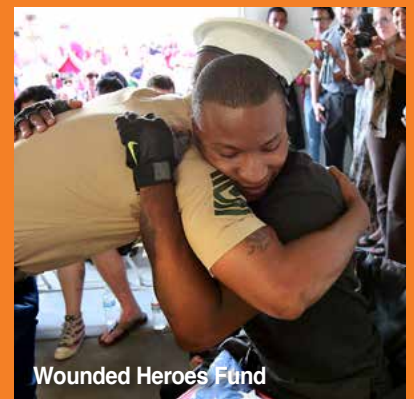


COMMUNITY

Giving Guide

KERN COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Growing community.
Growing philanthropy.



Wounded Heroes Fund



Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra



Links for Life



Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire



The Wildlands Conservancy's
Wind Wolves Preserve



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

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

KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

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

... transforming generosity into impact, making Kern County a better place to live, to work, and to visit — bringing together hundreds of donors to grant out millions of dollars to worthy causes since 1999.

Partner with us!

Give to the Foundation

Support one of our initiatives or our operations, thereby increasing our impact.

Give through the Foundation

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



Together – we make our community a better place.



Growing community. Growing philanthropy.

Use this guide to inspire your local giving!

Arts and Culture

The Arts Council of Kern

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

kernarts.org

Bakersfield Art Association

To provide opportunity for study and improvement of art technique, encourage art in community, offer art scholarships, and exhibit members' art locally.

bakersfieldartassociation.org

Make a difference

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

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



\$200 allows the Maturango Museum of Indian Wells Valley to pay for the taxidermy of small reptiles or other animals for the docent programs that introduce local wildlife to the public.

\$100 can pay for enough LED lights to illuminate the courtyard theatre trees at The Green Hotel in Shafter.

\$50 affords one child the opportunity to attend Bakersfield Community Theatre's Summer Youth Theatre Workshop.

Bakersfield Community Concert Association

To enhance the cultural, social and educational life of all people living in our communities

bakersfieldcca.org



Bakersfield Community Theatre

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

bakersfieldcommunitytheatre.org

Bakersfield Firefighters Historical Society

To restore, preserve and share the valuable history and timeless artifacts of the Bakersfield Fire Department.

bfdhistory.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 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

Downtown Bakersfield Development Corporation (DBDC)

Inspires community leaders to unite community resources to develop Bakersfield's Downtown as a pre-eminent California community.

bakersfielddbdc.com

The Fox Theater Foundation

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

thebakersfieldfox.com

The Green Hotel Restoration Foundation

To preserve the Hotel and historic oak as part of Shafter and Kern history, and provide access to the community.

thegreenhotel.org

Kern County Museum Foundation

Celebrating the culture and history of Kern County.

kerncountymuseum.org

Kern Dance Alliance (KDA)

Providing dance advocacy and dedicated to the educational and cultural needs of Kern County.

kerndance.org

Kern River Tubatulabal Paiute Council

Dedicated to 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 Kern River Valley artists with an emphasis on art education and emerging artists.

krvaa.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 Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

To promote and market the greater Ridgecrest area for tourism, conventions and filming to ensure continued economic growth.

visitdeserts.com

Ridgecrest Chamber Music Society

To promote education and awareness of chamber music and provide community members with a high quality musical experience.

rcchambermusic.org



Sweet Adelines International

Committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition.

kernvalleychorus.org

Valley Public Radio

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

kvpr.org

The benefits of registering with Kern Community Foundation

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

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

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

- Achieved a transparency rating of Silver or higher on GuideStar.org, the world's largest online database on nonprofits that many potential donors and grantors turn to when considering supporting a 501(c)(3) corporation.

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

- Capacity building through the Foundation's competitive grant opportunities and other community

initiatives, including our annual online crowd funding and volunteer recruitment event, Give Big Kern;



- Participation in our nonprofit speaker series, Philanthropy on Tap—a partnership with the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce's Bakersfield Young Professionals that allows nonprofits to showcase their work to the next generation of local philanthropists; and

- Sustainability through endowment building and planned giving programs that can become a long-

term or even a permanent source of revenue for hard-working organizations.

The Community Giving Guide includes descriptions of nonprofit organizations located in Kern County, along with their web address. They are organized by field of interest:

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



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.
aankc.org

Make a difference

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

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

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



\$60 lets Bags4Kids provide a "comfort bag" (filled with Teddy bears, blankets, clothes and shoes, toiletries, school supplies and toys) for a child who has been displaced from their home due to abuse or neglect.

