COMMUNITY

Giving Guide

Kern County Scottish Society

Give Big Kern

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Growing community. Growing philanthropy.

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

 Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy. We are known as a home for local philanthropists, a results-oriented grantmaker, and a trusted community leader.

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.

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!

20 Years of Turning YOUR Generosity into Impact!

“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 Daniels, Joan Dezember, Claude Kimball, Mary Lou Thomsen, 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 Daniels (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 donors and committed staff. People like Marvin Steinart, Judy Chase, Noel Daniels (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 donors and committed staff.

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 nonprofits. 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!

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Kern Community Foundation President and CEO

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Make a difference

**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

**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.  
lbdfirehistory.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.  
hrmstars.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)**  
To inspire 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 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.  
kerdance.org

**Kern River Tubatulabal Paiute Council**  
Dedicated to preserving, restoring, and teaching Native American culture, history and traditions for educational, ceremonial and social activities.  
muscumnl.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.  
krava.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 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.  
kaaorchestra.org

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

**Kern Dance Alliance (Shafter Depot) Museum**  
To research and publish local history and collect and exhibit artifacts relating to the history of Shafter.  
shafterdepotmuseum.org

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mmiwellswv.org

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

**African Children’s Schools**
Building schools for rural children in Africa in areas where there is no public education available.
africanchildrensschools.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.

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**$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 Silicon 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.

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**American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 181**
To develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on these philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportmanship. aysor181.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. 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. bcisd.com

**Bakersfield College Foundation**
Expanding educational access and opportunities for students of all ages.
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. 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.
bakersfieldnorthrotary.org

**Bakersfield Play Center**
Since 1952, focusing on enhancing the development of the whole child.
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. bakersfieldpolal.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. 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. sscha.org

**Girls Scouts of California Southern California**
To provide resources to help children with emotional and behavior problems.
guildhousebakersfield.com

**Center for Land Based Learning**
To inspire, educate and cultivate future generations of farmers, agricultural leaders, and natural resource stewards. landbasedlearning.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

**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.
chinalamuseum.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. csusb.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. csusb.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. drillertoconnectorfoundation.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. farmersvets.org

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.
cokern.4h.ucanr.edu

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

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**Kern County 4-H Clubs’ teen leaders, enabling them to attend a sectional 4-H Youth Summit.**

**Kern County Network for Children**
In the Greater Bakersfield area, children.
bakersfieldnorthrotary.org

**Kern League**
Seeking to create a new generation of Sikh leaders in California through individual development and community building.
jimburkeeducationfoundation.org

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**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.

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

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**Kern County Network for Children**
In the Greater Bakersfield area, children.
bakersfieldnorthrotary.org
Education and Youth Development

Kern Community Foundation

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

Latinos Leaders of Kern County
To foster leadership, to identify and develop opportunities for Latinos, and to make contributions for the benefit of the community.
latinosleadersofkern.org

League of Dreams, Inc.
To give every child a chance to play by providing sporting opportunities to children and their families.
teamleagueofdreams.com

League of Dreams
Empowering individuals to improve their quality of life through literacy education since 1966.
kernliteracy.org

Missions of Love, Inc.
Changing young lives through the magic of music education and the miracle of instrument training.
mrolacademy4kids.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.
r2s.org

South Kern Sol
Elevating young people’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.
southwestcommunitynurseryschool.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.
talcagape.org

Transitioning Youth
Mutual support and empowerment as a way of life.
transitioningyouth.org

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation
To unlock the power of higher education.
y2l.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

The benefits of registering with Kern Community Foundation

Kern Community Foundation’s Non-profit 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 crowdfunding 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

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KERN FUTURES
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 – contributes to the Scholarships Together Fund at Kern Community Foundation. Contact us at info@kernfoundation.org.
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

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

Bakersfield SPCA
Advocating for the general welfare and humane treatment of animals through shelter, prevention of pet overpopulation and adoption.
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.
calcityof.wixsite.com/ccaof

California Living Museum Foundation (CALM)
To display and interpret native California plants, fossils and artifacts for education, recreation, conservation and research.
calm200.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

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

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

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

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

Keep California Beautiful
Dedicated to innovative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach.
keepcaliforniabeautiful.org

Keepers of the Kern
Dedicated to restoring, protecting, and preserving the quality and uniqueness of the Wild and Scenic Kern River.
keepersofthekern.org

Kern Green
Providing education and awareness to demonstrate the social, economic and environmental benefits of integrating green practices.
kerngreen.org

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

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.

