Partner with us!

Give to the Foundation
Support one of our initiatives or our operations, thereby increasing our impact.

Give through the Foundation
Establish your own fund, have us work for you, and support the causes you care about.

Growing community. Growing philanthropy.

Use this guide to inspire your local giving!

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Community Foundations help build and strengthen communities and bring together people and organizations that want to make a difference. They are tax-exempt public charities that guide philanthropy and are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the areas they serve.

KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

... a 501(c)(3) public charity with a powerfully simple mission — Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy. We are known as a home for local philanthropists, a results-oriented grantmaker, and a trusted community leader.

... improving the quality of life in Kern County by increasing charitable giving, educating and connecting donors to community needs they care about, and taking the lead on critical community issues.

... transforming generosity into impact, making Kern County a better place to live, to work, and to visit — bringing together hundreds of donors to grant out millions of dollars to worthy causes since 1999.
The Arts Council of Kern
To provide support, and promote arts, access, advocacy, and education for all Kern County residents and visitors.
kernarts.org

Bakersfield Art Association
To provide opportunity for study and improvement of art technique, encourage art in community, offer art scholarships, and exhibit members’ art locally.
bakersfieldartassociation.org

Make a difference

$1,000 helps Bakersfield Master Chorale to cover printing costs for one concert program.

$365 purchases a “Dollar-a-Day Club” membership with Valley Public Radio, which will help support the stations’ programming and operations for an entire year; in exchange, the supporter enjoys 12 on-air messages to promote such things as an event or organization they feel passionate about, or a personal milestone like a birthday or anniversary.

The benefits of registering with Kern Community Foundation

Kern Community Foundation's Nonprofit Strengthening Initiative begins with the agencies we serve: community based organizations operating in Kern County. These are the very same agencies you see listed in this Community Giving Guide.

Knowing that greater visibility is part of nonprofit strengthen ing and requires commitment to transparency and accountability, all the listed agencies have completed the following two-step process:

1. Registered with Kern Community Foundation through our online registration and grants application portal at kcfoundation.org; and
2. Achieved a transparency rating of Silver or higher on GuideStar.org, the world’s largest online database on nonprofits that many potential donors and grantors turn to when considering supporting a 501(c)(3) corporation.

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• Arts and Culture

Kern River Valley Art Association
To provide opportunities, resources and exhibition venues for Kern River Valley artists with an emphasis on art education and emerging artists.
krvaa.org

Kern River Tubatulabal Paiute Council
Dedicated to preserving, restoring, and teaching Native American culture, history and traditions for educational, ceremonial and social activities.
musicunnil.com

Maturango Museum of Indian Wells Valley
To preserve, interpret and develop an appreciation for the natural and cultural history of the Northern Mojave Desert.
maturango.org

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
To promote and market the greater Ridgecrest area for tourism, conventions and filming to ensure continued economic growth.
visitdeserts.com

Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society
To raise public awareness about the significance of Native American history, culture and Rock Art, and the importance of protecting these Native American contributions.
pаfest.org

Bakersfield Community Concert Association
To enhance the cultural, social and educational life of all people living in our communities.
bakersfieldcca.org

Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMOA)
To inspire and engage diverse audiences by providing creative visual and art experiences through exhibition, education, community outreach and special events.
bmoa.org

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra
To provide performances of great music, and provide music education for the young people of Kern County.
bsnow.org

Center of the World Festival, Inc.
Developing an interdependent and ecologically sensitive community through social theater of creative arts.
cowfest.org

Downtown Bakersfield Development Corporation (DBDC)
Inspires community leaders to unite community resources to develop Bakersfield’s Downtown as a pre-eminent California community.
bakersfielddbdc.com

The Fox Theater Foundation
To enhance the quality of life in Kern County through the effective operation of the Historic Fox Theater as the area’s premier cultural and community event center.
thebakersfieldfox.com

The Green Hotel Restoration Foundation
To preserve the Hotel and historic oak as part of Shafter and Kern history, and provide access to the community.
thegreenhotel.org

Kern County Museum Foundation
Celebrating the culture and history of Kern County.
kerncountymuseum.org

