission:** Generates, receives and administers all philanthropic contributions in support of Mercy Hospitals in Bakersfield California.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Southern California & Nevada Chapter
**Mission:** We mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure, and to address the challenges of everyone affected by multiple sclerosis.

Olivia’s Heart Project
**Mission:** To increase awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and how it affects children/young adults.

Optimal Hospice Foundation
**Mission:** Ensures hospice care and support programs for families facing life-limiting illness with emphasis on underinsured/uninsured.

Partners in Care Foundation
**Mission:** Shaping a new vision of health care by partnering with organizations, families, and community leaders in the work of changing lives.

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
**Mission:** To ensure the knowledge, opportunity, and freedom to make every child a wanted child and every family a healthy family.

*Find these organizations on our YouTube channel!*
Human Services and Community Benefit

**Advancing Parenting**
**Mission:** We place parenting tips in public spaces, including but not limited to windows of businesses, automobiles, lawn signs, and electronic billboards.

**Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault**
**Mission:** To stop domestic violence and sexual assault and assist survivors in reclaiming their lives.

**American Cancer Society**
**Mission:** Dedicated to eliminating cancer through prevention, research, education, advocacy and service.

**American Red Cross - Kern Chapter**
**Mission:** Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

**Assistance League of Bakersfield**
**Mission:** Serving children and adults in our community through ongoing philanthropic programs.

**Bakersfield ARC (BARC)**
**Mission:** We build a stronger community by helping people with intellectual developmental disabilities achieve individual goals for a better life.

**Bakersfield Homeless Center**
**Mission:** We provide support and resources to families and individuals in crisis while helping them to achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency.

**Bakersfield Pregnancy Center**
**Mission:** Empowering individuals to make healthy, life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy and sexual health.

**Bakersfield Reserve Mission dba The Mission at Kern County**
**Mission:** Provides an environment conducive to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve.

**California Family Counseling Network**
**Mission:** To bring mental health services to underserved communities; to provide education pertaining to psychological and mental health.

**CASA of Kern County**
**Mission:** CASA speaks for abused and neglected children in the juvenile dependency process through the use of highly trained volunteers.

**Community Action Partnership of Kern**
**Mission:** CAPK provides and advocates for resources that will empower Kern County residents to become self-sufficient.

**Covenant Community Services**
**Mission:** Providing hope and love to abused and neglected children and youth. Restoring lives… transforming generations!

**Dress for Success Bakersfield**
**Mission:** To promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire and career development tools.

**Exceptional Family Center**
**Mission:** Celebrating the success of people with a developmental disability and their families through education, empowerment and mutual support.

**Flood Bakersfield Ministries**
**Mission:** To establish relationships with those in crisis, to empower them to overcome their disadvantaged circumstances and encounter the love of Jesus.

**Garden Pathways**
**Mission:** Transforming lives from the inside out through loving, mentoring relationships.

**Global Family Care Network**
**Mission:** Preserving the family and rescuing desperate children with the assistance of local community organizations, volunteer caregivers, and donors.

**Golden Empire Gleaners**
**Mission:** To help alleviate hunger and provide food for needy persons of all ages in Kern County.

**Healing Horses & Armed Forces**
**Mission:** Horses and humans connecting to improve the quality of life for our veterans and service members dealing with anxiety (PTSD, TBI, MST).

**Independent Living Center of Kern County**
**Mission:** Empowering people with disabilities to live as independently as possible.
Jesus Shack
Mission: Reaching out to individuals through music, food, and medicine to inspire hope and self-worth.

Kelly’s Therapeutic Riders
Mission: To improve overall well-being through horse experiences for children and adults who have physical or emotional challenges.

Kern Around the Clock Foundation
Mission: Provide payee services and in-home caregiver support, ensure financial needs are met and provide caregivers with training and social guidance.

Kern Assistive Technology Center
Mission: KATC exists to change lives for the better through providing tools to people with disabilities.

Kern Autism Network-Autism Society Affiliate Chapter
Mission: Providing support, awareness, information, advocacy, activities and education to families in Kern County challenged with autism related disorders.

Kern Bridges Youth Homes
Mission: Providing for health needs of abused and neglected children, as well as those children at risk of being abused or neglected.

Kern River Valley Revitalization
Mission: Facilitating the social, natural, and financial health of the Kern River Valley for this and future generations.

League of Dreams
Mission: To provide sports training, team camaraderie and competitive sporting opportunities for athletes with disabilities.

Mercy Housing California
Mission: To provide safe affordable housing for those in need.

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center
Mission: Enriching families, enhancing community, and empowering youth.

New Advances for People with Disabilities
Mission: NAPD aspires for a future where people with diverse needs are recognized as meaningful members of their community.

Teen Challenge
Mission: To provide youth, adults and families with effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solutions to drug and alcohol problems.

The Hope Center
Mission: Helping low-income individuals move toward wholeness: physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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TO YOUR FUND AND RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION

DONATE

INVEST WITH

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OR

CHOOSE FROM OUR INVESTMENT POOLS

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