Giving Day is coming.
Are you ready?

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Are you ready for Giving Day?

Giving Day is December 3, 2013, as proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Bakersfield and the Kern County Board of Supervisors. The purpose of Giving Day is to encourage local giving… on Giving Day and every day. Donors in Bakersfield and Kern County have a long history of giving back to local charitable organizations, some of which are 50 to 100 years old. 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. In spite of this generosity, however, 90 percent of the region’s charities are in fragile financial positions, holding less than 12 months savings on their balance sheets. At Kern Community Foundation, we believe this story can have a better ending.

Last year, with support from The James Irvine Foundation and Valley Republic Bank, Kern Community Foundation issued the report “Transfer of Wealth in Kern County,” proving that local capital is available to grow and sustain our charitable institutions, now and forever. Between now and 2060, more than $80 billion will transfer between generations of Kern County families. If just five percent of this wealth is given outright or through an estate to create permanent endowments, a total of $4 billion could be captured and generate $200 million annually for the good of Kern charities. This is the single largest under-developed financial resource available for a community of donors to create a legacy and make Bakersfield and Kern County a better place to live, to work and to visit.

Here’s what this opportunity could mean. No more last-ditch efforts to raise money to “save the schools,” “save the arts,” or “save the sports.” Here’s what difference this opportunity could make. A food bank, an orchestra or a youth organization with their own permanent endowments to pay for administration could guarantee donors that 100 percent of each contribution went to feeding the hungry, performing a symphony or supporting a child to become a productive, responsible, caring citizen.

Getting these requires each of us to do our part and practice philanthropy, which we define as 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, to provide philanthropic solutions for our community’s most pressing needs is why we are in business.

The 2013 Charity Giving Guide is a resource to help you, your family and your business to learn and practice the habit of giving… on Giving Day and every day. I encourage you to keep it handy, share it with your friends, neighbors and colleagues. The future of our community is in your hands.

Jeffrey R. Pickering
President and CEO
The Pickering Family

Using the 2013 Charity Giving Guide

The 102 local charities featured in this Guide appear in recognition of each organization’s commitment to transparency and accountability. Each featured organization has demonstrated these values by completing the rigorous process of creating a “Reviewed” profile on Kern Community Foundation’s online Nonprofit Search. This 21st Century philanthropy tool is the most comprehensive resource for local donors to find, to learn about and to give directly to Kern County charities.

The Charity Giving Guide includes descriptions of nonprofit organizations located in Kern County. The chapters in the Guide are organized by field of interest: Arts and Culture, Education and Youth, Environment and Animals, Health, and Human Services and Community Benefit. Each organization serves a specific area of Kern County, or the whole county itself, as shown in the map below.

Give the Gift of Giving with the 2013 Charity Giving Guide

Order a charity Giving Card and give it to friends, customers or employee along with a copy of the 2013 Charity Giving Guide. They can redeem the Giving Card to benefit any 501(c)(3) in the United States, including the 102 local charities featured in the 2013 Charity Giving Guide.

Find, Learn About and Give to Local Charities Featured in the 2013 Charity Giving Guide

Each online Nonprofit Search profile includes information about an organization’s governance, management, financials and programs. To access this information:

GO TO www.kernfoundation.org

CLICK Nonprofit Search

TYPE The name of a charitable organization or a key word to describe a charitable cause.

CLICK The name of the charitable organization you are looking for and learn more.

CLICK Donate Now

Watch, Learn About and Give to Local Charities Featured in the 2013 Charity Giving Guide

Look for this icon! Organizations that are currently featured on our YouTube channel Kern Community Foundation Live! will have this icon next to their name.

Visit www.youtube.com/kernfoundationlive or scan this code to watch and learn about these nonprofits!
What does $100 buy?

Arts and Culture

The Fox Theatre Foundation
• Pays for 1 Family membership

Kern River Valley Art Association
• Provides “Free Kids’ Table” at bi-annual Arts and Crafts show in Kernville

Education and Youth Development

League of Dreams Inc.
• Covers the costs of 4 athletes, including jerseys, trophies and team pictures

Girl Scouts of Central California
• Pays for 4 girls to enjoy a day at camp

Environment and Animals

Have a Heart Humane Society
• Pays for 10 microchips

Sequoia ForestKeeper
• Pays for 2 days of intern monitoring of the forest

Health

Alzheimers Disease Association of Kern County Inc.
• Pays for 10 hours of respite care

The Salvation Army - Golden State Division
• Pays for 1 eye exam and 1 pair of glasses