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To produce a series of plays annually for the cultural enrichment of the community.
bakersfieldcommunitytheatre.org

Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society
To restore, preserve and share the valuable history and timeless artifacts of the Bakersfield Fire Department.
bbdhistory.com

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To provide a venue in Kern County for the appreciation and awareness of choral music and choral arts education.
bakersfieldmasterchorale.org

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visitdeserts.com

Ridgecrest Chamber Music Society
To promote education and awareness of chamber music and provide community members with a high quality musical experience.
rcchambermusic.org

Sweet Adelines International
Committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition.
kernvalleychorus.org

Valley Public Radio
Expanding your world through voices and sounds that inform and inspire.
kvpr.org

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Make a difference

$750 allows one elementary school classroom to participate in Junior Achievement of Bakersfield’s JA DAY! which engages volunteers to impart lessons in work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to youth.

$200 enables Parent Institute for Quality Education to help a family prepare their children for a college education.

$100 makes it possible for League of Dreams to buy a new bowling ramp so that its athletes with physical and developmental disabilities can have fun knocking down pins on the lanes.

$750 provides a “comfort bag” (filled with Teddy bears, blankets, clothes and shoes, toiletries, school supplies and toys) for a child who has been displaced from their home due to abuse or neglect.

$40 a month helps Children to Love International cover food, education and medical care costs for a child in the Philippines, Romania, India, Uganda, or Ukraine.

The Agape Love Connection (TALC)
Providing quality educational opportunities for local children, as well as children in Liberia, West Africa. facebook.com/TALC100

Bags4Kids
To be a voice for the foster youth whose inner struggles go unheard, thereby restoring their capacity to believe they have not been forgotten. bags4kids.org

Bakersfield City School District Education Foundation
Partnering with the community to provide resources that directly impact the lives of children through innovative educational programs. bcsd.com/bcsd8foundation

Bakersfield College Foundation
Expanding educational access and opportunity for students of all ages. bakersfieldcollege.edu/foundation

Borax Visitor Center Foundation
Providing the public with educational information on minerals and mining, and their role in everyday lives, and supporting educational and charitable organizations in the surrounding communities. borax.com

Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council
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. sscbsa.org

Bakersfield Police Activities League
Guiding at-risk youth through quality educational and athletic after-school programs to healthy alternatives to drugs, alcohol, gangs, and violence. bakersfieldpat.org

Berea College Foundation
To serve and give to local community projects and outreach programs that serve the less fortunate. benefitbakersfield.com

Best Buddies International
To establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. bestbuddies.org

Kern County
Through unity, promote responsible and meaningful programs to educate, create economic parity and job opportunities, and produce positive role models. aankc.org

Education and Youth Development

SCHOLARSHIPS TOGETHER
Support students as a community.

You can choose to give however much you would like to a pool of funds providing annual scholarships in perpetuity.

SCHOLARSHIPS NOW
Support students one year at a time.

You can make annual donations of at least $1,000 to provide scholarships during that school year.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOREVER
Support students of every generation.

You can establish your own named scholarship fund with a minimum of $25,000 (over 3 years) providing annual scholarships in perpetuity.

Together, we can provide scholarship dollars and services to students with the greatest need, including many who will be the first in their families to go to college.

By supporting Kern Futures, you leverage your dollars with Kern Community Foundation, fellow donors and funders to maximize the impact on our region’s economic prosperity while helping students attain college and succeed.

Join us in changing the future of Kern County by creating strategic, needs-based scholarships for our youth.

Building a thriving economy, safe neighborhoods and a vibrant culture in Kern County depends on preparing students—our county’s future—for the workforce. Growing the number of students who earn college degrees and obtain well-paying jobs helps ensure that future.

But here’s the challenge we’re facing:
• Fewer than 1 out of 6 Kern County residents age 25 and older has a bachelor’s degree or higher level of education, compared to 1 out of 3 California residents.

Reality check: Many local students have the ability and desire to succeed in college but often lack access to college guidance and financial resources that can support their high school-to-college-to-career transition.

