COMMUNITY

Giving Guide

Turning Kern County’s generosity into impact for 20 years!

Kern County Scottish Society

Alzheimer’s Disease Association of Kern County

Alpha Canine Sanctuary

Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society

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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.

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.

Together we make our community a better place.

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.
“Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy.” Our mission is a simple statement rooted in all we stand for at Kern Community Foundation.

For 20 years, we have provided philanthropic resources and community leadership to help make Kern County a great place for everyone to live, work, play – and thrive. I am thrilled to present this commemorative edition “Community Giving Guide” as both a resource for you to learn more about the many nonprofits that enrich our community every day and a 20-year retrospective of the Foundation’s service to Kern County.

In 1995, community leaders Curtis Darling and Morton Brown discussed the feasibility of establishing a community foundation for all of Kern County. Their goal was to maximize the impact of aggregate philanthropy, building endowments that would address Kern County’s changing needs over time. The founding Board of Directors that included Mort, Curtis, Bruce Bunker, Noel Daniells, Joan Dezember, Claude Kimball, Mary Lou Thomson, Marjorie Rump, and Ginger Moorehouse organized the Foundation and executed an agreement with the California Community Foundation in Los Angeles to manage Kern’s philanthropic funds. In 1999, a generous development grant from the David & Lucile Packard Foundation put Kern’s community foundation into operation.

A community foundation is about place, to be sure, but it is also about people — generous people with a broad vision to enhance the quality of life where they live. Our Founding Directors are some of those people, as are the many donors and committed staff. People like Marvin Steinart, Judy Chase, Noel Daniells (both a founding Board Member and Foundation President), Dave Parker, Judi McCarthy, and Jeff Pickering. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these and other dedicated leaders for growing the Foundation’s capabilities and assets.

During the past 20 years, the Foundation has grown to almost $22 million in managed funds AND awarded almost $20 million in grants to the community — consistently ranking in the top two-thirds of the 100 most active grantmakers since 2013, nationwide. This growth, along with the support of generous private foundations like The James Irvine Foundation, the Weingart Foundation, The California Wellness Foundation, and the College Futures Foundation has allowed us to build our capacity to serve donors while increasing the scope with which we address community needs.

Kern Community Foundation continues to build endowments and help generous donors aggregate their philanthropy but, as an organization, we have grown to understand that our responsibility expands to improving the community we serve. To that end, we work thoughtfully with our education partners to increase Kern’s educational attainment through the recently launched Kern Pledge, a collective community resolution to connect every level of education, K-16, in Kern County and a robust Kern Futures scholarship platform.

Additionally, we are dedicated to strengthening Kern’s nonprofit sector — building capacity, increasing visibility and improving sustainability through a full cadre of competitive grant opportunities and programs. The following pages illustrate our support of close to 250 nonprofit partners. Use this ‘Community Giving Guide’ to learn more about the nonprofit organizations working tirelessly to enrich our community every day and…find your passion!

Kern Community Foundation believes in “Growing Community, Growing Philanthropy” and matching resources with needs to effect lasting change. The results of the past 20 years are a reflection of the giving spirit of Kern County, as well as our community’s belief in Kern Community Foundation as a trusted partner. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Kristen Beall, Ed.D
Kern Community Foundation President and CEO
Arts and Culture

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

$2,000 helps The Bakersfield Jazz Workshop send one deserving student to a summer music camp.

$1,000 covers Assistant Curator activities’ expenses for two months at the Shafter Historical Society/Shafter Depot Museum.

$500 provides a college music lessons scholarship for one student through the Desert Community Orchestra Association.

$385 covers one child’s tuition at the Bakersfield Music Theatre’s Summer Workshop.

$40 is the cost for one light to shine brighter on a child’s performance on stage at Bakersfield’s Majestic Fox Theater, courtesy of The Fox Theater Foundation.

Bakersfield Community Theatre
To produce a series of plays annually for the cultural enrichment of the community.
bctstage.org

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

Bakersfield Jazz Workshop
To promote Jazz education and performance throughout Kern County in a supportive environment.
bakersfieldjazzworkshop.com

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

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

Bakersfield Music Theatre & Stars Theatre Restaurant
To produce quality musical theatre and theatre education in Kern County.
bmtstars.com

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

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

Desert Community Orchestra Association
To present symphonic concerts and support music education and community activities, including youth performances and college scholarships.
desertcommunityorchestra.weebly.com

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

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.
krvaart.org

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

Petroglyph Education Foundation, Inc.
To raise public awareness about the significance of Native American history, culture and Rock Art, and the importance of protecting these Native American contributions.
rpfestival.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

Shafter Historical Society (Shafter Depot Museum)
To research and publish local history and to collect and exhibit artifacts relating to the history of Shafter.
shafterdepotmuseum.org