Human Services and Community Benefit

Flood Bakersfield Ministries
• Covers cost of 1 Move in Kit for an individual transitioning out of homelessness (cleaning supplies, linens, dishes, alarm clock, coffee maker, cookware)

Bakersfield Rescue Mission dba The Mission at Kern County
• Pays for 49 meals
Bakersfield Museum of Art

The Bakersfield Museum of Art inspires and engages diverse audiences by providing a broad spectrum of creative visual arts experiences through the exhibition and preservation of fine art, educational programs, community outreach and special events. Exhibits at the museum are rotated quarterly and demonstrate their commitment to diversity. During the summer, Experience Art for ages 7-12 and Side by Side for 20-25 preschoolers and parents are held at the museum. Student Tours, Museum on the Move, and Art Smart are after school programs that serve grades 4-12 at the museum or at school sites, reaching over 900 students. In addition to programming for children and youth, the museum’s first Wednesday senior programming began as a project directed toward residents in retirement homes and care facilities. The program is now popular through the community and not just focused on the elderly.

Grant Spotlight: Enhancing the Experience

KernArts Now!, an initiative of Kern Community Foundation, awarded a competitive grant of $8,437 to the Bakersfield Museum of Art in 2012 for the purchase and installation of four interactive computer kiosks. The kiosks now provide in-depth information about exhibits, artwork, and artists on display. The museum is one of many art museums that have implemented interactive technology to help visitors educate themselves and to enhance the experience of all viewers, particularly youth.

African American Network of Kern County Inc.

Mission: To bring parity to the minority community by educating minority business owners and mentoring the youth in the community.

Featured program: Youth Mentor Program

Region served: Kern County

Bakersfield Art Association

Mission: Dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of local artists since 1946.

Featured program: Art Center Gallery

Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Bakersfield Community Concert Association

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

Featured Program: Student Overture

Region Served: Kern County

Bakersfield Museum of Art

Mission: To inspire and engage diverse audiences through the exhibition and preservation of fine art, educational programs, community outreach and special events.

Featured program: Art Exhibits

Region Served: Greater Bakersfield

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra

Mission: To provide the best possible performance of great music for the widest possible audience and provide musical education for young people.

Featured programs: Subscription Concerts

Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Buena Vista Museum of Natural History

Mission: To educate and involve the community, through interactive, preserving and displaying local and worldwide natural history objects.

Featured program: Natural History and Science Education

Region served: Kern County

Center of the World Festival Inc.

Mission: To develop an interdependent, consensual, and ecologically sensitive community.

Featured program: Center of the World Festival

Region served: South Mountain Communities

China Lake Museum Foundation

Mission: To provide the history of the development of armament by the naval aviation community.

Featured program: DisDistinguishing Lecturer Series

Region served: East Kern

Desert Community Orchestra Association

Mission: To offer a choice in music performance, give youth the experience to play in a symphonic orchestra, and give music scholarships through competition.

Featured program: DCO Concerts

Region served: East Kern

Frazier Mountain Focus Central

Mission: To provide training, hands-on experience, and job exposure in the visual, performing and vocational arts to students K-12.

Featured program: Art Camp 7

Region Served: South Mountain Communities

Friends of the Tehachapi Depot

Mission: Planning and accomplishing the restoration of the Tehachapi railroad depot; creating and operating a railroad museum that provides educational opportunities.

Featured program: Historic Rail Road Museum Operation

Region served: Tehachapi Mountain Communities

Imagine Ballet Company

Mission: To inspire and enrich our community through performances by providing excellence in youth development through the art of dance.

Featured program: Young People’s Concerts

Region served: Kern County

Kern River Valley Art Association

Mission: To promote Arts and Crafts in the communities of the Kern River Valley.

Featured program: Public Art “Mu rals of the Valley”

Region served: Kern River Valley

Maturango Museum of Indian Wells Valley

Mission: To preserve, interpret, and develop an appreciation for the natural and cultural history of the Northern Mojave Desert.

Featured program: Museum Exhibits

Region served: East Kern

Ridgecrest Chamber Music Society

Mission: To promote education and awareness of chamber music and provide opportunities for local community members to experience this music.

Featured program: Chamber Music Concerts

Region served: East Kern

Tehachapi Community Orchestra Foundation

Mission: To sponsor and provide for the leadership of a world-class community orchestra that presents all concerts for free to the community we serve.