Kern Futures is a long-term, large-scale commitment to provide Kern County students the opportunity to achieve their college and professional goals. By partnering with local educational institutions and private philanthropists, Kern Community Foundation helps students navigate the complicated road to higher education, persist through college, and earn a bachelor’s degree.

Our Strategies

Educate students and their parents about college options and access to financial aid.

Build and administer strategic, needs-based scholarship funds to students with the most financial need.

Work with school districts and institutions of higher education to embrace best practices.
**Education and Youth Development**

**Child Guidance Guild of Bakersfield (GUILD HOUSE RESTAURANT)** To provide resources to help children with emotional and behavior problems. [guildhousebakersfield.com](http://guildhousebakersfield.com)

**Children First Campaign** To create prosperous communities and ensure that all children live in healthy, safe and nurturing neighborhoods that promote academic achievement and success. [childrenfirstcampaign.org](http://childrenfirstcampaign.org)

**Children to Love International** To provide hope for suffering children in the name of Jesus, focusing our efforts on education, spiritual teaching, economic support, physical assistance, and social intervention. [childrentolove.org](http://childrentolove.org)

**CSUB Foundation** To advance California State University, Bakersfield by creating and lasting relationships that enrich the student experience and promote excellence in education. [csub.edu/foundation](http://csub.edu/foundation)

**CSUB Foundation (CLMF)** To operate the China Lake Museum and educate visitors about air armament technology development at Naval Air Warfare Center China Lake, and provide STEM education. [chinalamuseum.org](http://chinalamuseum.org)

**Christian Youth Film Society, Inc.** To encourage and equip young people to creatively produce visual stories of faith. [christianyouthfilmfestival.org](http://christianyouthfilmfestival.org)

**Citizen's Agency** To provide services to those in need of assistance. [citizensagency.org](http://citizensagency.org)

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**Driller to Driller Foundation** To mobilize veterans to feed America by supporting, through education and training, those veterans engaged in or pursuing opportunities in the agricultural industry. [farmvetsco.org](http://farmvetsco.org)

**Farmer Veteran Coalition** To mobilize veterans to feed America by supporting, through education and training, those veterans engaged in or pursuing opportunities in the agricultural industry. [farmvetsco.org](http://farmvetsco.org)

**Jim Burke Education Foundation** Providing opportunities for students to excel by enhancing educational and leadership development through financial resources, support and advocacy. [jimburkededucationfoundation.org](http://jimburkededucationfoundation.org)

**Junior Achievement of Bakersfield** Inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy, utilizing volunteer working professionals who help them through hands-on, dynamic programs that teach financial and job skills. [jbakersfeld.org](http://jbakersfeld.org)

**Kegley Institute of Ethics** To inspire our community to recognize the value of thinking about and engaging in ethical behavior. [csub.edu/kie](http://csub.edu/kie)

**Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation** Implementing “Smart Fencing for Kern County,” which supports at-risk students by improving their academic, social, and physical well-being through individual sport participation, health education, and academic tutoring. [kernaff.org](http://kernaff.org)

**Kern Bridges Youth Homes** To protect and enrich the lives of Kern County children. [kernbridges.com](http://kernbridges.com)

**Kern County Network for Children** To protect and enrich the lives of Kern County children. [kerncountychildren.org](http://kerncountychildren.org)

**Kern County Taxpayers Education Fund** To research, organize and disseminate information and education to the public and business community of Kern County. [kerntaxpayers.org](http://kerntaxpayers.org)

**Kern Economic Development Foundation** Linking business, education, and the community on projects related to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, the local workforce, and professional development. [kedf.org](http://kedf.org)

**Kern Literacy Council** Empowering individuals to improve their quality of life through literacy education since 1966. [kernliteracy.org](http://kernliteracy.org)

**Kern Partnership for Children and Families** Seeking to meet needs of low-income and foster children in Kern County. [kernpartnership.com](http://kernpartnership.com)

**Kern River Valley Revitalization** Facilitating the social, natural and financial health of the Kern River Valley for this and future generations. [kriver.org](http://kriver.org)

**Kiwanis Club of Rosedale Foundation** To better the lives of the children and families of our community one child and one family at a time. [rosedalekiwanis.org](http://rosedalekiwanis.org)