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

Theatre Arts Productions Spotlight Foundation
To enrich the quality of life for Kern County residents by providing a professional theatrical experience at a venue that showcases homegrown talent.
thespotlightplayhouse.com

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

The Green Hotel Restoration Foundation
To preserve the Hotel and 130-year-old historic oak on the property 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

Kern County Scottish Society
To promote and preserve Scottish heritage and culture in Kern County.
kernscot.org

Kern Dance Alliance (KDA)
Providing dance advocacy and dedicated to the educational and cultural needs of Kern County.
erndance.org

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

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To enrich the quality of life for Kern County residents by providing a professional theatrical experience at a venue that showcases homegrown talent.
thespotlightplayhouse.com

Valley Public Radio
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kvpr.org

Philanthropy on Tap
At Kern Community Foundation, we believe Kern County’s hard-working nonprofits deserve a toast—and we lift our glasses to them every month through Philanthropy on Tap.

Thanks to a partnership with the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Imbibe Wine & Spirits Merchant and Temblor Brewing Co., we showcase a different community-based organization each time in an informal setting, over drinks and hors d’oeuvres—on us!

Through this Nonprofit Speaker Series designed to introduce philanthropic and volunteering opportunities with a variety of charities to audiences of local business leaders, we are expanding strategic connections between our nonprofit and for-profit sectors in the spirit of our mission of “Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy.”

For a schedule of Philanthropy on Tap events, visit kernfoundation.org > About > Events.
Education and Youth Development

**African American Network of Kern County**
Through unity, promote responsible and meaningful programs to educate, create economic parity and job opportunities, and produce positive role models.
[www.aankc.org](http://www.aankc.org)

**African Children’s Schools**
Building schools for rural children in Africa in areas where there is no public education available.
[www.africanchildrensschools.org](http://www.africanchildrensschools.org)

**American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 181**
To develop and deliver quality soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on these philosophies: Everyone Plays; Balanced Teams; Open Registration; Positive Coaching; Good Sportmanship.
[www.ayso181.org](http://www.ayso181.org)

**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.
[www.bags4kids.org](http://www.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.
[www.bcsd.com](http://www.bcsd.com)

**Bakersfield College Foundation**
Expanding educational access and opportunity for students of all ages.
[www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/foundation](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/foundation)

**Bakersfield Ivy Legacy Foundation**
To collaborate with local agencies to secure and manage resources for educational, leadership and philanthropic programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Bakersfield.
[www.bakersfieldivylegacy.org](http://www.bakersfieldivylegacy.org)

**Bakersfield North Rotary Foundation**
To act as the charitable arm of Bakersfield North Rotary Club to support charities in the Greater Bakersfield area, particularly those serving children and youth.
[www.bakersfieldnorthrotary.org](http://www.bakersfieldnorthrotary.org)

**Bakersfield Play Center**
Since 1952, focusing on enhancing the development of the whole child.
[www.bakersfieldplaycenter.com](http://www.bakersfieldplaycenter.com)

**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.
[www.bakersfieldpal.org](http://www.bakersfieldpal.org)

**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.
[www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org)

**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.
[www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County**
To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.
[www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org](http://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org)

**Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science**
To educate and involve the community through the recovery, preservation and display of local and worldwide natural history objects.
[www.sharktoothhill.org](http://www.sharktoothhill.org)

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**Make a difference**

$500 provides one year’s worth of supplies for a Teen Success, Inc.’s peer learning group of 15 teen moms.

$300 lets South Kern Sol’s youth-led newsroom cover one month’s worth of meals for its youth meetings.

$150 sponsors one of Kern County 4-H Clubs’ teen leaders, enabling them to attend a sectional 4-H Youth Summit.

$100 allows two students to participate in the So You Want to Be a Rocket Scientist Summer Program through the China Lake Museum Foundation.

$50 helps Bakersfield Play Center replace playground equipment worn out by its very energetic little preschoolers.
**Center for Land Based Learning**
To inspire, educate and cultivate future generations of farmers, agricultural leaders, and natural resource stewards.
landbasedlearning.org

**Child Guidance Guild of Bakersfield (Guild House Restaurant)**
To provide resources to help children with emotional and behavior problems.
guildhousebakersfield.com

**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

**China Lake Museum Foundation**
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.
chinalakemuseum.org

**Christian Youth Film Society, Inc.**
To encourage and equip young people to creatively produce visual stories of faith.
christianyouthfilmfestival.org

**CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administration**
Administering externally sponsored programs and research projects on behalf of the University for the charitable and educational benefit of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
csub.edu/grasp

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

**Driller to Driller Foundation**
Rewarding students by providing scholarships to those who are overlooked by traditional programs and are limited by their financial status.
drillertodrillerfoundation.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.
farmvetco.org

**Girl Scouts of Central California South**
To build girls with courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.
girlscoutsscs.org