Featured program: Free Classical Music Concerts

Region served: Tehachapi Mountain Communities

Tehachapi Performing Arts Center Foundation

Mission: To promote community awareness of the needs for and to raise funds to construct a performing arts center.

Featured program: Construction Center for Art and Culture

Region served: Tehachapi Mountain Communities

The Fox Theatre Foundation

Mission: To effectively operate the Historic Fox Theater as the area’s premier cultural center.

Featured program: Seat Restoration Program

Region served: Greater Bakersfield

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2013 CHARITY GIVING GUIDE

Kern Arts Now!
Education and Youth Development

The Mayor of Bakersfield Scholarship Fund

When I became mayor, I decided to dedicate my City of Bakersfield salary to the Mayor’s Scholarship Fund,” Mayor Harvey L. Hall said. “Funds began to accumulate in January of 2001 when I was sworn in. The first scholarships were bestowed in the spring of 2002, when I had been in office more than a year.”

Since then, the fund has awarded nearly $200,000 to 232 students.

The Mayor’s Scholarship Fund assists local students who excel in the classroom and have plans to attend Cal State Bakersfield, Bakersfield College or Taft College.

Students are chosen based on merit, community service and need. Candidates are required to have a minimum of 3.25 GPA to qualify for the $1,000 scholarship to attend CSUB, and 3.0 GPA for $500 to attend Bakersfield or Taft colleges.

Mayor Hall was raised in Bakersfield and attended high school and college here. He is currently serving his fourth term as mayor, having been elected in 2000 and leading a number of projects aimed to beautify Bakersfield and bring more businesses to our area.

“Another of his major accomplishments as mayor was in transportation. Mayor Hall has been awarded by a number of foundations for his service to the community, including the “Life of Service Award” by the American Red Cross, as well as the “Humanitarian of the Year” award given by The Plank Foundation.

CSUB Foundation has helped implement new and expanded academic programs, on-campus centers and institutes, cultural programs, academic enrichment and student support, athletics support, and annual giving programs.

Grant Spotlight: On-Hand Learning and Community Engagement

Kern Health Now!, an initiative of Kern Community Foundation, awarded a competitive grant of $3,955 to the CSUB Foundation in 2012 for the Creating Healthy Smiles for Kern Kids program. The expectations for the program have been exceeded, providing 1,190 children at seven elementary schools in rural Kern County areas with oral hygiene education.

CSUB Foundation Board of Directors

Kern Health Now!

Advancing Parenting

Mission: To reduce child abuse, substance abuse, domestic violence, crime, and improve educational outcomes for children.

Featured programs: Parenting Tips in Public Spaces
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Bakersfield Police Activities League

Mission: To guide at-risk youth, through quality educational and athletic after-school programs, to healthy alternatives to drugs, alcohol, gangs, and violence.

Featured program: After School Tutoring
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Bike Bakersfield

Mission: To promote bicycling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly means of everyday transportation.

Featured program: Safe Routes to School
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Featured programs: After-School Enrichment and Education
Region served: Kern County

Country Christian School

Mission: To provide an outstanding, biblically based education honoring Jesus.

Featured program: Scholarships
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Covenant Community Services

Mission: To provide hope and love to abused and neglected former and present foster youth.

Featured program: Foster Family and Orphan Services
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

CSUB Foundation

Mission: To support California State University, Bakersfield by advocating, fundraising, managing, the finances of the Foundation and the University endowment, and advising.

Featured programs: Academic Enrichment and Student Support
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Girl Scouts of Central California

Mission: To build girls with courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Featured program: Membership Program
Region served: Kern County

Kern Adult Literacy Council

Mission: To improve the quality of life for Kern County residents, by teaching individuals to read, write and speak the English language.

Featured program: Adult Basic Education
Region served: Kern County

Latina Leaders of Kern County

Mission: To foster leadership, identity and develop opportunities for Latinas, and to influence key issues affecting our community.

Featured program: Leadership Program
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

League of Dreams Inc.

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

Featured program: Baseball, Basketball and Bowling
Region served: Kern County

LightWave Education

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

Featured program: Freedom School (Literacy and Leadership Program)
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Parent Institute for Quality Education

Mission: Committed to connect families, schools and community as partners to advance the education of every child through parent engagement.

Featured program: Parent Engagement in Education
Region served: Kern County

Probation Auxiliary of Kern

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

Featured Program: Take Away Tattoos
Region served: Kern County

Ready to Start

Mission: Preparing children with no or limited preschool experience for kindergarten in a structured, academic five-week program.

Region served: Kern County

Shaffer Healthy Start

Mission: To strengthen families by building bridges between families, schools, and community services.