**Kiwanis Club of Rosedale** To give every child a chance to play by providing sporting opportunities to children with physical and developmental disabilities. [ourleagueofdreams.com](http://ourleagueofdreams.com)

**League of Dreams, Inc.** To provide families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential. [plae.org](http://plae.org)

**La Creta Foundation** Dedicated to the educational and emotional well-being of infants and young children and their families. [e-warmline.org](http://e-warmline.org)

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**Ready to Start** Setting up students for educational success by preparing children with no or limited preschool or transitional kindergarten experience for kindergarten, through an intensive five-week summer program. [kern.org](http://kern.org)

**R.M. Pyles Boys Camp** To provide at-risk boys with the opportunity to attend a camp that promotes character development, positive male mentoring and education. [pylescamp.org](http://pylescamp.org)

**Southwest Community Nursery School** A parent participation co-op where love and learning go hand in hand. [southwestcommunitynurserieschool.com](http://southwestcommunitynurserieschool.com)

**Teen Success, Inc.** To transform the lives of underserved teen mothers and their children by helping them become educated, self-sufficient, valued members of society. [teensuccess.org](http://teensuccess.org)

**Valley PBS** Enriches, educates and strengthens our diverse Valley community through the power of public service media. [valleypbs.org](http://valleypbs.org)

**Writers of Kern** Bringing together professional and novice writers in a creative and supportive atmosphere to help them gain experience and become published writers. [writersforkern.com](http://writersforkern.com)

**Youth Connection, Inc.** Redirection by Connection. [facebook.com/kernyouthconnection](http://facebook.com/kernyouthconnection)

**Youth for Christ of Kern County** Meeting the needs of young people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually throughout Kern County. [yfckern.org](http://yfckern.org)

**Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation** To unlock the power of higher education. [y2lef.org](http://y2lef.org)


**Environment and Animals**

**Bakersfield SPCA**  
Advocating for the general welfare and humane treatment of animals through shelter, prevention of pet overpopulation and adoption.  
bakersfieldsPCA.org

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**Critters Without Litters**  
Helping pets and pet owners with low-cost spay/neuter services, as we seek to end the preventable euthanasia of adoptable pets in Kern County.  
CrittersWithoutLitters.org

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**Equine Rescue Outakuntrol**  
To rescue abandoned, abused, starving and slaughter-bound horses, and to provide life-saving medical care and rehabilitation for adoption.  
equinerescueoutakuntrol.com

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**Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation**  
Dedicated to the overall safety and wellbeing of all animals, and to providing valuable resources for the rescue of homeless cats and dogs in Kern County.  
friendsokernshelters.org

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**H.A.L.T. (Helping Animals Live Tomorrow) Rescue**  
Rescuing homeless dogs and cats and finding them the loving homes they deserve.  
halterescue.org

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**Have a Heart Humane Society**  
To provide low-cost spay and neuter programs for the public of all incomes.  
haveahearthumaneSociety.org

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**High Sierra Wild Horse Sanctuary**  
Providing a safe haven for wild-born mustangs, burros and domestic equines who have lost their homes.  
hswhs.org

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**Keep California Beautiful**  
Dedicated to alternative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach.  
keepcbbeautiful.org

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**Keepers of the Kern**  
Dedicated to restoring, protecting, and preserving the quality and uniqueness of the wild and scenic Kern River.  
keepersofthekern.org

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**Kern River Corridor Endowment and Holding Co. Inc.**  
Dedicated to the overall safety and wellbeing of all animals, and to providing valuable resources for the rescue of slaughter-bound horses, and rehabilitating working dogs.  
lacksOfLove.org

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**Licks of Love**  
To teach students empathy, compassion, kindness, communication, anti-bullying and restorative justice through classroom courses, utilizing rescued and rehabilitated working dogs.  
lacksOfLove.org

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**Marley’s Mutts Dog Rescue**  
To rescue, rehabilitate and rehome discarded or abused and forgotten animals.  
marleysmutts.org

