2024 COMMUNITY Giving Guide



KERN COMMUNITY

Growing community. Growing philanthropy.

The benefits of partnering with

KERN COMMUNITY O U N D A T I O N

Kern Community Foundation's Nonprofit Strengthening Initiative begins with us holding the nonprofit organizations listed in our Community Giving Guide to high standards of transparency and accountability.

This involves:

- · Registering with Kern Community Foundation through our online registration and grants platform, and
- · Achieving a transparency rating of Silver or higher on Guidestar.org by Candid, 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 its interactive online companion, the Nonprofit Search engine on our website, kernfoundation.org, registered organizations are eligible to apply for Foundation grants and enjoy our wide range of programs and services showcased in the following pages.

Nonprofit Strengthening happens as we empower our partners with the increased Visibility, Capacity and Sustainability that allows the to thrive. This Guide includes descriptions of nonprofits serving Kern County, along with their web address, so that potential donors, volunteers and advocates can engage with any one of them.

There are five categories:

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

Get to know Kern County's diverse nonprofit community and find your passion!

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.

Introduction

Dear Stakeholders,

I am thrilled to introduce the 2023-2024 Community Giving Guide for the Kern Community Foundation. This year's guide reflects our commitment to modernize our operations to function better in today's digital, post-COVID landscape. We have streamlined our processes, leveraged technology to increase our efficiency, and built partnerships with local nonprofits, donors, and community leaders to create a more vibrant and sustainable Kern County.

At the Kern Community Foundation, we believe that a strong and resilient community is one that invests in its people, particularly those who are most vulnerable. To that end, we have identified three strategic initiatives that guide our work: nonprofit strengthening, educational attainment, and community engagement. These initiatives reflect our core values and vision for a more equitable and inclusive Kern County.

Nonprofit Strengthening We recognize that strong and effective nonprofits are critical to the success of our community. That's why we have launched several initiatives to help local nonprofits develop the skills, tools, and resources they need to thrive. We offer capacity-building workshops, technical assistance, and grants to help nonprofits improve their operations, governance, and sustainability. Our goal is to ensure that nonprofits can continue to serve our community for generations to come.

Educational Attainment Education is the foundation of a thriving community. We believe that every person in Kern County deserves access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for success in life. That's why we have invested in programs that promote educational attainment, particularly among low-income students and first-generation college students. We work with local schools and nonprofits to provide scholarships, mentoring, and other support services that help students achieve their academic and career goals.

Community Engagement We believe that everyone has a role to play in building a stronger and more vibrant Kern County. That's why we have created several opportunities for community members to get involved in philanthropy, volunteerism, and civic engagement. Give Big Kern, our annual 24-hour online giving day, has become a community-wide celebration of giving that has raised millions of dollars from thousands of donors for hundreds of local nonprofits. Our fiscal sponsorship program allows individuals and organizations to develop new nonprofits and charitable activities with the support of the Foundation's administrative infrastructure. And our Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program provides job training and employment opportunities to young people in our community.

Kern Community Foundation Board of Directors

Aaron Falk	Carlos Sanchez
Tanya Alsheikh	Jeffrey Gutierrez
Justin Leland	Kristen Beall Watse

As we embark on a new year of community giving, I commend our partners and stakeholders, including nonprofits, donors, local schools, and government officials, for their tireless work and dedication to our community. Your commitment to Kern County is inspiring, and we are honored to work alongside you to create a brighter future for all.

I also express my deep gratitude to the Foundation's staff and Board of Directors for their hard work and leadership during these challenging times. Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to our mission and vision. We have adapted to new challenges, leveraged technology to increase our impact, and built new partnerships to create a more resilient and equitable Kern County.

As you explore the 2023-2024 Community Giving Guide, you will be inspired by the stories of hope, resilience, and impact that are unfolding every day in our community. I invite you to join us in our work to build a stronger, more vibrant Kern County for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Aaron Falk Kern Community Foundation President and CEO

son

Glenda Garcia Joe Gregory Lydia Chaney

Vincent Oddo Jay Hershey III Laura Loller Wolfe



Thank you for making a difference

Every day, devoted volunteers in our town give amazing gifts of resources and time to help our neighbors grow stronger.

We offer our gratitude to the generous donors and devoted volunteers across Kern County and the Kern Community Foundation for their unlimited spirit and contribution to building a better community for us all. It's this heartfelt connection that can make a difference in our community and beyond.

Visit us at bankofamerica.com/about.

KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

What We Do:

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.

Special Initiatives:

Women Educate

The Women's and Girls' Fund

A Leadership Initiative of KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



BAKERSFIELD YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM



To learn more about which opportunities are available please visit: www.kernfoundation.org/byjp



Growing community. Growing philanthropy.

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 local causes since 1999.

Women Empower Women Endow Women Mentor

Since 2005. The Women's and Girls' Fund has transformed the lives of women and girls in Kern County by mobilizing the power and passion of women working together.

Through collective giving, The Women's and Girls' Fund endowment has grown to over \$2.3 million. Since its first grantmaking in 2008, The Women's and Girls' Fund has awarded over 50 competitive grants, nearing \$675,000, to nonprofits serving women and girls in Kern County. The WGF committee works by consensus and makes thoughtful decisions that result in grants that focus on root causes and long-term solutions to improve the lives of Kern's women and girls.



Thanks to a \$5.39 million grant from California Volunteers and the Office of the Governor, a key partnership was formed between Kern Community Foundation and the City of Bakersfield. Kern Community Foundation administers Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP) which serves to hire approximately 400 youth starting in June 2022 to June 2026, to work in public and nonprofit sectors. The program provides job training, case management, and mentorship to underserved youth to bolster our future workforce. An array of entry-level positions and career paths has been identified in City departments and nonprofit organizations. These pathways provide both hands-on and technical training to equip youth with experience and knowledge to prepare them for future permanent employment.

BYJP offers several paid programs including a high school summer internship program, a college-level fellowship program, internships with the City's Parks Mobile team, and internships with local nonprofits. In addition to providing youth with meaningful, temporary jobs, BYJP offers them with a suite of wrap-around benefits. Interns and Fellows receive professional development workshops which provide opportunities to connect with different City departments and develop hard and soft skills within their careers. The dedicated BYJP staff also provide interns with workshops with topics including resume building, mock job interviews, goal setting, communication skills, and leadership.

Donor-Advised Funds

What is a Donor-Advised Fund?

A donor-advised fund is an easy and tax-friendly way to support your favorite nonprofit organizations or areas of interest. You can give assets like money, stocks, or real estate and get a tax deduction immediately. Then, you can help your favorite community projects or nonprofits whenever possible.

Over time, your initial charitable contribution can grow without taxes, and you can give your money to nonprofits, making a real difference whenever you want.

Why Choose a Donor-Advised Fund?

Donor-advised funds have become one of the most popular ways to make the most impact with your charitable money. Picking a donor-advised fund with a community foundation has many advantages. Kern Community Foundation has a deep understanding of the local community and experienced professionals. They make giving easy, offer tax benefits, and allow flexible giving. Plus, you can involve your family and leave a lasting legacy. It also connects you to a network of people and groups working to improve the community, and your fund gets professional investment management.

Here's How:



Put your money or assets into your fund, and you'll get a tax break immediately.



KCF invests your money to make it grow and do more good for the causes you care about.



You can send your money to nonprofits that help the causes you care about.



Establishing Your Legacy

Starting an endowment, or permanent fund, with a planned gift is a smart, flexible, and tax-efficient way to ensure that the causes you care deeply about will continue to benefit from your generosity for a long time.