Featured program: Raising Positive Response
Region served: North Kern

South Fork School and Community Foundation

Mission: To provide programs, facilities and foster opportunities for educational, cultural, recreational, and community-based intergenerational activities.

Featured program: Kern Valley Aquatics Program
Region served: Kern River Valley

Stop the Violence

Mission: To promote a safe and productive community by creating hope and diminishing the fear.

Featured program: Project Xplore (Community Service)
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

The Wind in the Willows Education Organization

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

Featured program: Project Xplore (Community Service)
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation

Mission: To promote awareness of student educational opportunities and to develop leadership skills that will have an impact on the community and local students.

Region served: Kern County

Youth for Christ of Kern County

Mission: To mobilize caring adults and student leaders in order to meet the physical, social, mental, and spiritual needs of children.

Featured program: On the Campus
Region served: Kern County
Environment and Animals

The Jack and Mary Lou Thomson Endowment Fund

Jack Thomson said, “I believe it’s a really great thing for the county.”

Jack, 91, has been in and out of Kern County his entire life. He grew up near Bakersfield College and spent a semester at UC Davis before heading to Florida to serve as a U.S. Navy pilot during World War II. Upon returning to the Central Valley, Jack began cultivating his family’s farms in Buttonwillow, as well as in Lamont and Arvin, where Mary Lou’s family also had interests. In addition to the farm work, Jack did everything he could to maintain the museum — which houses 80 different species of animals on 14 acres — including cultivating the land with his tractor and repairing electrical systems and plumbing. The museum provides on-site education for more than 13,000 students, as well as 60 off-site programs spread throughout community events, schools and organizations, according to CALM. In addition to the Thomson’s reserve funds for CALM, the fund also provides four scholarships for students at Bakersfield College and two at Arvin High School. The Jack and Mary Lou Thomson Endowment Fund also provides 300 to 500 gallons of diesel fuel for CALM Holiday Lights each year.

California Living Museum Foundation

The California Living Museum Foundation was formed to act for the benefit of California Living Museum (CALM).

CALM is located on 14 acres of Kern County Parks and Recreation land with potential to grow up to 67 acres. Featuring over 100 species of non-releasable animals who are injured or who cannot survive in their native environment, CALM exists to teach a respect for all living things through education, recreation, conservation and research.

Program Spotlight

The zoo at CALM is home to approximately 250 animals. Over 100,000 people visit the zoo annually, of which about 15,000 are children on school field trips. Every December since 2003, CALM has held a month-long event featuring 2 million lights and more than 50 displays throughout the zoo. More than 800 volunteers help with the event which is the Foundation’s largest fundraiser. Two major projects of the CALM Foundation are the Cats of California Exhibit and the CALM’s Wildlife Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation Program. The 3-acre Cats of California Exhibit is specifically designed to provide a natural setting for two young mountain lions and three bobcats with seven large viewing windows. CALM’s Wildlife Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation Program helps injured or ill zoo animals, as well as animals received through the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program.

Bakersfield SPCA

Mission: To advocate the general welfare and humane treatment of animals through shelter, education, prevention of pet overpopulation, and adoption.

Featured program: Pet Adoption
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation

Mission: To protect the natural, scenic, agricultural, and historic land of the Kern River Valley through stewardship, restoration and education.

Featured program: Wetland Enhancement
Region served: Kern River Valley

Critters Without Litters

Mission: To provide high-volume, high-quality, low-cost companion animal sterilization and to end the preventable euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets.

Featured program: Spay/Neuter Clinic
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Have a Heart Humane Society

Mission: To rescue, provide sanctuary and ultimately re-home abandoned, stray and neglected dogs and cats. To provide spay/neuter services for low income families.

Featured program: Spay/Neuter and vaccination mobile clinics in Tehachapi
Region served: South Mountain Communities

Kern Green

Mission: To protect the environment through education and awareness.

Featured program: Green Business Certification
Region served: Kern River Valley

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Mission: To protect working landscapes, wildlife habitat, farmland and scenic open spaces, while ensuring that economic growth in our communities remains vibrant and sustainable.

Featured program: Farmland Protection
Region served: Kern County

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.

Featured program: Outdoor Education
Region served: South Mountain Communities

Whiskers, Paws, Hooves and Claws Animal Advocacy

Mission: Living for animal related adventures, focusing on horse rescue, animal fostering, and the humane treatment of animals.