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**Project Clean Air**  
To enhance the community by improving air quality through education and collective action.  
projectcleanair.sas

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**Sequoia ForestKeeper**  
To protect and restore the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada – including both the Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia.  
sequoiaforestkeeper.org

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**Sequoia Riverlands Trust**  
To inspire and protect the beauty and biodiversity of the earth and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature.  
sequoiariverlands.org

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**SOXrescue**  
To save as many cats and kittens as possible from local shelters’ “Put to Sleep” lists, and give them a second chance at life.  
soxrescue.org

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Charity Giving Cards

Kern Community Foundation’s Charity Giving Cards help you give the gift of philanthropy to family, friends, coworkers, business partners and charitable organizations. They are a smart, easy and impactful way for everyone to participate in charitable giving and do good in the community.

Charity Giving Cards are similar to retail gift cards, but are instead redeemed to benefit any 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the United States, including places of worship. No more searching for the perfect gift, and you, the purchaser, receive the tax deduction. The person receiving the Charity Giving Card designates your gift by redeeming the gift card online at kernfoundation.org or simply mailing the card directly to the organization they wish to support.

Charity Giving Cards come in five standard designs including one called ‘Holiday Lights,’ which is perfect for the year-end holiday season, and one called “With Sympathy,” which is ideal for fulfilling the “In lieu of flowers, donate to…” wishes of a grieving family. Companies wanting to give Charity Giving Cards to their clients, associates, or partnering nonprofits, can ask for them to be customized with their corporate logo, too.

The cards can be ordered through our website, kernfoundation.org, by writing to donorservices@kernfoundation.org, or by calling 661.636.2617.
Health

Advanced Center for Eyecare
To provide high-quality eyecare services to the underserved and uninsured population of Kern County.
acecares.org

Alzheimer’s Disease Association of Kern County, Inc. (ADAKC)
To improve the lives of Kern County residents affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.
adakc.org

American Cancer Society
To save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer.
cancer.org

American Heart Association
To build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.
heart.org

Baby Café
Providing breastfeeding support and peer networking for families with breastfeeding babies.
babycafeusa.org

Bakersfield Birth Network
Providing families with positive birth options through education and resources.
bakersfieldbirthnetwork.com

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation
To contribute to the quality of life in our community by funding healthcare technology and services at Memorial Hospital.
supportbakersfield.org

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center
To serve Kern County by empowering individuals to make healthy, life-affirming choices regarding pregnancy and sexual health.
bpcpartners.org

Clinica Sierra Vista
Providing comprehensive primary and preventative health care, dental, behavioral health and social services to underserved populations of Kern County.
clinicasiervista.org

CSF Medical Nonprofit Foundation
Providing medical and surgical services to low-income and less fortunate individuals so they may continue to be productive healthy members of our community and society.
csffoundation.org

Foundation for Movement
To improve improved strength, mobility, function and life through exercise for people with physical limitations.
foundationformovement.org

Friends of Mercy Foundation
To raise and administer philanthropic contributions in support of Mercy Hospitals in Bakersfield California.
supportfriendsofmercy.org

Health through Wholeness
We provide challenging, fun programs for teens and assert that self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment are vital to this age group’s overall health.
screambakersfield.org

Hina Patel Foundation
To increase Sickle Cell awareness and provide education and services to enhance the wellbeing of affected people and their families.
hinapatelfoundation.org

Hoffmann Hospice
To celebrate the sanctity of life, provide compassionate end-of-life care and comfort the grieving.
hoffmannhospice.org

Hodgkin Lymphoma Associates
To provide assistance to cancer patients, families, and friends.
hoodlumps.org

JDRF Central Valley Council
To make psychological and educational support affordable and attainable for all ages.
learningdynamicsinc.org

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Central California
We exist to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients, and are saving lives not someday, but today.
lls.org/cca

Links for Life
To provide breast cancer diagnosis, services and support for Kern County women in need.
linksforlife.org

Love-Water
To provide access to clean water in order to restore health and create opportunity in global communities.
love-water.org

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Southern California & Nevada Chapter
To stop MS, restore function and end MS forever.
nationalmssociety.org