By making a planned gift to a legacy fund or a Foundation program endowment fund, you can provide for your loved ones and support the causes and organizations that matter to you. Our philanthropic advisors are experts at helping you figure out the best planned giving strategy to meet your goals. We'll collaborate with you and your professional advisors, such as estate attorneys, CPAs, and wealth advisors, to maximize your tax benefits and your positive impact on the community.

If you are interested in opening a fund, please email us at info@kernfoundation.org or call us at 661-325-5346.



By considering planned gifts, you gain the flexibility to:



Specify a certain amount or percentage in your will or living trust.



Leave your "residuary" estate what's left after other bequests have been fulfilled.





Allocate the remainder of your assets, once you and your heirs have been taken care of, through a charitable remainder trust.



Designate your fund as a beneficiary for your IRA.

ARTS & CULTURE



Bakersfield Art Association

Opportunity for study & improvement of art technique, encourage art in community, offer art scholarships, & exhibition of member 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 and create a fire- and emergency-safe community. bfdhistory.com

What Your Help Does

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

To inspire and engage diverse audiences by providing creative visual art experiences through exhibitions, art education, community outreach, and special events. bmoa.org

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra To unify and celebrate our diverse community through shared musical experiences. bsonow.org

Creative Crossing Co-Create

To empower artists and communities by equipping artists with the tools necessary to recreate communities through all forms of artistry.

creativecrossing.org

Dance Fitness Academy & Healing Arts To use therapeutic benefits of art for fiscal and mental wellness to create a difference in the community.

academyofdfa.com

Dat Krew

To inspire today's youth through art and expression providing a healthy, creative, and social alternative world wide. datkrewacademy.org

Desert Community Orchestra

Presents symphonic concerts and support music education and community activities, including youth performances and college scholarships.

desertcommunityorchestra.weebly.com

Empty Space Productions

Providing affordable, professional quality live theatre to Kern County and creating opportunities for artists to study and improve their craft. esonline.org

Friends of the Tehachapi Depot

To educate the public on the history and impact of the railroad in our communities and geographic area. tehachapidepot.com

Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert

To collect, preserve, protect artifacts on the cultural history of region, and to educate for public benefit historical material and buildings. hsumd.org

KAXL 88.3 Life FM

Using Christian Music and compelling media in a culturally relevant way to encourage faith and unite our community. kaxl.com

Kern County Museum Foundation

To showcase the history of this remarkable part of California, through Preservation, Education, and Celebration, kerncountymuseum.org

Kern County Scottish Society

To promote and preserve Scottish heritage and culture. kernscot.org

Kern Dance Alliance

Advocacy organization supporting and promoting dance and the arts in Kern County, CA. kerndance.org

Kern River Paiute Council

Preserving, restoring, and teaching Native American culture, history and traditions for educational, ceremonial and social activities.

nuuicunni.com

Kern River Valley Art Association

To provide opportunities, resources and exhibition venues for artists with an emphasis on art education and emerging artists.

krvaa.org

quality music. rcchambermusic.org



· Bakersfield Art Association - \$1,000 will support either a high school or college student pursuing art education or help one or two teachers improve their art programs.

• Empty Space - \$100 helps provide free tickets for 10 people for one performance.

- · Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert \$50 will pay for an educational presentation to elementary school-age children on historical materials.
- Ken River Valley Historical Society \$100 would sponsor an outdoor informational sign for our displays.

• Ridge Route Communities Museum & Historical Society - \$300 will cover our public summer patio programs.

Kern River Valley Historical Society

To preserve and communicate the history of the Kern River Valley and the surrounding Southern Sierra communities. kernvalleymuseum.org

LQ's Performing Arts Center

To provide the most professional instruction of the Performing Arts while emphasizing the proper technique and creativity to all ages.

Maturango Museum of Indian Wells Valley

lqspac.org

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

Petroglyph Educational Foundation, Inc.

To raise public awareness about significance of Native American History, culture and rock art, and importance of protecting these NA contributions. rpfestival.com

Ridge Route Communities Museum & Historical Society

Collecting and preserving the history and artifacts in the mountains south of Bakersfield and north of Castaic. ridgeroutemuseum.org

Ridgecrest Chamber Music Society

To promote education and awareness of genre of chamber music and provide community members access to high

Shafter Historical Society Inc.

To research and publish local history and to collect and exhibit artifacts relating to the history of Shafter. shafterdepotmuseum.org

The Arts Council of Kern

To provide support, and promote arts access, advocacy, and education for all Kern County residents and visitors. kernarts.org

The Fox Theater Foundation

Enhance the quality of life in Kern County through the effective operation of the Historic Fox Theater as the area's premier cultural center.

thebakersfieldfox.com

The Green Hotel Restoration Foundation

To preserve the Hotel and historic oak and provides access to the community. thegreenhotel.org

The Hub of Bakersfield

Committed to redefining + revitalizing Bakersfield, California's urban core. thehubofbakersfield.org

Valley Public Radio

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

White Wolf Wellness Foundation

Enhancing community wellness, arts, mindfulness and culture through Okihi. an outdoor riverfront mindful retreat space.

whitewolfwellness.org

EDUCATION & 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. aankc.org

African Children's Schools

To build schools for rural children in Africa in areas where there is no public education available.

africanchildrensschools.org

Atheletes' Advantage Academy

Dedicated to the radical optimization of human health, physical fitness, and athletic performance. a3bakersfield.com

Bags4Kids

To provide comfort bags to displaced children. bags4kids.org

Bakersfield College Foundation

Creating partnerships and building support for the benefit of students, staff, and faculty at Bakersfield College. supportbc.org

What Your Help Does

Bakersfield High School Endowment Fund

To support the arts, athletics, activities and clubs at BHS, in pursuit of a full and enriching academic experience for every student.

bakersfield.kernhigh.org

Bakersfield Ivy Legacy Foundation, Inc. To collaborate with local agencies to secure & manage resources for educational, leadership & 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



Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County

Bakersfield Parent Nursery To encourage and promote education through parent, child and family involvement in our school and community. bakersfieldparentnursery.com

• Bakersfield Ivy Legacy Foundation - \$100 will provide a single book scholarship for one graduating high school senior, assisting with textbook expenses.

- Dreams and Hope for the Children \$150 will sponsor a child to attend our mindful coping skills workshop. This will include food and workbook. Serving low-income families.
- Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation \$200 provides fencing equipment for one child.

· League of Dreams - \$30 will pay for a uniform, pictures and trophy for one athlete.

Bakersfield Police Activities League To guide at-risk youth through guality educational and athletic after-school programs. akersfieldpal.org

Bakersfield Sister City Project Corporation

To promote peace and global awareness through cultural and social interaction with citizens of Bakersfield's Sister Cities around the world.

bakersfieldsistercity.org

Best Buddies

Providing opportunities for friendship, leadership, and employment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

bestbuddies.org

Bitwise Impact

To uplift communities by driving innovations in workforce and economic development, creating a more equitable society.

bitwiseindustries.com



& Law.

Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council

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. bgclubsofkerncounty.org

To prepare young people to make ethical & moral choices over their lifetime by

instilling the values of the Scout Oath

Buena Vista Museum of Natural History

To educate, engage, and inspire our community, to explore the wonders of science, through enrichment activities, exhibits and special programs. buenavistamuseum.org

California State University Bakersfield **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

California State University, Bakersfield Foundation

Advocating for CSUB to government and to the community, and fundraising for CSUB programs and activities. csub.edu

Centennial High School Athletic Booster Club

A passionate group of parents, community members and fans who want to see CHS's athletics be the best it can be. facebook.com/redzoneboosterclub

Cerro Coso Community College Foundation

To support access, success, and excellence for students, faculty, and staff at Cerro Coso Community College. cerrocoso.edu/foundation

Charmed & Chosen

To provide resources, assistance, mentorship, life skills, job/college preparation, financial literacy to individuals and communities in need. charmedandchosen.org

Child Guidance Guild of Bakersfield, Inc.