**Good SamariTots**
Fostering compassion and social responsibility via community service projects geared toward tots.
goodsamariotts.org

**Heritage Oak School**
To educate, promote, establish, and equip Tehachapi students in the classical approach to education in light of a Christian world view grounded in the Old and New Testaments.
heritageoakschool.info

**Inspiring Adolescence, Inc.**
Cultivating a dynasty of leaders.

**Jakara Movement**
Seeking to create a new generation of Sikh leadership in California through individual development and community building.
jakara.org

**Jim Burke Education Foundation**
Providing opportunities for students to excel by enhancing educational and leadership development through financial resources, support and advocacy.
jimburkeeducationfoundation.org

**Kegley Institute of Ethics**
To inspire our community to recognize the value of thinking about and engaging in ethical behavior.
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

**Kern Bridges Youth Homes**
Committed to providing for the physical, emotional, social, and mental health needs of abused and neglected children.
kernbridges.com

**Kern County 4-H Clubs**
Engaging youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.
cekern.ucanr.edu

**Kern County Network for Children**
To protect and enrich the lives of Kern County children.
kcnc.org

**Kern County Superintendent of Schools Educational Services Foundation**
To provide educational services throughout Kern County.
kern.org
Education and Youth Development

Kern County Taxpayers Education Fund
To research, organize and disseminate information and education to the public and business community of Kern County.
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

Kern Literacy Council
Empowering individuals to improve their quality of life through literacy education since 1966.
kernliteracy.org

Kern Partnership for Children and Families
Seeking to meet needs of low-income and foster children in Kern County.
kernpartnership.com

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

La Cresta Foundation
Dedicated to the educational and emotional well-being of infants and young children and their families.
e-warmline.org

Latina Leaders of Kern County
To foster leadership, to identify and develop opportunities for Latinas, and to influence key issues affecting our community.
kernlatinas.com

League of Dreams, Inc.
To give every child a chance to play by providing sporting opportunities to children with physical and developmental disabilities.
ourleagueofdreams.com

Missions of Love, Inc.
Changing young lives through the magic of music education and the miracle of instrument training.
miraclemusic4kids.org

Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
To provide families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.
piqe.org

Ready to Start (R2S)
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

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

ShePower Leadership Academy
To produce a Power Circle of female civic and business leaders deriving from socially and economically disadvantaged circumstances.
shepoweracademy.org

South Kern Sol
Elevating youth’s voice for health and racial equity through Kern County’s non-profit, non-partisan youth-led newsroom.
southkernsol.org

Southwest Community Nursery School
A parent participation co-op where love and learning go hand in hand.
swcommunitynurseryschool.com

Taft College Foundation
Dedicated to supporting student success through fundraising and the development of community relationships.
taftcollege.edu/foundation

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

The Contreras Foundation
To promote family unity through public fundraising events for Kern County education and community benefit.
thecontrerasfoundation.com
Building a thriving economy and a vibrant culture in Kern County depends on preparing students for the workforce. Growing the number of students who earn college degrees and certificates 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 25 and older have 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 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 degree or certificate. Join us in changing the future of Kern County by creating strategic, needs-based scholarships for our youth – contribute to the Scholarships Together Fund at Kern Community Foundation. Contact us at info@kernfoundation.org.

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 strengthening and requires commitment to transparency and accountability, all the listed agencies have completed the following two-step process:

- Registered with Kern Community Foundation through our online registration and grants application portal at kernfoundation.org; and
- 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.

In addition to being listed in the Community Giving Guide and on the Nonprofit Search page of Kern Community Foundation’s website, agencies are also eligible to participate in a variety of programs and services:

- Capacity building through the Foundation’s competitive grant opportunities and other community initiatives, including our annual online crowd funding and volunteer recruitment event, Give Big Kern;
- Participation in our nonprofit speaker series, Philanthropy on Tap—a partnership with the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce that allows nonprofits to showcase their work to up-and-coming local philanthropists from our business community; and
- Sustainability through our Jumpstart Fundraising Technical Assistance Program, endowment building, planned giving and Crop Gifting programs that can become a long-term or even a permanent source of revenue for hardworking organizations.