Kern Valley Hospital Foundation
To provide financial support to the Kern Valley Hospital by funding and supporting programs that will have a positive impact on patients and our community.
kvhd.org

Olivia’s Heart Project
To increase awareness about sudden cardiac arrest in children and young adults in order to keep young hearts beating.
oliviasheartproject.org

Partner in Care Foundation
To ensure families have access to hospice care by filling the gap for patients who are uninsured or underinsured.
opportunisticfundingfoundation.org

Partners in Care Foundation
To shape healthcare by partnering with organizations and families in the work of changing healthcare systems, communities and lives.
partnersincarefoundation.org

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Rising Star Riders (formerly known as Kelly’s Therapeutic Riders)
Dedicated to serving the needs of children and adults with physical and or emotional challenges through horseback riding, therapeutic horseback riding and horse management lessons.
risingstarriders.org

Rise Riders
Rise Riders helps people living with brain injury.
rise-riders.org

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Dedicated to serving the needs of children and adults with physical and or emotional challenges through horseback riding, therapeutic horseback riding and horse management lessons.
risingstarriders.org

RVH Development Foundation
To secure resources to support the future sustainability and growth of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital through partnership with our community.
rvh.org

Thumbs Up Cancer Down
To provide support and encouragement to people with cancer and those going through treatment.
thumbsupcancerdown.com

Valley Achievement Center
To empower individuals on the autism spectrum, or with other developmental disabilities, to achieve the highest quality of life.
autism-vac.org

Valley Caregiver Resource Center
Assisting seniors and caregivers with the challenges that accompany the aging process.
valleyfor.org

Valley Children’s Healthcare
To generate funds to support the goals of Valley Children’s Healthcare and its affiliated entities.
valleychildrens.org/foundation

Valley Fever Americas Foundation
To fund a vaccine and a cure for Valley Fever as well as to raise public awareness about this disease.
valleyfever.com

Baby Café
Providing breastfeeding support and peer networking for families with breastfeeding babies.

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Human Services and Community Benefit

AHI (A Helping Hand)
Helping people to help themselves.
ahihelpinghand.org

Advancing Parenting
Dedicated to ensuring the quality of parenting in communities.
advancingparenting.org

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
To stop domestic violence and sexual assault in Kern County and assist survivors in reclaiming their lives.
kernallocation.org

ALPHA House: A Place for New Beginnings
To provide a safe and nurturing environment for battered and homeless women and their children while presenting them with options for a healthy lifestyle.
alphahouse.us

American Red Cross - Kern Chapter
To prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.
redcross.org

Anchor of Hope Outreach Center
Alleviating hunger, unemployment and homelessness by providing food, clothing, education, transportation, workforce development, and social service referrals to those in need.
anchorofhopeoutreachcenter.org

Assistance League of Bakersfield
To serve the community through ongoing philanthropic programs.
assistanceleague.org/Bakersfield

Be Finally Free
To restore and equip those impacted by crime, incarceration, and poverty by providing education, instilling life skills and giving hope to overcome circumstances.
befinallyfree.org

Boron Alive!
To improve the quality of life of all residents of Boron, California.
boronalive.org

California Family Counseling Network, Inc.
To sponsor special events for charitable purposes for the psychological and mental health care of families, especially those that are underserved.
cfcnline.org

California Recreation Foundation
Furthering California community development and good citizenship through recreation.
onespadeyouthpackers.org

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
To fight for justice and individual rights alongside the most exploited communities of our society.
crla.org

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Kern County
To speak on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care process, through the use of highly trained volunteers.
kerncasa.org

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity (formerly Gay & Lesbian Center of Bakersfield)
Providing a safe, supportive space and services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and a bridge to the greater community.
glonetwork.org

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)
To provide and advocate for resources that will empower members of the communities we serve to be self-sufficient.
capk.org

Covenant Community Services
Providing hope and love to restore lives and transform generations.
covenants.net

Desert Area Resources and Training
To provide service to people who have disabilities or other special needs, so they can pursue their dreams.
dartontarget.org