To provide resources to help children with emotional and behavioral problems. bakersfieldguildhouse.org



Children to Love International To provide hope for suffering children in the name of Jesus. childrentolove.ora

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

Dreams and Hope for the Children To empower and encourage our youth to excel beyond one's mind and limitations. dreamsandhopeforthechildren.org

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

Family Life Pregnancy Center

To educate and empower women & men facing pregnancy related decisions. familylifepc.org

Farmer Veteran Coalition To mobilize veterans to feed America. farmvetco.org

First Responders Children's Foundation To help children of first responders through financial assistance, scholarships, and mental health resources. 1strcf.org

Flight Test Museum Foundation To support the development of the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edwards AFB and Blackbird Airpark Annex at USAF Plant 42 in Palmdale. afftcmuseum.org



EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Friends of Kern County Library To support programs at all Kern County library branches. kerncountylibrary.org

Get Focused, Stay Focused

To ensure that every student graduates high school with an informed career choice and up-to-date ten-year plan. getfocusedstayfocused.org

Girl Scouts CCS

(Girl Scouts of Central California South) Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. girlscoutsccs.org

Golden Empire Youth Tackle Football & Cheer Inc.

To provide a competitive youth tackle football program as well as a Sideline youth cheer program for elementary and junior high school students. geyf.org

Guardians Around The Earth

Providing STEM edu-care for our youth, caring education and action for our environment and supporting caregivers of community and/or family life. guardiansaroundtheearth.org

Heritage Oak School

To educate, promote, establish, and equip students in the classical approach to education in light of a Christian world view.

heritageoakschool.info

Inspiring Adolescence, Inc. Cultivating a dynasty of leaders.

Jim Burke Education Foundation

To provide opportunities for students to excel by enhancing educational and leadership development opportunities through scholarships, grants and match. jimburkeeducationfoundation.org

KEEP Foundation

To promote and support Camp KEEP through various fundraising efforts. campkeep.org

Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation Providing children with fencing training as a reward for 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 Community Tennis Association

Enabling student athletes from low-income families to enjoy the physical, social, and academic benefits of participating in their high school's athletic program by providing them with the necessary equipment and instruction. kerntennis.org

Kern County 4-H Clubs

Engaging youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development. ucanr.edu/sites/4hfoundation

Kern County Historical Society

A countywide membership organization founded in 1931, for persons interested in Kern County history. kernhistoricalsociety.org

Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Benefiting physically and mentally challenged children in Kern County. kcs-mp.com





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

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

Kern Economic Development Foundation

Dedicated to connecting education initiatives, community partnerships, and business leaders on projects to develop the local workforce to meet the needs of the local economy. kedf.org

Kern Literacy Council

Empowering individuals to improve the quality of their lives through literacy education.

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

our community. kernlatinas.org

disabilities.

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

Skills to Last a Lifetime.

during World War II. minterfieldairmuseum.com

(PIQE)

pige.org

Latina Leaders of Kern County

To foster leadership, to identify and develop opportunities for Latinas, and to influence key issues affecting

League of Dreams, Inc.

To give every child a chance to play by providing sporting opportunities to children with physical and developmental

ourleagueofdreams.com

Lightwave Education

Matrix Entrepreneur Academy

matrixentrepreneuracademy.org

Minter Field Air Museum Inc

To educate the public about the important role that Minter Army Air Field played

OTD (Order of the Dragon)

Self-Defense Foundation

To offer low-cost self-defense classes to children, with an emphasis on discipline and respect, and to help them become better citizens.

orderofthedragon.com

Parent Institute for Quality Education

To provide families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential.

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

Right to Life of Kern County

Informing the public on life-affirming alternatives to abortion by engaging in public education, campus outreach, and grassroots lobbying efforts. rtlkc.org

Safe Haven Kids League of California City

To provide after-school programs for Greater California City area. safehavenkidsleague.org

Shamrock Community Foundation

Providing access to higher education through college planning services and by promoting literacy, family connectedness, and health and wellness.

shamrockplanning.org/ communityfoundation

South Kern Sol

Elevating youth's voice for health and racial equity through Kern County's nonprofit, non-partisan youth-led newsroom.

southkernsol.org

Southwest Community Nursery School Parent co-operative that emphasizes

the learn through play experience. facebook.com/southwestcns

STARBASE Edwards

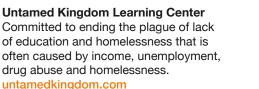
Raising public awareness of the need for scientific and engineering literacy and exemplary teaching practices in STEM education. starbase-edwards.org



Kern Community Tennis Association

EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT





Upside Academy, Inc.

To provide volunteer and community service opportunities for youth ages 12 through 18 in Kern County. upsideacademyinc.org

Valley PBS

Enriches, educates, and strengthens our diverse Valley community through the power of public service media. valleypbs.org

Villagers, Inc.

Providing a safe haven where inner-city youth are empowered to exercise leadership skills in their communities, and succeed in their personal lives. facebook.com/villagersinc

Walk 2 Freedom Inc

Build healthy relationships and overcome resistance through spiritual counseling and deliverance.

walk2freedom.org

Watch Them Rise

Empowering at-risk girls to be leaders in their communities by teaching them skills through our rescue horse program. watchthemrise.org

Westchester Kiwanis Foundation Providing services to benefit underprivileged children and veterans in Kern County.

westchesterkiwanis.org

Word for Word Ministries, Inc.

Helping students memorize the Bible "in context," with the LISTEN-SING-READ-WRITE-RECITE method for private and home schools. biblesong.com

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

Youth Connection, Inc. Redirection by Connection. youthconnectionkern.org

Youth for Christ of Kern County Meeting the needs of young people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually throughout Kern County. yfckern.org





Reagan Lee Shibata was born in Ridgecrest, California and now lives in the Kern River Valley. She received the Kern River Valley Community Fund Scholarship. Reagan enjoys sports, playing guitar, listening to music, painting, and spending time with her family. She graduated from Kern River Valley High in 2022 and is currently studying radiological technology at Bakersfield College. Reagan completed the year-long City Hall Fellowship Program with the Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program. She is passionate about helping others and making the world a better place. In high school, she played basketball and softball and was part of the Future Farmers of America.

Reagan is grateful for the opportunities provided by Kern Community Foundation. She said, "This scholarship was the best one I received. Without it, I couldn't continue my education because of the cost." Reagan appreciates that Kern Community Foundation didn't just give her the money and leave her to figure things out on her own; they guided her throughout the process.

Apryl Tovar is a first-generation college student who loves dogs and calls Bakersfield her hometown. She was awarded the Kern Futures Renewable Scholarship, which has helped her pursue her dreams. Currently, Apryl is working towards her master's degree in public administration at CSUB. Her goal is to make a positive impact on students in her community and other communities like hers, and to break the cycle of generational challenges. Apryl completed the year-long City Hall Fellowship Program, which is a part of the Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program.

Apryl graduated from Arvin High School, where she actively participated in the Associated Student Body and Spanish Club. She earned a full-ride scholarship to Union College, a private liberal arts college in New York. At Union College, Apryl excelled in her studies and earned a double major in psychology and anthropology with honors.