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

The Agape Love Connection (TALC)

Providing quality educational opportunities for local children, as well as children in Liberia, West Africa.
facebook.com/TALC100

Bags4Kids

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

Bakersfield City School District Education Foundation

Partnering with the community to provide resources that directly impact the lives of children through innovative educational programs.
bcsd.com/bcsdedfoundation

Bakersfield College Foundation

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



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.
bakersfieldpal.org

Benefit Bakersfield Foundation

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

Best Buddies International

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

Borax Visitor Center Foundation

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

Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
sscbsa.org



Boys and 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

Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science

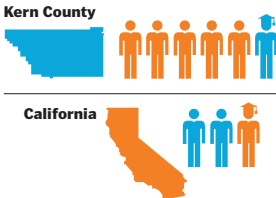
To educate and involve the community through the recovery, preservation and display of local and worldwide natural history objects.
sharktoothhill.org



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

But here's the challenge we're facing:

- Fewer than 1 out of 6 Kern County residents age 25 and older has a bachelor's degree or higher level of education, compared to 1 out of 3 California residents.



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

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

OUR STRATEGIES



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



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



Work with school districts and institutions of higher education to embrace best practices.

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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS TOGETHER <i>Support students as a community.</i>	SCHOLARSHIPS NOW <i>Support students one year at a time.</i>	SCHOLARSHIPS FOREVER <i>Support students of every generation.</i>
You can choose to give however much you would like to a pool of funds providing annual scholarships in perpetuity.	You can make annual donations of at least \$1,000 to provide scholarships during that school year.	You can establish your own named scholarship fund with a minimum of \$25,000 (over 3 years) providing annual scholarships in perpetuity.



Education and Youth Development

Child Guidance Guild of Bakersfield (Guild House Restaurant)

To provide resources to help children with emotional and behavior problems. guildhousebakersfield.com

Children First Campaign

To create prosperous communities and ensure that all children live in healthy, safe and nurturing neighborhoods that promote academic achievement and success. childrenfirstcampaign.org

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 (CLMF)

To operate the China Lake Museum and educate visitors about air armament technology development at Naval Air Warfare Center China Lake, and provide STEM education. chinalakemuseum.org

Christian Youth Film Society, Inc.

To encourage and equip young people to creatively produce visual stories of faith. christianyouthfilmfestival.org

CSUB Foundation

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

Driller to Driller Foundation

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

Farmer Veteran Coalition

To mobilize veterans to feed America by supporting, through education and training, those veterans engaged in or pursuing opportunities in the agricultural industry. farmvetco.org



Girl Scouts of Central California South

To build girls with courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. girlscoutscs.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 world view grounded in the Old and New Testaments. heritageoakschool.info

Jim Burke Education Foundation

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

Junior Achievement of Bakersfield

Inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy, utilizing volunteer working professionals who help them through hands-on, dynamic programs that teach financial and job skills. jabakersfield.org

Kegley Institute of Ethics

To inspire our community to recognize the value of thinking about and engaging in ethical behavior. csub.edu/kie

Kern Athletic Fencing Foundation

Implementing "Smart Fencing for Kern County," which supports at-risk students by improving their academic, social, and physical well-being through individual sport participation, health education, and academic tutoring. kernaff.org

Kern Bridges Youth Homes

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

Kern County Network for Children

To protect and enrich the lives of Kern County children. kcnc.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

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

Kern River Valley Revitalization

Facilitating the social, natural and financial health of the Kern River Valley for this and future generations. krvr.org

Kiwanis Club of Rosedale Foundation

To better the lives of the children and families of our community one child and one family at a time. rosedalekiwanis.org

La Cresta Foundation

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



League of Dreams, Inc.

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

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

Setting up students for educational success by preparing children with no or limited preschool or transitional kindergarten experience for kindergarten, through an intensive five-week summer program. kern.org

R.M. Pyles Boys Camp

To provide at-risk boys with the opportunity to attend a camp that promotes character development, positive male mentoring and education. pylescamp.org

Southwest Community Nursery School

A parent participation co-op where love and learning go hand in hand. southwestcommunitynurseryschool.com

Teen Success, Inc.