Keep California Beautiful
Dedicated to innovative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach.
keepcaliforniabeautiful.org

Kern River Conservancy
To implement educational initiatives focused on conservation, native trout preservation and community outreach.
kernriverconservancy.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

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

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 Mutt’s 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 releasing 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

Sand Creek Rescue
An all-bred 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.
sequiaforestkeeper.org

Sequoia Riverlands Trust
To inspire love and lasting protection for important lands.
sequiariverlands.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.
theccatpeople.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.
wildlandscconservancy.org

Whiskers Paws Hooves and Claws Animal Advocacy
Dedicated to rescue and rehabilitation, specializing in livestock and equine fostering, emergency response, and community service.
hooves-paws.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-fund-raising campaign through which non-profits 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 includes Volunteer Week in mid-April, elicitis 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-g!”

Give Big Kern
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 Daniels, a retired partner of the accounting firm Daniels, Phillips, Vaughan & Bock, is hired as President and CEO.

2002
Joins the League of California Community Foundations.

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.

2012
Recognizes Martin and Nadene Steinert with the very first “Spirit of Philanthropy” Award.

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

2015
Launches Nonprofit Endowment Partnership.

2017
Publishes 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 list is also printed in the December issue of Bakersfield Life Magazine.

2018
Give Big Kern breaks records for most dollars raised ($234,001, most agencies participating (119), most donors engaged (1,779) and most volunteer hours logged (52,000).

2019
Launches Jumpstart Fund raising 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

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

Alzheimer’s Association
To eliminate Alzheimer’s through re-
search; provide support for all affected;
and to reduce dementia through brain health.
alz.org/local

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 cardiovas-
cular diseases and stroke.
heart.org

Make a difference

$2,500  Provides a chemotherapy chair for Kern Medical Foundation.

$1,000  Enables Pacific Health Educa-
tion 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 care 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.

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

Bakersfield Birth Network
Providing families with positive birth op-
tions through education and resources.
bakersfieldbirthnetwork.com

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

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

Bakersfield Recovery Services
(Jason’s Retreat/Captiveño Community for Women)
Assisting our clients in their recovery
from substance abuse to become happy,
healthy and productive citizens of our community.
jasonstreetreat.com

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

Central Valley Lactation Association
Providing educational opportunities for
local lactation professionals, and a forum
for them to exchange clinical informa-
tion, and connect and collaborate profes-
sionally.
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 Hospi-
tals in Bakersfield California.
supportfriendsformercy.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 en-
hance the well-being of affected people
and their families.
hinapatelfoundation.org

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

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 support-
ing programs that will have a positive
impact on patients and our community.
kvhfd.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.
lknsforlife.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 car-
diac arrest in children and young adults in
order to keep young hearts beating.
olivasharheartproject.org

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

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

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

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

Tigerfight 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 affili-
ated 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.
valleyfeverx.com

Jumstart
Offered as a true public-private partnership among Kern CommunityFoundation, Network for Good, and the Kern County Board of Supervisors, “Jumstart” 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 Supervisors 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 Jumstart, participating nonprofits com-
mmit to making a skin-in-the-
game investment of time
and money (an affordable $79 per month during
the program’s duration) toward imple-
menting a revenue-generating model
that welds the high-touch nurturing
and cultivation of long-term relation-
ships with individual donors to the
high-tech use of donor development
software to help them diversify
and expand their funding streams.

Jumstart is truly the type of Non-
profit 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. 
[aculoscal.org](http://aculoscal.org)

**AHH (A Helping Hand)**
Helping people to help themselves. 
[ahhhelpinghand.org](http://ahhhelpinghand.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](http://kernalliance.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.