Apryl's journey is an inspiration to all. She demonstrates the power of education and the value of embracing new opportunities. With her dedication and passion for making a difference, Apryl is determined to create a better future for herself and her community.



Kern Community Foundation is proud to partner with the **Bank of America** through their **Student Leader program**, a vital initiative that has been part of our commitment to youth employment and economic mobility. Nationwide, this program extends its impact, providing over 3,400 teens and young adults with summer job opportunities across 91 nonprofits.

The program equips diverse, community-minded young students with the skills and experiences needed to thrive in the workforce. Through leadership training and an eight-week paid summer internship with local nonprofits, Bank of America Student Leaders gain invaluable hands-on experience. In Kern County alone, over 50 students are connected to opportunities with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County, Garden Pathways, Kern Economic Development Corp., and Taft College.



STEMTaught Foundation

To create a more vibrant, innovative future for our youth by providing schools with STEM supplies, curriculum, training and support.

stemtaughtfoundation.org

Taft College Foundation

Dedicated to supporting student success through fund raising and development of community relationships. taftcollege.edu/foundation

Teach Me Technology

To build a future pipeline of skilled technology workers. teachmetechnology.org

The Contreras Foundation

To promote family unity through fundraising events for Kern County education and community benefit. thecontrerasfoundation.com **There Is Hope For Me, Inc.** To provide virtual healing, purpose and

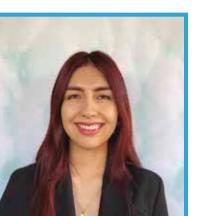
empowerment to survivors of human trafficking. thereishopeforme.org

Transitional Youth Mobilizing for Change (TYM4Change)

To empower youth to realize their potential and become assets to their community through learning, research, and action. tym4change.org

United Resources for Social Change, Inc.

Providing the student community with opportunities for achievement, enrichment, and service, in preparation for personal and academic success. supportstudentsuccess.org



Kern Futures Student Stories

Reagan Lee Shibata

Apryl Tovar

BANK OF AMERICA

ENVIRONMENT & ANIMALS



Almost Eden Rescue

Saving at-risk domestic animals and promoting spay/neuter, shots, and microchipping. almostedenrescue.com

Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry

Helping our community by providing temporary assistance of emergency pet food to families suffering financial hardships, low income seniors, disabled persons, and homeless individuals. bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org



Redemption Ranch

spay/neuter services. critterswithoutlitters.org

What Your Help Does

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California Breakfast Burritos - \$25 pays towards fuel to haul burros to visit an assisted living facility.

- · CALM \$300 will help care for one animal in CALM's wildlife Rehabilitation Center for one week.
- Kern River Conservancy \$100 pays for trash and portable toilet amenities in campsites along the Wild and Scenic Kern River to help ensure clean water quality for native trout and wildlife sustainability.

California City Animal Outreach

calcityaof.wixsite.com/ccaof

Supporting the California City Animal

Shelter and our local pet community.

California Living Museum Foundation

Supporting the California Living Museum,

Ensuring healthy waters and resilient wild

Consulting and Rescuing Equine

To provide a safe haven for equine and

companion animals, and to help owners

keep their animals for life by providing

consultingandrescuingequine.com

Kern County's native zoo and gardens.

Foundation

(CALM)

calmzoo.org

caltrout.org

(CARE). LLC

financial assistance.

Critters Without Litters

California Trout

fish for a better California.

- Redemption Ranch \$50 helps provide treats and toys for our pups.
- Tejon Ranch Conservancy \$500 will help sponsor community hikes and naturalist-led guided exploration for underserved youth at Tejon Ranch.

Equine Rescue Outakuntrol

Rescuing abandon, abused, slaughter bound horses, we provide life saving medical care and rehabilitation for adoption. outakuntrol.org

Fur Friends 4 Life

To help as many dogs as possible, educate the public on the importance of spay/neuter, and to one day have fewer dogs roaming our streets. furfriends4life.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

Have A Heart Humane Society

Providing rescue and low-cost vaccination and spay/neuter because cats and dogs enrich and heal our lives and deserve a caring home.

haveahearthumanesociety.org

Keep California Beautiful

Dedicated to alternative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach. keepcabeautiful.org

Keepers of the Kern

Restoring, protecting, and preserving the quality and uniqueness of the Wild and Scenic Kern River. keepersofthekern.org

Kern Audubon Society

To educate all age groups about the importance of birds and wildlife through outreach, field trips and citizen science. kernaudubonsociety.org Helping pets and pet owners with low-cost



Kern River Conservancy

Implementing our education initiatives focused on watershed conservation, responsible public land use, native trout preservation and community outreach. kernriverconservancy.org

Lifesavers, Inc.

Saving wild and domestic horses from abuse, neglect and slaughter, and providing healing programs to the public. wildhorserescue.org

Marigold Farms Inc

To contribute regeneratively grown produce, herbal remedies, and seedlings to the local community. marigoldfarms.wixsite.com/ pinehomestead

Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue To rescue, rehabilitate and rehome discarded/abused & forgotten animals. marleysmutts.org

Pacific Waterfowl Rescue

To rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome domestic ducks & geese. We also provide education to discourage "dumping" of ducks and geese in public areas. pacificwaterfowlrescue.org

Plumas Corporation

Fostering good land stewardship through education and restoration activities resulting in healthy forests, resilient watersheds and prosperous communities. plumascorp.org

Project Clean Air

Striving to enhance the community by improving air quality through education and collective action. projectcleanair.us

Quail Springs Permaculture

Empowering students of all ages and backgrounds with knowledge, skills and inspiration essential to cultivating ecological and social health. quailsprings.org

Redemption Ranch need of redemption.

foals and stallions. sandcreekrescue.org

Giant Sequoia. sequoiaforestkeeper.org

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

policy.

California (SNIP Bus) in animal shelters. snipbus.org

same time.

Rescuing animals to rescue people in redemptionranchca.org

Sand Creek Rescue, Inc

Primarily rescuing and giving hope to horses that are the most difficult to place: pregnant mares, mares with

Sequoia ForestKeeper

To protect and restore the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada - including both the Sequoia National Forest and the

Southern Sierra Research Station

To promote, facilitate, and disseminate biological research that informs conservation decisions and environmental

southernsierraresearch.org

Spay Neuter Imperative Project

Low-cost mobile spay & neuter clinic for poor pet owners in low-income zip codes. Our mission is to end the killing

Strength of Shadow Dog Rescue, Inc. To rescue dogs and save people at the

strengthofshadow.org

Tejon Ranch Conservancy

To preserve, enhance, and restore the native biodiversity and ecosystem values of the Teion Ranch and the Tehachapi Range for the 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.

hecatpeople.org

The Earth Organization

To resolve clean water supply issues, regenerate land, and bring about a healthier world for all. theearthorganization.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

Tree Foundation of Kern

To help improve our air quality, beautify our local landscape, promote physical and mental health through trees as well as educate our citizens about trees, their benefits and care.

treefoundationofkern.org

Trout Unlimited

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. tu.org

Western Rivers Conservancy

Conserving land along rivers to protect habitat for fish and wildlife, sources of cold water and provide public access. westernrivers.org

Whiskers, Paws, Hooves and Claws **Animals Advocacy**

Dedicated to horse rescue and rehabilitation, specializing in livestock and equine fostering, emergency response, and community service. hooves-paws.org





Empowering Kern County: **Give Big Kern Makes a Difference**

- Kern Community Foundation (KCF) is a nonprofit organization with a powerful mission: Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy. Our goal is to help make Kern County a better place to live, work, and visit by being a resource for local nonprofit organizations, donors, and businesses who want to do good.
- KCF's premier event is Give Big Kern. It happens every year on the first Tuesday of May and helps local nonprofit organizations raise money and volunteer hours. Since 2016, Give Big Kern has raised millions of dollars from thousands of donors for hundreds of local nonprofits.