Dress for Success Bakersfield
Dedicated to empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing support, skills training and professional attire.
bakersfield.dressforsuccess.org

Faith in the Valley - Kern
Building the collective power to make California’s Central Valley a place where people can have safe lives rooted in racial, economic, environmental and health equity for all.
faithinthevalley.org

Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development
To promote social and economic prosperity in rural communities through education.
farmworkerinstitute.org

Goodwill Industries of South Central California
To provide work opportunities and skills development to people with barriers to employment.
thewgoodwill.org

Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire
Seeking to put God’s love into action to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.
habitatkern.org

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection
To enhance the quality of life for people with special needs through a family resource center that symbolizes professionalism, dignity, compassion and respect.
hearsr.org

Henrietta Weil Memorial Child Guidance Clinic
Providing mental health and substance abuse services and the resources necessary to promote recovery for children, adults and families.
hsweil.org

The Hope Center
Assisting low-income families and individuals to help them move toward wholeness — physically, emotionally and spiritually.
hopecenters.net

The House of Jochebed
Protecting and restoring the lives of young girls who are victims of child sexual exploitation and labor trafficking, and helping them have a place to call home.
thehouseofjochebed.mydogsite.com

Housing & Opportunity Foundation of Kern
To empower families to become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life through education and support programs offered at affordable housing sites.
kernopportunityfoundation.org

Make a difference

$1,200 (or $100 a month) helps Wounded Heroes Fund send a Veteran suffering from PTSD to an Outward Bound wilderness retreat for healing.

$300 helps keep a family fleeing a violent home situation safe for a month at Alpha House.

$250 provides 25 youth with the opportunity to explore their creative talents for an entire month with Foundation for Second Chances.

$200 helps Bakersfield ARC to deliver one week of job skills training to an intellectually developmentally disabled adult.

$100 allows Youth Connection, Inc. to purchase back-to-school clothes for one child.
Human Services and Community Benefit

Independence Through Grace
Enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual disabilities through faith-based enrichment programs.

Kern Around the Clock
Foundation Preventing premature or inappropriate institutionalization of at-risk elderly and functionally impaired adults through such services as case management, information and assistance.

Kern County Teen Challenge
Providing youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems.

Kern River Valley Family Resource Center
Providing support to local families with concerns ranging from mental, dental, parenting, and nutritional issues, to assistance with school readiness and referrals for utility costs.

Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation
Protecting the natural, scenic, agricultural and historic lands of the Kern River Valley through stewardship, restoration and education.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central California
Granting the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy, creating a magical moment for all involved.

MARE Riding Center
Providing therapeutic equine-assisted activities for people living with special needs and disabilities.

Mosaic Counseling Center
Providing comprehensive mental wellness services to Kern County residents and promoting the development of professional therapists in our community.

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center
With our partners, we enrich families, enhance community and empower youth.

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
To provide assistance and activities that promote self-sufficiency, while preserving the pride, values and heritage of the Mexican American culture.

The Mission at Kern County
Providing an environment conducive to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve.

North of the River Recreation Foundation
To provide access and opportunity for all and to preserve the community’s vitality by enhancing and expanding our facilities and programs.

Oldsdale Leadership Alliance
Envisioning, connecting and empowering leaders for community transformation in Oldsdale.

The Plank Foundation
To provide emergency funds in the areas of health, hunger and humanity, as well as funds for cancer care and treatment, and the needs of hospice organizations in Kern County.

Reaching by Recycling
Reaching out to those who are homeless, hungry, and otherwise hurting through funds raised by your donation of recyclable goods.

Recycling Lives
Breaking the cycle of homelessness, poverty and incarceration by recycling lives and glass.

NAPD (New Advances for People with Disabilities)
Making a difference daily by providing programs, services and advocacy for people with diverse needs, that encourage independence, and enhance and enlighten their lives.

Self-Help Enterprises
To work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities.

Special Olympics Southern California, Kern County
To provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, thereby enriching and transforming their lives.

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Join us to make our community a better place!

Partnering with Kern Community Foundation is easier than you think. Did you know...