The Community Giving Guide includes descriptions of nonprofit organizations located in Kern County, along with a link to their website or social media page. They are organized by field of interest:

- Arts and Culture
- Education and Youth Development
- Environment and Animals
- Health
- Human Services and Community Benefit

The benefits of registering with Kern Community Foundation

Transitional Youth Mobilizing for Change
To empower youth to realize their potential and become assets to their community through learning, research, and action.
tyme4change.org

Valley PBS
Enriches, educates and strengthens our diverse Valley community through the power of public service media.
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.
writersofkern.com

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
To unlock the power of higher education.
y2lef.org

Youth Connection, Inc.
Redirection by Connection.
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

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**Environment and Animals**

**Alpha Canine Sanctuary**  
To provide a no-kill haven for abused, abandoned and disabled dogs through programs of rescue, care of life, adoption and spay/neuter assistance.  
[alphacanines.org](http://alphacanines.org)

**Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry**  
Helping our community by providing temporary assistance of emergency pet food to those suffering financial hardships, such as low income seniors, disabled persons, and homeless individuals.  
[bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org](http://bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org)

**Bakersfield SPCA**  
Advocating for the general welfare and humane treatment of animals through shelter, prevention of pet overpopulation and adoption.  
[bakersfieldspca.org](http://bakersfieldspca.org)

**California City Animal Outreach Foundation**  
Supporting the California City Animal Shelter and community companion animals, and promoting extended rescue and adoption, spay/neuter and educational awareness.  
[calcityaof.wixsite.com/ccaof](http://calcityaof.wixsite.com/ccaof)

**California Living Museum Foundation (CALM)**  
To display and interpret native California animals, plants fossils and artifacts for education, recreation, conservation and research.  
[calmzoo.org](http://calmzoo.org)

**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](http://CrittersWithoutLitters.org)

**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.  
[friendsofkernshelters.org](http://friendsofkernshelters.org)

**Friends of the Hatchery**  
Uniting an all-volunteer group of concerned local citizens who work to ensure the wellbeing and future of the Kern River Hatchery.  
[friendsofthekernriverhatchery.org](http://friendsofthekernriverhatchery.org)

**H.A.L.T. (Helping Animals Live Tomorrow) Rescue**  
Rescuing homeless dogs and cats and finding them the loving homes they deserve.  
[haltrescue.org](http://haltrescue.org)

**Have a Heart Humane Society**  
To provide low cost spay and neuter programs for the public of all incomes.  
[haveahearthumanesociety.org](http://haveahearthumanesociety.org)

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

**Keep California Beautiful**  
Dedicated to alternative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach.  
[keepcabeautiful.org](http://keepcabeautiful.org)

**Keepers of the Kern**  
Dedicated to restoring, protecting, and preserving the quality and uniqueness of the Wild and Scenic Kern River.  
[keepersofthekern.org](http://keepersofthekern.org)

**Kern Green**  
Providing education and awareness to demonstrate the social, economic and environmental benefits of integrating green practices.  
[kerngreen.org](http://kerngreen.org)

**Kern River Conservancy**  
To implement educational initiatives focused on conservation, native trout preservation and community outreach.  
[kerriverconservancy.org](http://kerriverconservancy.org)

**Kern River Corridor Endowment and Holding Co. Inc.**  
Dedicated to the habitat restoration education, outreach and recreational opportunities at the Panorama Vista Preserve.  
[panoramavista.org](http://panoramavista.org)

**Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation**  
Protecting the natural, scenic, agricultural and historic lands of the Kern River Valley through stewardship, restoration and education.  
[krvhf.org](http://krvhf.org)

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**Make a difference**

$500 helps Lifesavers, Inc. purchase additional sanctuary land so that rescued horses can live in peace and freedom.

$300 allows Alpha Canine Sanctuary to spay or neuter a homeless dog and pay for six weeks of care before adoption.

$250 supports Kern Green’s Green Business Certification Program, whereby businesses are empowered to adopt green practices that reduce their environmental impact while saving them money.

$150 feeds 40 birds for one month at Pacific Waterfowl Rescue.

$100 makes it possible for the Kern River Conservancy to purchase trash and portable toilet amenities for campsites along the Wild and Scenic Kern River, to help keep it and the wildlife it sustains clean and safe from trash and human waste.
Licks of Love
To teach students empathy, compassion, kindness, communication, anti-bullying and restorative justice through classroom courses, utilizing rescued and rehabilitated working dogs.
licksoflove.org

Sand Creek Rescue
An all-breed horse rescue that gives hope to those that have no hope: horses that are the least likely to be saved.
sandcreekrescue.org

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

Sequoia Riverlands Trust
To inspire love and lasting protection for important lands.
sequoiariverlands.org

Southern Sierra Research Station
To promote, facilitate, and disseminate biological research that informs conservation decisions and environmental policy.
southernsierraresearch.org

Tejon Ranch Conservancy
Protecting, restoring and enhancing the native biodiversity and ecosystem values of the Tejon Ranch and Tehachapi Range to benefit future generations.
tejonconservancy.org

The Cat People
To end the needless suffering of felines in Kern County through rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, community education, and low-income assistance programs.
thecatpeople.org

The Wildlands Conservancy’s Wind Wolves Preserve
To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature.
wildlandsconservancy.org

Whiskers Paws Hooves and Claws Animal Advocacy
Dedicated to horse rescue and rehabilitation, specializing in livestock and equine fostering, emergency response, and community service.
hooves-paws.org