**Alternatives to Violence Project**
To empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation and trust. 
[artcalifornia.org](http://artcalifornia.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](http://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](http://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](http://aspiranet.org)

**Assistance League of Bakersfield**
To serve the community through ongoing philanthropic programs. 
[asistanceleague.org/Bakersfield](http://asistanceleague.org/Bakersfield)

**Autism Society-Kern Autism Network**
To provide support, awareness, information and education to families and the public in Kern. 
[kernautism.org](http://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](http://barc-inc.org)

**Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation**
Supporting education and health locally and internationally through Rotary’s Avenues of Service. 
[portal.clubrunner.ca/2017](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2017)

**Bakersfield Homeless Center**
To provide support and resources to families and individuals in crisis while helping them to achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. 
[bahhc.org](http://bahhc.org)

**Bakersfield Senior Center**
To provide assistance and educational, nutrition and fellowship activities to senior citizens of Bakersfield, California, so they can live long and stronger, healthy lives. 
[bakersfieldseniorcenter.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://blessingboxfoundation.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. 
[cfcinc.org](http://cfcinc.org)

**California Recreation Foundation**
Furthers California community development and good citizenship through recreation. 
[onespaadayoutbackpackers.org](http://onespaadayoutbackpackers.org)

**California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.**
To fight for justice and individual rights alongside the most exploited communities of our society. 
[crla.org](http://crla.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](http://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](http://kerncasa.org)

**Catholic Charities of Bakersfield**
Respecting the presence of God among us, we serve, advocate for and empower those in need. 
[cffof.org](http://cffof.org)

**Central California Food Bank**
To fight hunger in Central California by gathering and distributing food to those in need. 
[ccfoodbank.org](http://ccfoodbank.org)

**Covenant Community Services**
Providing hope and love to restore lives and transform generations. 
[coventures.net](http://coventures.net)

**Desert Area Resources and Training**
To provide service to people who have disabilities or other special needs, so they can pursue their dreams. 
[desertontarget.org](http://desertontarget.org)

**Dolores Huerta Foundation**
To create a network of organized communities pursuing social justice through systemic and structural transformation. 
[doloreshuerta.org](http://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](http://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. 
[kernec.org](http://kernec.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](http://faithinthevalley.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](http://fairygodmotherfoundation.org)

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[faithinthevalley.org](http://faithinthevalley.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](http://capk.org)

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Human Services and Community Benefit

**Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development**
To promote rural and economic prosperity in rural communities through education.
[farmerworkerinstitute.org](http://farmerworkerinstitute.org)

**Flood Bakersfield Ministries**
Providing permanent housing and supportive services to ensure housing stability for the street homeless population.
[floodbako.com](http://floodbako.com)

**Foster Parent Training Center for Homes of Hope**
Striving to meet the unique needs of those we serve in a professional, compassionate, caring and gracious manner, because no child is beyond hope.
[homesofhopebakersfield.com](http://homesofhopebakersfield.com)

**Foundation for Second Chances**
Utilizing hands-on education, mentoring, comprehensive, caring and gracious manner, to empower all.
[ffscinc.org](http://ffscinc.org)

**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](http://goldenempiregleaners.com)

**Goodwill Industries of South Central California**
To provide work opportunities and skills development to people with barriers to employment.
[themgoodwill.org](http://themgoodwill.org)

**Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire**
Seeking to put God’s love into action to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.
[habitatbakersfield.org](http://habitatbakersfield.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.
[heartsr.org](http://heartsr.org)

**Henrietta Well Memorial Child Guidance Clinic**
Providing mental health and substance abuse services and the resources necessary to promote recovery for children, adults and families.
[hwgvc.org](http://hwgvc.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](http://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 an affordable housing site.
[kernopportunistyfoundation.org](http://kernopportunistyfoundation.org)

**Independence Through Grace**
Enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual disabilities through faith-based enrichment programs.
[istgac.org](http://istgac.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.
[ilckerncounty.org](http://ilckerncounty.org)

**Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation**
To enhance the economic prosperity and quality of life in the Indian Wells Valley.
[iwvcedc.com](http://iwvcedc.com)

**JF&CS**
Junior Family & Community Services
A network of member organizations committed to improving community well-being.
[jfscs.org](http://jfscs.org)

**JF&CS Kern County**
A network of member organizations committed to improving community well-being.
[jfscskern.org](http://jfscskern.org)

**Junior League of Bakersfield**
Envisioning, connecting, and empowering leaders for community transformation in Bakersfield.
[jjb.com](http://jjb.com)