Featured program: Horse Rescue
Region served: Kern County

Kern Green raises awareness of environmental issues in the community.
The Sheldon Family Charitable Fund

Bob, now 95, sold his practice in 1996 but has continued to stay busy by contributing to more than 30 organizations throughout Kern County and across the country. Contributors include Northeastern University, where his stepfather — an ear, nose and throat doctor — attended medical school.

One of Bob's most notable local recipients is the Friends of Mercy Foundation, a local nonprofit that aims to raise funds for the services of Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield. The foundation has garnered support from a number of institutions and community members and has raised more than $20 million since its inception in 1988. Bob is also past chairman of the board of directors for the foundation.

Alana Jos Healthy Start
Mission: To provide funding for uninsured and under-insured children in Kern County.
Featured program: Dental Funding
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Kern County Health Care Fellowship
Mission: As a non-denominational Christian fellowship, to have a living, breathing impact in our community.
Featured program: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
Region served: Kern County

American Cancer Society
Mission: To eliminate cancer as a major problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and services.
Featured program: Research Support
Region served: Kern County

Kern County American Lung Association of California
Mission: Dedicated to preventing lung disease and promoting lung health.
Featured program: Lamont Asthma Care Project
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation
Mission: To contribute to the quality of life for people in our community by funding healthcare technology and services at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.
Featured program: Funding Healthcare Technology and Services
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Clinica Sierra Vista
Mission: To provide quality and comprehensive primary and preventative care services.
Featured program: Primary Care
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Foundation ThinkAgain
Mission: To provide rehabilitation therapies to pediatric cancer and brain injury survivors who continue to suffer.
Featured program: Rehabilitation Therapies
Region served: Kern County

Links for Life Inc.
Mission: To benefit persons and families affected by breast cancer, to challenge women to be aware of breast and promote support for those affected.
Featured program: Comprehensive Breast Program
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

Kern County Friends of Mercy Foundation
Mission: To raise and administer philanthropic funds for Mercy and Mercy Southwest Hospitals.
Featured program: Capital and Program Support
Region served: Greater Bakersfield

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Southern California Chapter
Mission: To mobilize people and resources to drive research to find a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.
Featured program: Promotion/Wellness
Region served: Kern County

Optimal Hospice Foundation
Mission: To ensure families have access to hospice care, regardless of their ability to pay.
Featured program: Hospice Care Funding
Region served: Kern County

Partners in Care Foundation
Mission: Expands a pioneering tradition of bringing innovative, positive change to today’s complex care challenges.
Featured program: Safety-Net Services
Region served: Kern County

Planned Parenthood
Mission: To ensure that every individual has the knowledge, opportunity, and freedom to make every child wanted and every family healthy.
Featured program: Care Services
Region served: Kern County

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association - Kern County
Mission: To educate our community on the issues, obstacles, and benefits of sudden Cardiac Arrest prevention, resuscitation, and heart screenings.
Featured program: Keep Young Hearts Beating
Region served: Kern County

The Salvation Army - Golden State Division
Mission: To meet human, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs without discrimination.
Featured program: Eastern Kern Division Basic Needs Program
Region served: East Kern

Grant Spotlight: Benefiting the Community
KernHealth Now!, an initiative of Kern Community Foundation, awarded a competitive grant of $15,000 to Friends of Mercy Foundation in 2012 for the Empowerment Program seminars. Providing valuable education to people in the rural communities of Kern County, the KernHealth Now! grant is funding seminars on diabetes and chronic disease self-management.

As of June 30, 2013 Friends of Mercy Foundation hosted three of six planned seminars in Shafter and Greenfield with 25 to 60 anticipated participants.
Financial investment, Hersberger said. In a yearlong, in services and become more efficient. The fund ultimately helps institutions expand their recreation center. These community investments, and more, are all thanks to donations made through the Aera Energy Fund, a donor-advised fund established in 2005 by the local and prominent oil company to help administer one aspect of the company’s overall community invest and donations program.

The fund targets selected community nonprofit and educational institutions on the basis of their demonstrated success in making a difference in the community and documenting their results, said Susan Hersberger, Aera Energy’s director of public affairs. Besides helping recipients make major purchases, the fund ultimately helps institutions expand their services and become more efficient. Take Golden Empire Gleaners, for example, where the impact of Aera’s contributions goes well beyond a financial investment, Hersberger said. In a yearlong, in project, staff identified a need for the 80 roll cart funds, and the fund made their purchases possible. “The goal is to create a simple first-in-first-out process so that food is distributed based on when it was received, and less food goes bad sitting in storage,” Hersberger said. “Funding of the carts is only part of this success story.”