Lifesavers, Inc.
Dedicated to saving wild and domestic horses from abuse, neglect and slaughter, and providing healing programs to the public.
wildhorsesrescue.org

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

Meow Co.
To save abandoned cats and kittens from euthanasia, and find them loving homes.
meowco.org

Pacific Waterfowl Rescue
Dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming domestic ducks and geese, and sharing how special these birds truly are.
pacificwaterfowlrescue.org

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

Quail Springs Permaculture
Empowering youth and adults of all backgrounds with the knowledge, inspiration and skills essential to social and ecological health.
quailsprings.org

Since 2016, Kern County residents have come together in the true spirit of generosity for which they are known, to celebrate giving to local nonprofits through Give Big Kern, our county’s official Day of Giving, observed on the first Tuesday in May.

Hosted by Kern Community Foundation, Give Big Kern was originally conceived as a 24-hour crowd-funding campaign through which nonprofits could raise hard-to-come-by unrestricted dollars to support their efforts, as well as sign up volunteers willing to donate their time and talents.

Wanting to engage the community even more, the Foundation now plans bigger Give Big Kern events, with a month-long celebration of giving that incorporates National Volunteer Week in mid-April, elicits participation from generous business partners, and culminates on Give Big Kern Day.

Participating agencies receive fun prizes for most dollars raised, most volunteer hours pledged, 100% board member participation, and more!

Just in its first three years, Give Big Kern has helped more than 125 nonprofits raise over $551,000, and receive close to 141,000 pledged volunteer hours from thousands of community donors and volunteers.

Give Big Kern’s official website is givebigkern.org. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @GIVEBIGKERN.

And, as Give Big Kern’s Official Mascot since 2018, Billy the Give Big Goat likes to say, “Give B-i-i-i-g!”
Kern Community Foundation through its First 20 Years:
A Timeline of Turning our Community’s Generosity into Impact

1999
After several years of planning and discussions, The Kern County Community Foundation is established. Grants awarded: $6,600.

2000
Awards $50,000 in grants to 52 recipients in first competitive grant round.

2001
Noel Daniells, a retired partner of the accounting firm Daniells, Phillips, Vaughan & Bock, is hired as President and CEO.

2002
Joins the League of California Community Foundations.

Establishes Nonprofit Resource Center.

2003
Launches Legacy Society to recognize estate gifts.

2004
Begins operating under current name, Kern Community Foundation.

2005
Establishes the Women’s and Girls’ Fund at Kern Community Foundation to transform the lives of women and girls in Kern County by mobilizing the power and passion of women working together.

2006
Receives accreditation from the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

2009
Celebrates a decade of service to Kern County.

2010
Introduces grant programs KernArts Now! and KernHealth Now!

Jeff Pickering is appointed President and CEO of the Foundation after conducting a national search.

2011
Issues “Transfer of Wealth in Kern County,” a report to the community detailing that by 2060, there will be a transfer of wealth of more than $80 billion between generations in Kern County families.

Launches Nonprofit Search.

2012
Recognizes Marvin and Nadene Steiner with the very first “Spirit of Philanthropy” Award.

2013
KERN REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION
Establishes Kern Real Estate Foundation to help charitably minded individuals and families turn appreciated real estate into liquid assets and support the causes they care about.


Is ranked 59th among the top 100 most active grantmakers nationwide for awarding more than $1.6M in grants in 2013.

Launches the YouTube Channel Kern Live! and the Philanthropy on Tap series to increase the visibility of participating nonprofits.

2014
Celebrates 15th Anniversary and presents Donald Barnes with the “Spirit of Philanthropy” Award.

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2015
Launches Nonprofit Endowment Partnership.
Opens online scholarship application portal, and offers custom student services to assist scholarship recipients.

Kristen Beall is appointed President and CEO of the Foundation.

Recognizes Jack and Mary Lou Thomson with the “Spirit of Philanthropy” Award.

2016
Introduces Kern County’s very own online giving day, Give Big Kern, to be observed on the first Tuesday in May.

Recognizes Judith Chase with the “Spirit of Philanthropy” Award.

Launches Kern Futures, a long-term, large-scale commitment to increase educational attainment in Kern County.

2017
Publishes the third edition of the “Charity Giving Guide” under its new name, the “Community Giving Guide,” featuring more than 200 nonprofit agencies registered with Kern Community Foundation. The nonprofit listing is also printed in the December issue of Bakersfield Life Magazine.

Is ranked 23rd among the top 100 most active grantmakers nationwide for awarding more than $2.7M in grants in 2017.

2018
Give Big Kern breaks records for most dollars raised ($231,000), most agencies participating (119), most donors engaged (1,779) and most volunteer hours pledged (52,000).