- Individuals, families, and even corporations can establish funds.
- Contributions are immediately tax deductible.
- Fund assets are professionally managed or you can select your own advisor.
- A minimal annual fee supports our work in the community.

To get started, here are a few things to think about...

What are you passionate about?
- How do you want to change your community through giving?
- What are your unique interests?
- How will the world be different because of your commitment?

Do you want immediate impact or enduring impact?
- Create a permanently Endowed Fund to support community organizations today.
- Build a permanently Endowed Fund to support needs of today, tomorrow, and forever.

What will you give, and when?
- GIVE NOW with cash gifts, stocks and bonds, IRA assets, partnership interests and even real estate. Generally, you may deduct the fair market value of the gift and the capital gain from the donated asset will pass tax free to your fund.
- GIVE LATER with a gift to your fund from your estate - you make a charitable gift, enjoy specific tax benefits, and preserve economic security for yourself and your family.

Which type of fund meets your goals?
- Donor Advised Fund - providing the highest level of flexibility.
- Designated Fund - directed giving to specified charities.
- Field of Interest Fund - impacting organizations doing the most effective work in a particular field.
- Scholarship Fund - supporting deserving students.

What will you name your fund?
- A fund may be named for you, a family member, after a cause, or in memory of someone special.
- If you prefer to remain anonymous, you may choose a name that has a special meaning for you.
- Every grant from your fund will carry your fund’s chosen name.

Consider Kern Community Foundation Endowed Funds

The following causes have individual funds at Kern Community Foundation and may be supported via a direct contribution through the Foundation. While supporting a wide variety of programs or initiatives, they all have one very important thing in common – each has been established as an endowed fund. Endowed funds at Kern Community Foundation support the named cause or program each year by spending only a portion of the fund’s annual earnings. The remainder is reinvested back into the fund. Over time the fund grows while still providing a consistent stream of support to the named cause – forever.

- Arthritis Association of Kern County Fund
- Kern River Valley Community Fund
- Kern Futures Scholarships Together Fund
- Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation
- Kern College Foundation: Oilworker Monument Design & Installation
- Kern Community Foundation Board of Directors

... Still need some additional ideas for giving?

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Some of the agencies and causes that have benefited from The Aera Energy Fund are:

- Aera Gallery
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley
- California Brain Injury Association
- Kern Futures Scholarships Together Fund
- Kern County Museum
- Kern County Museum Foundation’s “Aera Gallery”
- Kern College Foundation: Oilworker Monument Design & Installation
- Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation
- Kern County Museum Foundation: ALS Cancer Center - Aera Patient Exam Room and Grossman Burn Center
- Taft College Foundation: Oilworker Monument Design & Installation
- United Way of Kern County
- Ventura Community Partners Foundation
- Westside Recreation & Park District

The Aera Energy Fund

The design and production work of this newly rebranded “Community Giving Guide” was funded through a generous donation from Aera Energy LLC, a true partner in Growing Community and Growing Philanthropy.

Since the establishment of The Aera Energy Fund at Kern Community Foundation in 2005, we have had the privilege of managing more than $3.6 million in community grants for Aera Energy.

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- Bakersfield College Foundation: Aera STEM Success Center
- Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation: Lauren Small Children’s Center
- Bakersfield Museum of Art
- Bakersfield Southwest Baseball, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley
- California Brain Injury Association
- CASA of Kern County
- Centennial Celebration Committee of Huntington Historical Exhibit
- CSUB Foundation
- Friends of Mercy Foundation: Community Care Clinic
- Golden Empire Gunners
- Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
- Kern College Museum
- Kern County Museum Foundation’s “Aera Gallery”
- Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation
- Montana Tech Foundation Aera Energy Endowment
- Montana Tech Foundation Petroleum Engineering Faculty Endowment
- Museum of Ventura County
- R.M. Pylos Boys Camp
- Ready to Start
- Salinas Valley Heritage Foundation
- Salvation Army Ventura Residences, Inc.
- San Joaquin Community Hospital Foundation: ALS Cancer Center - Aera Patient Exam Room and Grossman Burn Center
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Kern Futures Scholarships Together Fund
Kern High School District Counselors Scholarship Fund
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