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The mission of the Golden Empire Gleaners is to help alleviate hunger and provide food for needy persons of all ages. Aera Energy Fund. Aera Energy, a local and prominent oil company, has established a donor-advised fund to help administer one aspect of the company’s overall community investment and donations program.

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The Aera Energy Fund

With $25,000, nonprofit Golden Empire Gleaners was able to buy 80 rolling carts to add efficiency in their fight against local hunger. With another $25,000, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County purchased a 12-passenger van to transport students to clubs from school. And with $100,000, the residents of Taft are enjoying a new gymnasium in the community recreation center.
Ways to Give

Giving Card
Give the gift of giving with a charity Giving Card. Giving Cards are the perfect gift for anyone. They are easy to purchase and redeem, and can be used for any occasion.

Here is how Giving Cards work:
• Go to www.kernfoundation.org and buy a $25, $50, $100 or $500 Giving Card.
• You receive a tax deduction immediately for the total amount of your purchase, and your order will be delivered within five business days.
• Select the style of Giving Card you’d like to use to celebrate a special occasion, such as a birthday, holiday or a job well done.
• The Giving Card recipient can redeem the card at any 501(c)(3) in the United States, including schools, alma mater and places of worship.

Giving Real Estate
Real estate comprises between 40-50 percent of the total U.S. net worth, yet only 2 percent of the gifts given to charity is made in the form of real estate. Most local charities are desperate for unrestricted capital, but reluctant to accept gifts of real estate because of the legal complexities and risks involved. Kern Real Estate Foundation, a subsidiary of Kern Community Foundation, exists to fill this need.

Here is an example of how a gift of real estate to Kern Real Estate Foundation could benefit the local community. A married couple in their late 70’s live in Bakersfield, and own condominiums in Santa Barbara and Lake Tahoe. The couple no longer snow ski and is interested in spending more time at the beach. The couple has also been talking about making a charitable contribution to create a legacy for the benefit of the local symphony orchestra. With help from their financial advisor, the couple contacts KREF with the intent of gifting their Lake Tahoe condominium. They make the gift of real estate, the condo is sold and the net proceeds of $400,000 are deposited into a fund at Kern Community Foundation. For as little as $250 annually, Kern Community Foundation can help.

To organize your charitable giving:
• You name the fund.
• You choose a fund type that meets your plan for giving.
• You select an investment option, which may include your own financial advisor.
• You contribute cash, stock or other assets and receive an immediate tax deduction. No fund minimum.
• You start using your fund to make grants to any 501(c)(3) in the United States now or in the future.

Establish a Fund
For as little as $250 annually, Kern Community Foundation can help.

To leave a legacy:
Kern Community Foundation can help you to make a planned gift from your estate to support your favorite causes forever.
• What charitable issues are important to you?
• Which local charitable organizations have you supported for years?
• How will you be remembered?
Use our free Online Will Planner to help you gather the information your attorney will need to plan your legacy.

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“Charities (church, schools, arts, youth organizations, etc.) make Bakersfield a great community. Kern Community Foundation provides a vehicle where everyone in our community can endorse their favorite charity so as to provide a permanent and perpetual source of funding. All it takes is 5%, for the good of Kern.”

— Stephen Boyle

“I care deeply about Kern Community Foundation’s inspiring mission and its enormous potential. I believe that the Foundation adds extraordinary value to the nonprofit sector in our community.”

— Chandrasekhar Commuri, Ph.D.

“In 2005 we established the Aera Energy Fund, a donor-advised fund. The fund serves as a tool to help administer one aspect of our overall community investment and donations program. Giving back and being involved in the community is part of how we do business, and the Foundation plays a role in making that possible.”

— Kathy Miller

“My husband and I know where the monies are going and how they are being used. This is important to us. If we are unsure about a charity we are interested in, Kern Community Foundation has online resources to help with our decisions.”

— Diane White

“Kern County is our home and healthy nonprofits mean a more healthy community. Rather than just writing checks, the Foundation educates, inspires, and works strategically to strengthen and improve our local nonprofits which is a benefit to us all.”

— Bryan Lynn

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Measure of Our Mission

| Total Assets at Dec. 31, 2012 | $16.1 M |
| Total Contributions Since Inception at Dec. 31, 2012 | $23 M |
| Total Grants Since Inception at Dec. 31, 2012 | $8.6 M |

Total Funds 112

92% of total grants went to Kern County charities in 2012