Introduces Crop Gifting, a way for farmers to turn an unsold crop into money for charity by transferring title of the crop to the Foundation, and then investing the net proceeds from the sale of the crop into a donor advised fund or existing fund of their choice.

2019
Launches the Jumpstart Fundraising Technical Assistance Grant Program in partnership with Network for Good and the Kern County Board of Supervisors to help local nonprofits learn effective fundraising practices.


*Served as Board Chair +Founding Director
Advanced Center for Eyecare
To provide high quality eyecare services to the underserved and uninsured population of Kern County.
accare.org

Alzheimer’s Association
To eliminate Alzheimer’s through research; provide support for all affected; and to reduce dementia through brain health.
alz.org/socal

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

Bakersfield Recovery Services
Assisting our clients in their recovery from substance abuse to become happy, healthy and productive citizens of our community.
jonasretrait.com

Bike Bakersfield
To promote bicycling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly means of everyday transportation.
bikebakersfield.org

Central Valley Lactation Association
Providing educational opportunities for local lactation professionals, and a forum for them to exchange clinical information, and connect and collaborate professionally.
centralvalleylactation.org

Clinica Sierra Vista
Providing high quality, comprehensive primary and preventative healthcare services at the most efficient cost to underserved populations in Kern, Fresno and Inyo Counties.
clinicasierravista.org

Foundation for Movement
To provide 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

Make a difference
$2,500 provides a chemotherapy chair for Kern Medical Foundation.

$1,000 enables Pacific Health Education Center to sustain its campaign in Kern County public schools against the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol and other harmful substances.

$500 can be applied toward the funding of research for the prevention, treatment or cure of Alzheimer’s disease by the Alzheimer’s Association.

$100 helps Bakersfield Recovery Services, Inc. continue to give the best care to Kern County residents that struggle with substance abuse issues.

$75 pays for 10 exercise classes with Foundation for Movement for a person with physical limitations.
Kern Medical Foundation
Proudly partnering with our community to support Kern Medical’s life-changing and life-saving programs.
kernmedicalfoundation.com

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

Learning Dynamics, Inc.
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

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

Omni Family Health
Committed to improving the health of our communities by providing the highest quality healthcare to everyone.
omnifamilyhealth.org

Optimal Hospice Foundation
To ensure families have access to hospice care by filling the gap for patients who are uninsured or underinsured.
opportuneshospicefoundation.com

Pacific Health Education Center
To empower individuals, organizations and communities to move toward a more optimal state of high-level wellness.
pacifichealth.org

Partners in Care Foundation
To shape the evolving health system by developing and spreading high-value models of community-based care and self-management.
picf.org

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.
rsriders.org

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

Tiger Fight Foundation
To provide financial assistance to Kern County families who are currently being treated for any form of pediatric blood cancer.
tigerfight.org

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

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

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

Jumpstart
Offered as a true public-private partnership among Kern Community Foundation, Network for Good, and the Kern County Board of Supervisors, “Jumpstart” is a competitive grant that in its roll-out year, 2019, will allow up to five Kern County nonprofits—one per each of Kern’s Supervisorsial Districts—the opportunity to receive 12 months of customized technical assistance training and easy-to-use all-in-one software from fundraising technology and training giant Network for Good.

With Jumpstart, participating nonprofits commit to making a skin-in-the-game investment of time and money (an affordable $79 per month during the program’s duration) toward implementing a revenue-generating model that wed the high-touch nurturing and cultivation of long-term relationships with individual donors to the high-tech use of donor development software to help them diversify and expand their funding streams.

Jumpstart is truly the type of Nonprofit Strengthening Kern Community Foundation is committed to delivering to Kern’s hard-working nonprofits so they can work smarter, not harder.

Questions?
Write to info@kernfoundation.org.
Human Services and Community Benefit

ACLU Foundation of Southern California
Defending the fundamental rights outlined in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
aclusocal.org

AHH (A Helping Hand)
Helping people to help themselves.
ahelpinghand.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.
kernalliance.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

Alternatives to Violence Project
To empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation and trust.
avpcalifornia.org

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

Aspiranet
Envisioning a world in which all children and youth are loved and cared for, and all families have the resources to thrive.
aspiranet.org

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

Autism Society-Kern Autism Network
To provide support, awareness, information and education to families and the public in Kern.
kernautism.org

Bakersfield ARC
To build a stronger community by helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve individual goals for a better life.
barc-inc.org

Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation
Supporting education and health locally and internationally through Rotary’s Avenues of Service.
portal.clubrunner.ca/2817

Bakersfield Senior Center
To provide assistance and educational, nutrition and fellowship activities to senior citizens of Bakersfield, California, so they can live long and strong, healthy lives.
bakersfieldseniorcenter.org

Bakersfield Sikh Women’s Association
Dedicated to the principle of oneness through community — regardless of gender, race, or socioeconomic status.
facebook.com/bakersfieldsikhwomen-sassociation

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

Blessing Box Foundation
To provide nutritional assistance to those who are food insecure in Kern County by growing a network of community-sponsored 24-hour nutritional access points.
blessingboxfoundation.org

Make a difference

$1,500 sends one veteran on an all-expenses-paid trip (flight, hotel, meals) to Washington, D.C. with Honor Flight Kern County, to enjoy seeing memorials erected in honor of our fighting forces.