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

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

**Kern 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.
[kernvalleyrfcenter.com](http://kernvalleyrfcenter.com)

**Kern Around the Clock Foundation**
Providing mental health and substance abuse support to local families with concerns ranging from medical, dental, parenting, and nutritional issues, to assistance with school readiness and referrals for utility costs.
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[k Kernvalleyrfcenter.com](http://k Kernvalleyrfcenter.com)

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

**Make-A-Wish Foundation of 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](http://centralca.wish.org)

**MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)**
To end drunk driving, help lighten the burden of drunk driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.
[madd.org](http://madd.org)

**MARE Riding Center**
Providing therapeutic equine-assisted activities for people living with special needs.
[mareridingcenter.com](http://mareridingcenter.com)

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

**Mexican American Foundation of Kern**
To provide assistance and activities that promote self-sufficiency, while preserving the pride, values and heritage of the Mexican American culture.
[maof.org](http://maof.org)

**Mohers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)**, Kern County
To end drunk driving, help lighten the burden of drunk driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.
[madd.org](http://madd.org)

**Mountain Communities Family Resource Center**
With our partners, we enrich families, enhance community and empower youth.
[mcrfc.org](http://mcrfc.org)

**Nam (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** Kern County Chapter
To provide support, education and advocacy for those with mental illness and their loved ones.
[namiskerncounty.org](http://namiskerncounty.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](http://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](http://norfun.org)

**Olddale Community Action Team**
Restoring hope in Olddale and Greater Bakersfield through community activities and partnerships with local government and community agencies.
[facebook.com/olddalecommunityactionteam](http://facebook.com/olddalecommunityactionteam)

**Olddale Leadership Alliance**
Envisioning, connecting, and empowering leaders for community transformation in Olddale.
[olddaleleadershipalliance.org](http://olddaleleadershipalliance.org)

**Oildale Leadership Action Team**
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[olddaleleadershipalliance.org](http://olddaleleadershipalliance.org)
Some of the benefits to the community are:

- Limiting food waste.
- Helping to meet Kern County’s great needs: poverty, homelessness, hunger, and low-attainment, poor air quality.
- Stimulating Kern’s economy by bringing new dollars into the county.
- Providing a market for farmers.

How does crop gifting work?

- Start by identifying your 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.
- 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 a new fund where net proceeds from the crop sale are deposited.

For more information, contact any of the 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.

The Aera Energy Fund

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

Since the establishment of The Aera Energy Fund at Kern Community Foundation in 2003, we have had the privilege of managing more than $3.6 million in community grants for Aera Energy.

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 endowed funds. 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.

• 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
• C5UB Foundation
• Friends of Mercy Foundation: Community Care Clinic
• Golden Empire Gleaners
• Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
• Kern County 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. Pyles 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
• Taft College Foundation: Oilworker Monument Design & Installation
• United Way of Kern County
• Ventura Community Partners Foundation
• Westside Recreation & Park District

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

Aera Gallery

Endowed Funds

The Cat People

United Way of Kern County

CASA of Kern County

Golden Empire Gleaners

Bakersfield Christian High School

Join us to make our community a better place!

The remainder is reinvested back into a portion of the fund’s annual earnings. or program each year by spending only Foundation support the named cause fund. Endowed funds at Kern Community...
Thank You to Our Donors

Robert C. and Doreen Boyle
Abrams Fund
Aera Energy Fund
AFG Project Fund
Dr. Joseph E. Anderson
Scholarship Fund
Peter Anthony Catholic
Education Fund
Arthritis Association of Kern
County Fund
Arvin Union Congregational
Church Scholarship Fund
Arvin Women’s Club
Scholarship Fund
Arvin Women’s Club - Ellen
Kovacevich Scholarship Fund
Bailey Schweitzer Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Bakersfield Aquatics
Center Fund
Bakersfield ARC Foundation
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Class of 1957 - Ron Robison
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Scholarship Fund
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Charitable Fund
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Endowment Fund
Heart Never Forgets
Endowment Fund
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Scholarship Fund
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Charitable Fund
Merle Haggard Musical
Scholarship Fund
Fred and Virginia Hamisch
Charitable Fund
Honor Run Scholarship Fund
JLBO Community Center Fund
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Kayli Memorial Fund
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Counselors Scholarship Fund
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Endowment Fund
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Endowment Fund
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Endowment Fund
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Fund
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Endowment Funds
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Endowment Fund
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Church Foundation Funds
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