Giving to nonprofits throughout Kern County

Give Big at the Park

The inaugural Give Big at the Park showcased over 60 nonprofits, informing the public about their mission.



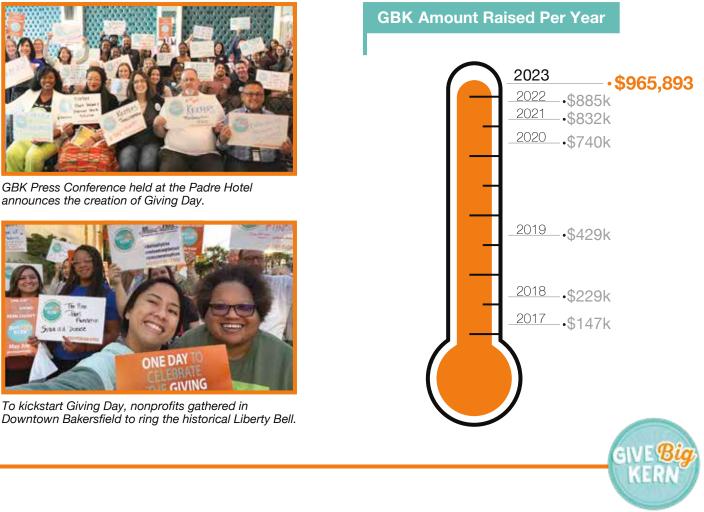
Give Big Kern gives people in Kern County a chance to support local organizations that make our region better. You can help by donating money online - every dollar makes a big difference - or by offering your time as a volunteer. Since 2016, Give Big Kern has raised over millions of dollars from thousands of donors for hundreds of local nonprofits and gathered thousands of pledge volunteer hours from people in our community. The money raised goes directly to the participating nonprofits to support their important work. To empower nonprofits, Give Big Kern offers workshops, marketing materials, incentive prizes, and free events for nonprofit organizations to help them succeed. All of this is possible because of the generous support from sponsors.

GBK Watch Party

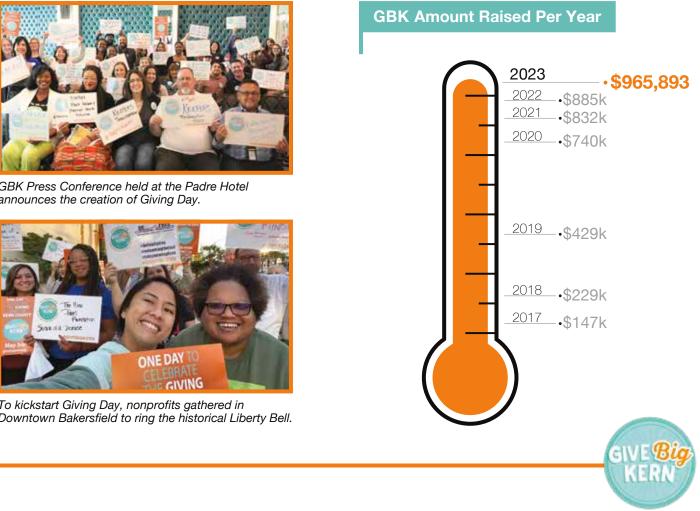
nonprofits on Giving Day.



- organizations helps these nonprofits get the resources they need to grow and make a lasting impact.
- and empower Kern County, one act of giving at a time.



announces the creation of Giving Day.



The annual Give Big Kern Watch Party at Temblor Brewing Company celebrates the hardworking



• Give Big Kern has been recognized for its outstanding contributions. It has won the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce's Beautiful Bakersfield Awards in 2019, 2020, and 2022. This award shows how Give Big Kern improves our community. In 2023, Give Big Kern has achieved its most successful year yet, raising a record-breaking \$965,893 for local nonprofits. 3,156 generous donors, benefiting 137 local nonprofits, supported Give Big Kern. The collaboration between Kern Community Foundation and community-based

· Remember, every donation makes a big difference in the lives of Kern County residents. By supporting Give Big Kern, you actively contribute to making our community stronger. To learn more or get involved, visit givebigkern.org. Together, we make a lasting impact

HEALTH



Advanced Center for Eyecare To offer high-quality eye care services to the uninsured, underinsured, and underserved local population. acecares.org

Adventist Health Bakersfield Living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. adventisthealth.org/bakersfield

Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. adventisthealth.org/tehachapi-valley

ALS Association Golden West Chapter To discover treatments and cures for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. alsagoldenwest.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

What Your Help Does

- · Advanced Center for Eyecare \$325 provides a child or adult in need with one comprehensive eye exam by a licensed optometrist and one free pair of glasses, including frames and lenses.
- · Global Family Network \$200 will provide 1 kit for our girls' empowerment clubs here in Kern County including crafts, games, journals and snacks.

Alzheimer's Disease Association of

To improve the lives of those in Kern

County affected by Alzheimer's disease

Voluntary health organization dedicated

to eliminating cancer as a major health

problem through research, education,

Kern County, Inc. (ADAKC)

American Cancer Society

American Heart Association

To build healthier lives free of

To fight hunger locally by using

sustainable practices through hands

on gardening, nutrition, and food bank

Apple Core Project Inc

applecoreprojectinc.com

cardiovascular disease and stroke.

and related disorders.

advocacy & service.

adakc.org

cancer.org

heart.org

partnerships.

• Kern County Cancer Foundation - \$250 provides one round trip in our shuttle for a child with cancer to their treatment in Madera or Los Angeles.

· Links for Life - \$100 will pay for one breast ultrasound.

· Public Safety Professionals Retreat (PSPR) - \$1,500 will cover the cost of supplies for a full retreat

Baby Café Bakersfield

Providing access to breastfeeding care and education for families in Kern County. babycafebakersfield.org

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation

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

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center

Empowering individuals to make healthy, life affirming choices regarding pregnancy and sexual health. bpcpartners.org

Bike Bakersfield

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

Black Infant Maternal Health Initiative Striving for birth equity through unity and empowerment kernbimhi.com





Bristol Hospice Foundation of California (Formerly Optimal Hospice Foundation) To fund hospice care services for the uninsured and support bereaved families with programs like Kids Camp. bristolhospicefoundationca.org

CSF Medical Nonprofit Foundation

To provide medical access to preventative health screenings to underinsured and uninsured individuals in Kern County. csffoundation.org

Foundation ThinkAgain

To significantly increase the functionality and improve the futures of pediatric cancer and brain tumor survivors by providing needed rehabilitation therapies. thinkagain.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

Hina Patel Foundation

To increase Sickle Cell Awareness and provide education and services to enhance 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 comfort the grieving. hoffmannhospice.org

Houchin Community Blood Bank

Kern County needs blood, platelets, and plasma so no one fears losing their life over a shortage. hcbb.com

complications. jdrf.org

kerndsn.org



JDRF Los Angeles Chapter (also serving Kern County)

Funding Type 1 Diabetes research, and improving lives by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure. prevent and treat T1D and its

Kern County Cancer Foundation

Assisting Kern County residents who need financial assistance in obtaining treatment for cancer and associated diseases. kerncountycancerfoundation.org

Kern Down Syndrome Network

Improving the quality of life and education for people with Down syndrome.

Kern Valley Hospital Foundation

To provide support to the Kern Valley Hospital by funding educational programs and services that will have a positive impact on patients, employees and the Kern Valley Community. kvhd.org/foundation

Learning Dynamics, Inc.