$500 buys an iPad for PathPoint’s day program, so that clients who are non-verbal can learn to communicate.

$160 pays for one day’s meal for approximately 67 seniors at Bakersfield Senior Center.

$100 allows Aspiranet to provide basic necessities (towels, sheets, bedding, small appliances) for one emancipating youth who is leaving foster care and stepping into the brave new world of adulthood—and his or her own apartment.

$28 goes a long way for Catholic Charities, which can use the money to purchase a bag of food that lasts from five to seven days for a family of four.
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.
cfcninc.org

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

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women
Through an innovative and holistic approach, providing a home for homeless women and children transitioning to independence.
esperanzabakersfield.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

Catholic Charities of Bakersfield
Respecting the presence of God among us, we serve, advocate for and empower those in need.
ccdof.org

Central California Food Bank
To fight hunger in Central California by gathering and distributing food to those in need.
ccfoodbank.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.
covenantcs.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

Dolores Huerta Foundation
To create a network of organized communities pursuing social justice through systemic and structural transformation.
doloreshuerta.org

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

Exceptional Family Center
To celebrate the success of families and their children with an intellectual and/or developmental disability through collaboration, education, empowerment and mutual support.
kernefc.org

Fairy Godmother Foundation
Serving Bakersfield area couples who have delayed their wedding because tragic circumstances forced them to redirect wedding funds to cover medical bills.
fairygodmotherfoundation.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

Flood Bakersfield Ministries
Providing permanent housing and supportive services to ensure housing stability for the street homeless population.
floodbako.com

Foster Parent Training Center for Homes of Hope
Striving to meet the unique needs of those we serve in a professional, comprehensive, caring and gracious manner, because no child is beyond hope.
homesofhopebakersfield.com

Foundation for Second Chances
Utilizing hands-on education, mentoring, health awareness and community service to maximize the potential of youth.
fscinc.org

Garden Pathways, Inc.
Transforming lives from the inside out through loving, mentoring relationships.
gardenpathways.org

Global Family Care Network
To protect and restore young, at-risk girls through girls’ empowerment clubs and a homeless/runaway youth shelter.
globalfamily.care

Golden Empire Gleaners
To help alleviate hunger and provide food for needy persons of all ages by collecting and distributing food and agricultural products that might otherwise go to waste.
goldenempiregleaners.com

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

Got Ur 6
To promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and economic well-being of all citizens of Boron and surrounding areas. To empower all.
gotur6.net

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance
To promote social change and justice by providing high quality legal services to the low-income community.
gbla.org

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

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

Honor Flight Kern County
To honor and send America’s veterans to Washington, D.C., to see memorials built in THEIR honor - at no cost to the veteran.
honorflightkerncounty.org

Housing and 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

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

Independent Living Center of Kern County
Empowering people with disabilities to grow creatively, professionally, and personally; and educating the community about disability-related issues.
ilcofkerncounty.org

Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation
To enhance the economic prosperity and quality of life in the Indian Wells Valley.
ivvedc.com
JJ’s Legacy
Educating Kern County residents and inspiring them to become registered organ and tissue donors, and providing compassionate support to donor and recipient families.
jjslegacy.org

Junior League of Bakersfield
Promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.
juniorleagueofbakersfield.org

KCBC Development Foundation
Advocating for the creation, development and economic growth of low-to-moderate-income communities and businesses in Kern County.
kcbcc.info

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.
bakersfieldcare.com

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.
teenchallenge.org

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

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.
centralca.wish.org

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

Mercy Housing California
To create stable, vibrant and healthy communities by developing, financing and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs.
mercyhousing.org/california

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.
maof.org

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

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Kern County
To end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.
madd.org

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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Kern County Chapter
To provide support, education and advocacy for those with mental illness and their loved ones.
namikerncounty.org

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Bakersfield
To ensure political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.
naacpbakersfield.com

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.
norfun.org

Oildale Community Action Team
Restoring hope in Oildale and Greater Bakersfield through community activities and partnerships with local government and community agencies.
facebook.com/oildalecommunityactionteam

Oildale Leadership Alliance
Envisioning, connecting and empowering leaders for community transformation in Oildale.
oildaleleadershipalliance.org
PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)
To end homelessness for individuals, families and communities.
epath.org

PathPoint
Working with people with disabilities in Kern County to enhance workplace abilities, build life skills, and develop meaningful relationships.
pathpoint.org

Portrait of a Warrior Gallery
Keeping the memories of the Kern County Fallen from post-9/11 service alive.
kernwarriors.com

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

Rebuilding Together Kern County
Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives..
rebuildingtogetherkerncounty.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California
To provide comfort, care and support to children and families in Southern California.
rhmhsc.org

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

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.
sosc.org/kerncounty

Stewards
Advocating for homelessness prevention through connection to social services, resources, and acting as an appointed representative payee service.
stewardsinc.org

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity (formerly Gay & Lesbian Center of Bakersfield)
Providing safe, supportive spaces and services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and serving as a bridge to the greater community in Kern County.
thecenterbak.org

The Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
To achieve environmental justice and healthy, sustainable communities through collective action and the law.
crpe-ej.org

The Hope Center
Assisting low-income families and individuals in our community to move toward wholeness in Christ—physically, emotionally and spiritually.
hopecenters.net

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

The N.E.E.D.S. Center, Inc.
To improve clients’ health and wellbeing by distributing food, rent and utility assistance, clothing and household items, and hot meals.

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.
plankfoundation.com

UFW Foundation
To empower communities to ensure human dignity.
sisepuede.org

Human Services and Community Benefit
If you are a local farmer, “planting” a part of your crop as money to help your community, and watching it grow tax-free, can be realized through crop gifting — making a donation of unsold crop inventory to Kern Community Foundation with the purpose of starting a fund, or growing an existing fund, that will then support charitable causes you care about.

How does crop gifting work?
• Start by identifying your unsold crop inventory with no prior sale commitments.
• Inform Kern Community Foundation of your intended gift and sign an agreement to give up dominion and control of the crop at the time of transfer.
• The Foundation then assumes responsibility for transportation, processing, storage and marketing, to final sale.
• Net proceeds from the sale of your donated crop are put into your fund. This could be a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), which allows you to take your time deciding which charity or charities will benefit from your gift, or an already existing fund that supports causes you care about—for example, scholarships for youth or grants to nonprofits making a difference in the arts, the environment, animal welfare, disaster relief, and many other causes supported by Kern Community Foundation’s more than 140 funds.

What are some benefits of crop gifting?
Some of the benefits to you as a taxpayer include:
• Reducing the amount of profits earned from farming on your tax return the year you make the donation, as you avoid including the value of the donated crop as reported income, while...
• Being able to deduct the costs of production of the donated crop by reporting all production expenses in your tax return’s Schedule F (Profit or Loss from Farming) in the year paid.
• Not having to pay Federal, State, and self-employment taxes on the value of the donated crop.
• While there is no charitable deduction for a donated crop (Schedule A – Itemized Deductions) because no income is recognized on the donation, any appreciation of crop-gifted assets happens tax-free within the fund where net proceeds from the crop sale are deposited.

Some of the benefits to the community are:
• Stimulating Kern’s economy by keeping charitable dollars locally. Dollars that would otherwise be sent to Sacramento or Washington D.C. as taxes, remain in Kern.
• Helping to meet Kern County’s great needs: poverty, homelessness, hunger, low educational attainment, poor air quality.
• Limiting food waste.

For more information, contact any one of Kern Community Foundation’s helpful staff at 661.325.5346 or info@kernfoundation.org.
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 consider…

• What are you passionate about—animals, people, education, health, the environment?
• Do you want to create immediate impact through an Expendable Fund to help community organizations today, or enduring impact through a Permanently Endowed Fund?
• What type of fund meets your needs? We offer a wide range of options, from flexible Donor Advised Funds to Field of Interest Funds to Scholarship Funds, and more.
• What will you give and when? You can choose to give now by donating cash gifts, crop gifts, stocks and bonds, IRA assets, real estate or partnership interests, or give later by willing a gift to your fund from your estate as part of your legacy. There are great tax advantages to be had both ways.
• What will you name your fund? You can name it after yourself, a special loved one, a cause, or, if you prefer to remain anonymous, you may choose a name that has special meaning for you.

Join us to make our community a better place!

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 and initiatives, most of these funds have a very important thing in common—they have 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.

• Peter Anthony Catholic Education Fund
• Arthritis Association of Kern County Fund
• Bakersfield ARC Foundation Endowment Fund
• Bakersfield Christian High School Endowment Fund
• California Living Museum (CALM) Al Robbins Endowment Fund
• The Cat People Endowment Fund
• Karin Enebo Memorial Violin Scholarship Fund
• Heart Never Forgets Endowment Fund
• Kern Futures Scholarships Together Fund
• Kern River Valley Community Fund
• Leaders in Life Endowment Fund
• The Fox Theater Foundation Endowment Fund
• Tom Pryor PTSD Awareness Fund

… Still need some additional ideas for giving?
Consider Kern Community Foundation Endowed Funds

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