To make psychological and educational support affordable and attainable for all ages.

learningdynamicsinc.org

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society -**Central California**

To cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. ls.org/cca

Links for Life

To provide service to women and families affected by breast cancer. Fund diagnostic services for the detection of breast cancer. linksforlife.org

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Southern California & Nevada Chapter People affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS, restore function and end MS forever. nationalmssociety.org/chapters/cal

Nurse-Family Partnership

Empowering first-time mothers living in poverty to successfully change their lives and the lives of their children. nursefamilypartnership.org





Pacific Healthcare Services

To empower individuals, communities, and organizations to achieve an optimal state of brain-body wellness. pacifichealth.org

Partners in Care Foundation Shaping healthcare by partnering with organizations and families in the work of changing lives, communities, and healthcare system. picf.org

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Kern River Valley

Encouraging women to make life-giving choices by offering material assistance, spiritual care and peer counseling. prckrv.wixsite.com/wearehere

Public Safety Professionals Retreat (ProSPeR)

To assist First Responders with stress-related symptoms due to critical incidents -- to save careers, restore marriages, and prevent suicides. prosperetreat.com

Rising Star Riders

Serving the needs of children and adults with physical or emotional challenges. rsriders.org

Shielding the Frontline, Kern County, Inc.

Shielding and empowering our Kern County frontline emergency responders so they can thrive, reconnect and serve. shieldingthefrontline.org

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

To provide a comprehensive array of services to assist families with the challenges of the aging process. valleycrc.org

Valley Children's Health Care Foundation

To generate funds to support the goals of Valley Children's Healthcare and its

affiliated entities. valleychildrens.org/foundation

valleyfever.com

Valley Fever Americas Foundation

Fever as well as public awareness.

Funding of a vaccine and a cure for Valley



National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Southern California & Nevada Chapter

Kern Connected Community Network

The **Kern Connected Community Network (KCCN)** was established in 2020 as a local initiative aimed at addressing the social determinants of health and connecting individuals to community resources. Research has shown that 40 percent of a person's health outcomes are influenced by social and economic factors. By tackling these social needs, KCCN provides holistic care and supports individuals in achieving their best health and wellness. Since its inception, KCCN has successfully served over 3,000 clients and partnered with more than 140 organizations.

KCCN is built upon a collaborative network of community partners who exchange electronic referrals and monitor outcomes for vulnerable populations. A key component of this network is the technology platform Unite Us which simplifies the process of referring individuals to social services. It electronically connects an individual's entire "care team," enabling coordinated care and relieving clients from the burden of navigating these crucial services on their own.

Kern Community Foundation serves as the convener and fiscal agent for the Kern CCN. We bring together a diverse group of community-based organizations and agencies, fostering collaboration within the network. As we move forward, the Kern CCN aims to establish a more unified support system for Kern County. By equipping our community partners with the necessary tools, we can enhance their efficiency and effectiveness. Furthermore, the data generated through this network will contribute to improving community health outcomes.

Are you involved in supporting vulnerable populations? Would you like to be part of the Kern Connected Community Network and ensure seamless client referrals? We invite you to connect with us by reaching out to **info@kernfoundation.org**. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of individuals in our community.

Growing Resiliency Through Endowment

An **endowed fund** is held in perpetuity to support community needs. At Kern Community Foundation, we like to think of endowed funds as "for good, forever." The principal of an endowed fund is invested, not granted out. A portion of annual investment earnings, on the other hand, may be invested in the community as scholarships to students or grants to nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit or agency endowments may be used towards the organization's administrative or programmatic needs. Any earnings that remain are reinvested back into the fund. Over time, the principal of an endowed fund grows, and as it does, annual earnings grow as well, providing a consistent stream of support to the fund's intended cause or causes—forever. Some of the endowed funds at Kern Community Foundation are below.

Organizations with an asterisk have been set up in support of a specific organization and are considered **Agency Endowed Funds**. These local charities or causes understand the power of growing resiliency through endowment. Endowed funds are like insurance for a rainy day—or for seizing upon opportunities. They can provide funds when you need them most and are always an asset—never a liability.

- Arthritis Association of Kern County Fund
 Bakersfield ARC Foundation Endowment
- Bakersfield High School Endowment Fund
- Bakersfield Museum of Art Fund*
- Bakersfield Pregnancy Center Stewardshi
 Buena Vista Museum of Natural History & Science Fund*
- California Living Museum (CALM) Al Robbins Endowment Fund*
- Heart Never Forgets Endowment Fund*
- Kern River Preserve Stewardship Endown
- Leaders in Life Endowment Fund*
- Links for Life Legacy Endowment Fund*
- Peter Anthony Catholic Education Fund

It is easy to establish an endowed fund at Kern Community Foundation.

We offer a number of options to fit each donor's—or nonprofit's—philanthropic mission. To learn more about other ways to establish an endowed fund, contact us at **info@kernfoundation.org** or **661-325-5346**. Not ready to establish an endowed fund at this time? It is also easy to support any one of the endowed funds listed above. Simply go to our website, **kernfoundation.org**, click on the "Donate Now" button and choose the fund you wish to support. You can also make a donation over the phone using a major credit card. Just call us.



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	 The Women's and Girls' Fund at
	Kern Community Foundation
	 West High School Alumni Association
	Endowment Fund
	 Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation
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	 Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation -
	Global Gifts End*
	 Youth 2 Leaders Education Fund*



3C Capital Fund Inc.

Providing alternative access to business assistance, business resources and business funding sources for underserved populations 3ccf.org

A Dream Shared

To provide a place for people with disabilities a chance to learn, grow, and excel in life. adreamshared.org

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

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

What Your Help Does

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

To stop domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in Kern County and assist survivors in reclaiming their lives. kernalliance.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/kernchapter

Aqua-Nut Divers

To provide a transformative experience for disabled military veterans through scuba at no cost to them, providing a healthy outlet. aquanutdivers.com

Arms of Hope

To combat homelessness and substance abuse and assist people to achieve wholeness and be overcomers. facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100068307716938

Arranque Empresarial

Centered on community unity, increasing prosperity, and enhancing quality of life standards for Kern's Spanish-speaking community.

arranqueempresarial.org

ASL Junction

Striving to expand a community of signers, and empower all to communicate without limits

asljunction.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 Transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs. bakersfield.assistanceleague.org

Bags of Love Foundation

To provide hope to children affected by cancer, and their families. bagsoflovefoundation.com

Bakersfield Angels

Wrapping community around children and families in the foster care system through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.

bakersfieldangels.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 Black Dollar Initiative

To promote Awareness of Small Black owned businesses. bakersfieldblackdollarinitiative.com

Bakersfield Boxers & Bullies Rescue

Dedicated to Boxer and Pit bull breeds in Bakersfield, CA. Our main focus is education and helping people KEEP their dogs.

facebook.com/ bakersfieldboxersnbulliesrescue

Bakersfield Center for Pastoral Counseling (FACE-USA) Providing pastoral, professional, and peer counseling for Kern residents in need.

freeanglican.org

Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation

To provide grants, scholarships and allocations for community, national and international projects. bakersfieldeastrotary.org

Bakersfield Foundation

Serving as an avenue for the public to donate to projects and beautification efforts which benefit the community. bakersfieldcity.us

Bakersfield Recovery Services

Existing to serve people struggling with substance abuse. We strive to improve our community one life at a time by restoring hope to the hopeless. bakersfieldrecoveryservices.com

Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House

To provide comfort, care and support to children and families in Southern California.

rmhcsc.org/bakersfield

Bakersfield Senior Center, Inc.

To provide access to better healthcare, human services and prevention through socialization and education. bakersfieldseniorcenter.org

Bakersfield VA National Cemetery Support Committee

Enhancing the esthetics and promoting the final resting place for our nation's heroes at Bakersfield National Cemetery. bakersfieldnationalcemeterysup.com

Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

To put an end to homelessness in Kern County through collaborative planning and action. bkrhc.org





California Breakfast Burritos - \$50 assist in doing character building activities with clients.

- Dolores Huerta Foundation \$125 pays for one youth to attend a educational and leadership conference.
- Independence Through GRACE Foundation \$200 enables our participants to learn social skills through dance class for a month.
- Mountain Communities Family Resource Center, Inc. \$100 will fill our food pantry with over 1000 lbs. of food to serve our families with children and senior citizens.
- No Sister Left Behind \$300 can help to impact the health and well-being of Black women through programs, research, resources, and ongoing outreach efforts.



Be Finally Free

Focusing on the whole-person through an interactive approach that allows each participant to uncover his/her challenges and resolve them through personal and restorative change. befinallyfree.org

Be the Village

Providing services and resources to current foster youth and young adults to help them achieve their goals and network within the community.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news

Brenda Jean's Sober Living Facility

Residents will achieve self-sufficiency with structured support by helping in Brenda Jean's food pantry, soup kitchen, and/or internship programs. brendajeans.org

California Commission On Sexual Exploitation

To reduce criminal behavior by the application of evidence-based and trauma-informed services. calcose.com

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 Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

To fight for justice and individual rights alongside the most exploited communities of our society.

crla.org

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Kern County

To speak on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care process, through the use of highly trained volunteers.

kerncasa.org

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women

Innovative & holistic in approach, Casa Esperanza is a home for homeless women/children transitioning to independence. acebook.com/casaesperanzabakersfield



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

ccdof.org

CitvServe Network

Confronting the most entrenched needs of our communities through the local church, local businesses and local governments. cityservenetwork.com

Community Action Partnership of Kern

To address underlying causes of poverty, alleviates the effects, and promotes dignity and self-sufficiency in the communities we serve. capk.org

Community Action Partnership of Kern Foundation

To address the immediate funding needs of CAPK programs that serve people who are facing poverty and economic disadvantage.

capkfoundation.org

Comrades and Canopies Reinvigorating the lives of local veterans through the adrenaline and excitement

of skydiving. facebook.com/comradesNcanopies

Condor Community Foundation

Striving to enhance the health, education, and general well being of the residents of Kern County. Region Served* bakersfieldcondors.com/condorstown

Cornerstone Center for Counseling and Discipleship Offering hope and healing to our community. cornerstoneccd.com

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

Defy Ventures

To give people with criminal histories their best shot at a second chance. defyventures.org

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 inspire and organize communities to build volunteer organizations empowered to pursue social justice. doloreshuerta.org

Dress for Success Bakersfield

To educate women about the soft skills needed to achieve economic independence by providing professional tools to help women thrive in work and life. bakersfield.dressforsuccess.org

Emmanuel Lutheran Church To faithfully serve the community, spreading love, healing, and justice. emmanuelbakersfield.org

emPOWERment Dess Perkins Foundation To restore the hope to the hopeless,

disenfranchised, at-risk, and victims turned survivors of human and sex trafficking.

empowermentdp.org

Exceptional Family Center

To celebrate the success of individuals with I/DD and their families achieved through collaboration, education, empowerment and mutual support. kernefc.org

Faith in the Valley - Kern To build power with our brothers and sisters to bring about justice and eliminate suffering.

faithinthevalley.org



Flood Bakersfield Ministries To help people overcome their disadvantaged circumstance through the love of God. floodbako.com

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

Golden Empire Affordable Housing, Inc. Expanding Affordable Housing in Kern County. geahi.org

Golden Empire Gleaners

To help alleviate hunger and provide food for needy persons of all ages. goldenempiregleaners.com

Goodwill Industries of South Central California

To provide work opportunities and skills development to people with barriers to employment. thegoodwill.org

Got Ur 6

To promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and economic wellbeing of all citizens of Boron and surrounding areas. To empower all.

gotur6.net



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Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance

To provide free legal assistance in civil matters to members of Kern County who are unable to afford legal assistance. gbla.org

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection

To enhance the quality of life for people with special needs through a family directed resource center. heartsfrc.org

Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

habitatbakersfield.org

Healing Hands, Healing Hearts

To provide comfort, care, and connection to the critically, chronically, and terminally

healinghandshealinghearts.org

Helping HART

To provide assistance to law enforcement and victims of hit-and-run accidents. helpinghart.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 the memorials built in THEIR honor - at no cost to the veteran.

honorflightkerncounty.org

Independence Through GRACE Foundation

A faith-based enrichment program enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual disabilities. itsgrace.org

Independent Living Center of Kern County Empowering people with disabilities to live as independently as they can. ilcofkerncounty.org

Indian Well Valley Economic **Development Corporation** To enhance the economic prosperity and quality of life in the Indian Wells Valley. iwvedc.co

Kern CO Sheriffs Tehachapi Mountains Search and Rescue Maintaining an organized group of experienced persons to assist the Kern County Sheriff's Office in conducting search and rescue operations. facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100081876811782

Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy. kernfoundation.org



JJs Legacy

Educating Kern County Residents and inspiring them to become registered organ and tissue donors and by providing support to donor families. jjslegacy.org

Junior League of Bakersfield

An organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through volunteers. juniorleagueofbakersfield.org

Keepers Transformation House

Women's Discipleship Program To restore and empower women in crisis to a dignified and purposeful life in Christ. keeperstransformationhouse.org

Kern Around the Clock Foundation

Providing each client a quality of life with the appropriate level of care. bakersfieldcare.com

Kern Autism Network

Providing trustworthy, respectful & caring services that impact the community on the autism spectrum. kernautism.org

Kern Community Foundation

Kern County WWII Veterans Memorial

To create a permanent tribute honoring all Kern County WWII Veterans and those who supported them. kerncountywwiimemorial.com

Kern Leadership Alliance

To see every believer in Jesus activated in his or her sphere of influence to transform Kern County.

kernleadershipalliance.org

Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation

Protecting the natural, scenic, agricultural, & historic land of the Kern River Valley through stewardship, restoration and education.

krvhf.ora

Kern River Valley Senior Citizens Inc.

Connecting older adults to resources, referrals, and building relationships for healthier living. facebook.com/people/KRV-Seniors/

100076322289441/

KHSDLynx

Providing homeless high school students with clean, seasonal, age appropriate clothing, hygiene items, school supplies and food.

facebook.com/KHSDLynx

Lactaction Station Inc.

Offers free education & hands on nurse-facilitated support to our community of mothers. themotherhoodcollective.net

LifeSTEPS

Provide effective educational and supportive services to maximize the strengths of families, seniors, and at-risk youth to build resilient communities. lifestepsusa.org



Listen to Shafter

Operate programs that are conceived, designed and evaluated through a process of conversation with our neighbors. listentoshafter.org

Make-A-Wish Northeastern & Central **California and Northern Nevada** Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. necannv.wish.org

MARE Riding Center

Provides equine-assisted therapies and activities for children, adults & veterans living with special needs and disabilities. mareridingcenter.com

Mercy House - Brundage Lane **Navigation Center**

To be a leader in ending homelessness by providing a unique system of dignified housing opportunities, programs, and supportive services. mercyhouse.net/portfolios/blnc

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. maof.org

Missing in Action Remembered

Providing an effective means of community outreach to inform and educate the public about the plight of veterans still Missing In Action. miaremembered.org

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Kern Countv

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, Inc.**

Improving quality of life for residents of the Frazier Mountain Communities, one individual and family at a time. mcfrc.com

Morning Star Fresh Food Ministry Fighting hunger and feeding souls with fresh food and the love and hope of Jesus. morningstarfresh.org

NALEO Educational Fund

Facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process. naleo.org

NAMI Kern County

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. naacpbako.com

No Sister Left Behind

To establish a networking system of support among Black women to promote total well-being. nosisterleftbehind2.com

Noel Alexandria Foundation To raise awareness and provide free resources to families affected by pregnancy and infant loss. noelalexandriafoundation.org

North of the River Recreation Foundation

Preserving the community's vitality and livability by raising funds to enhance and expand parks, recreation and programs, and providing access and opportunity for all.

norfun.org

Orlie's Shoe Drive

Providing new shoes and quality time giving hope to the deserving children in Kern County at Christmas time. orliesshoedrive.com

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)

To end homelessness for individuals. families, and communities. epath.org

PathPoint

Working with people with disabilities to strengthen 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.org

Rebuilding Together Kern County Repairing homes, revitalizing communities,

rebuilding lives. rebuildingtogetherkerncounty.org

Red Rock Canyon

To assist California in interpreting, developing and conserving Red Rock Canyon State Park for the benefit of the public. redrockrrcia.com

Riverstone Wellness Believing in whole body and mind health to foster connection so our community can transform, together. riverstonewellness.org

Rosamond Hills, Inc.

Providing affordable housing to low-to-moderate-income seniors and persons with qualifying disabilities. rosamonddhillsapts.com



Save a Life Today (S.A.L.T.) To provide suicide education, prevention and postvention. saltkc.org

Self-Help Enterprises

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

selfhelpenterprises.org

SJV Water

Covering politics of water in the San Joaquin Valley, where crops that create billionaires grow in fields next to communities without drinkable water. sjvwater.org

Special Olympics Southern California

Enriching and transforming lives through sports, education, and health for athletes with intellectual disabilities. sosc.org/kern

St. Malachy Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society

A network of friends building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. stmalachyconferencesvdp.com

Stewards Inc.

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

Stewards of the Sequoia

Promoting responsible recreation and environmental stewardship. stewardsofthesequoia.org

Storm Breakers

To promote mental health within the Christian Community. stormbreakers.org

problems.

The Blessing Corner

Diversity

The Hope Center Inc

& spiritually. hopecenters.net

To provide an environment conducive to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve. themissionkc.org

self-sufficient.

The Salvation Army Service Extension To provide basic human needs to the rural areas of Kern County in fulfillment of The Salvation Armv's goal of "Doing the Most Good." westernusa.salvationarmy.org

A community service club dedicated to strengthen the community and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. womansclubbakersfield.org

Teen Challenge of Southern California

Providing youth, adults and families with an effective Christian faith-based solution to life controlling drug and alcohol

teenchallenge.org/centers/kern-county

Tehachapi Cancer Foundation

Inspired by Love Driven by Compassion. tehachapicancerfoundation.org

To provide opportunities, to enrich indigent lives through provision of basic human services; via a network of our valued resources to offer HOPE. theblessingcorner.com

The Center for Sexuality & Gender

Providing a safe, supportive space and services to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender adults and teens. thecenterbak.org

To assist low-income & help them move toward wholeness - physically, emotionally

The Mission at Kern County

The N.E.E.D.S. Center, Inc.

To improve clients' health and wellbeing by providing food, hot meals, rent/utility assistance, clothing, household items, and prescription payments. facebook.com/pages/needs-center/ 862198703900727

The Open Door Network

Supporting homeless families in crisis, helping them to stabilize, obtain permanent housing and become opendoorhelps.org

The Woman's Club of Bakersfield

Together Spay It Forward, Inc

Fundraising to provide FREE Spay & Neuter to Kern County dogs and cats. We also provide vaccine clinics & microchips. togetherspayitforward.com

Trinity Medical Transport Foundation

Providing low-cost and free non-emergency medical transport services to the uninsured and low-income communities. trinitymedicalfoundation.org

UFW Foundation

To empower communities to ensure human dignity. sisepuede.org

United Way of Kern County

Mobilizing donors, volunteers, and advocates to improve the lives of Kern County residents. uwkern.org

Vallev Achievement Center

To empower individuals on the autism spectrum or with other developmental disabilities to achieve the highest quality of life.

autism-vac.org

Valley Center for the Blind

Assisting blind and visually impaired persons in experiencing more independent and opportunity-filled lives. myvcb.org

Victory Family Services

Supporting foster children and families, because every child deserves victory. victoryfs.org

Vision y Compromiso

Supporting promotoras and community health workers to address disparities and improve health outcomes for underrepresented communities. visionycompromiso.org





-Empowerment Inc.

Volunteer Center of Kern County, Inc. To mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to address community issues through volunteerism. volunteercenter.info

Wendale Davis Foundation

To provide resources that will help historically marginalized groups to become productive members in their communities.

wendaledavisfoundation.org

Women's Center-High Desert, Inc. Providing a network of prevention. education and direct client services relating to domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse for Eastern Kern and surrounding counties. wc-hdinc.org

Wounded Heroes Fund

Organization for Kern County Veterans and their families, dedicated to facilitating healthy transitions through community, support, and appreciation. thewoundedheroesfund.org

Wounded Warrior Project

To honor and empower Wounded Warriors.

woundedwarriorproject.org

Y-Empowerment Inc.

To help families and individuals overcome adversities through social interaction and education.

yempowerment.org

Your Lot and Parcel

Preserving historic landmarks for future generations, mental health, physical well-being and in a safe home and family environment yourlotandparcel.org



A Better Bakersfield & Boundless Kern, otherwise known as B3K Prosperity, is a public-private collaboration to develop a roadmap and investment plan for economic growth and inclusion in Kern County.

Building on a rich history of economic development efforts, B3K Prosperity connects and coordinates existing activity for shared problem-solving and the drafting of a blueprint for future regional success. Supporting a rich vision for our community's future is at the very heart of Kern Community Foundation's work and we proudly serve as a member of the B3K Core Team.

Since early summer 2020, a group of business, government, education, and community stakeholders have organized to address three primary challenges facing Kern County:

- 1. Extreme pressure on the industries that historically drive our region's economy;
- 2. A lack of quality jobs and access to them that would enable residents to be self-sufficient and reach the middle class; and
- 3. The need to align fragmented regional public-private efforts and investment behind common goals.

Over time, B3K Prosperity will produce several tools to attract investment and promote growth, prosperity and inclusion, such as:

- A map of existing economic development programs, initiatives and organizations;
- A Strategy Report with goals, objectives, tactics and performance measures;
- An Operating Plan with local commitments for action and implementation of collectively agreed-upon goals;
- · Investment Prospectuses to seek immediate support for projects; and
- A structure for on going governance, sustainability and maintenance of B3K Prosperity.

To learn more about this exciting initiative and consider opportunities to join us, please visit **b3kprosperity.org**.



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We will continue producing the oil and gas Californians depend on while helping the state meet its bold climate goals. We are committed to being an employer of choice and a company that does more than just business here, well into the future. We realize that the support we provide our community partners is critical to their mission and future success.



We value education, environmental stewardship, public health and safety and strong economies and we are passionate about helping Kern County's future scientists, engineers, and teachers realize their full potential. They might just be the energy workers who will help California achieve its energy future.

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