To transform the lives of underserved teen mothers and their children by helping them become educated, self-sufficient, valued members of society. teensuccess.org

Valley PBS

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

Writers of Kern

Bringing together professional and novice writers in a creative and supportive atmosphere to help them gain experience and become published writers. writersofkern.com

Youth 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. yfc Kern.org

Youth 2 Leaders Education Foundation

To unlock the power of higher education. y2lef.org

Environment and Animals

Bakersfield SPCA

Advocating for the general welfare and humane treatment of animals through shelter, prevention of pet overpopulation and adoption.

bakersfieldspca.org



California Living Museum Foundation (CALM)

To display and interpret native California animals, plants fossils and artifacts for education, recreation, conservation and research.

calmzoo.org

The Cat People

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

thecatpeople.org

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

Equine Rescue Outakuntrol

To rescue abandoned, abused, starving and slaughter-bound horses, and to provide life-saving medical care and rehabilitation for adoption.

equinerescueoutakuntrol.com

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

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

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 alternative waste management, beautification, community networking and outreach.

keepcabeautiful.org

Keepers of the Kern

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

keepersofthekern.org

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

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

Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue

To rescue, rehabilitate and rehome discarded or abused and forgotten animals.

marleymutts.org

Project Clean Air

To enhance the community by improving air quality through education and collective action.

projectcleanair.us

Sequoia ForestKeeper

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

sequoiaforestkeeper.org



Sequoia Riverlands Trust

To inspire love and lasting protection for important lands.

sequoiariverlands.org

SOXrescue

To save as many cats and kittens as possible from local shelters' "Put to Sleep" lists, and give them a second chance at life.

soxrescue.org

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

Tree Foundation of Kern

To inspire people to enhance their neighborhoods by planting and properly caring for trees.

urbanforest.org

The Wildlands Conservancy's Wind Wolves Preserve

To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature.

wildlandsconservancy.org

Whiskers Paws Hooves and Claws Animal Advocacy

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

hooves-paws.org



Charity Giving Cards

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

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

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

The cards can be ordered through our website, kernfoundation.org, by writing to donorservices@kernfoundation.org, or by calling 661.616.2617.

Health

Advanced Center for Eyecare

To provide high quality eyecare services to the underserved and uninsured population of Kern County.

acecares.org

Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County, Inc. (ADAKC)

To improve the lives of Kern County residents affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

adac.org

American Cancer Society

To save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

cancer.org

American Heart Association

To build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

heart.org

Baby Café

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

babycafeusa.org

Make a difference

\$1,500 sends one child suffering with sickle cell disease for seven days to Camp Crescent Moon through the Hina Patel Foundation.

\$100 allows one pregnant mom to receive six weeks of childbirth education classes and a newborn care package from Bakersfield Birth Network.

\$100 buys an ornament to celebrate the life of a loved one at Hoffmann Hospice's annual "Light Up a Life" tree lighting event over the holidays.

\$25 improves the quality of life of a Thumbs Up Cancer Down (TUCD) patient by providing them with a "TUCD Power Pack": a care bag that includes a blanket, journal, beanie and phone charger.

\$10 affords one child with autism a week-end outing in Learning Dynamics' Butterfly Bootcamp Program.

Bakersfield Birth Network

Providing families with positive birth options through education and resources.

bakersfieldbirthnetwork.com

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation

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

supportbakersfield.org

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center

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

bpcpartners.org



Bike Bakersfield

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

bikebakersfield.org

Brain injury Association of California

To advocate for awareness, research, treatment, education and resources that improve the quality of life for all Californians living with brain injury.

biacal.org

Central Valley Lactation Association

Providing educational opportunities for local lactation professionals, and a forum for them to exchange clinical information, and connect and collaborate professionally.

centralvalleylactation.org

Clinica Sierra Vista

Providing comprehensive primary and preventative health care, dental, behavioral health and social services to underserved populations of Kern County.

clinicasierravista.org

CSF Medical Nonprofit Foundation

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

csffoundation.org

Foundation for Movement

To provide improved strength, mobility, function and life through exercise for people with physical limitations.

foundationformovement.org

Friends of Mercy Foundation

To raise and administer philanthropic contributions in support of Mercy Hospitals in Bakersfield California.

supportfriendsofmercy.org

Health through Wholeness

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

screambakersfield.org

Hina Patel Foundation

To increase Sickle Cell awareness and provide education and services to enhance the wellbeing of affected people and their families.

hinapatelfoundation.org

Hoffmann Hospice

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

hoffmannhospice.org

JDRF Central Valley Council

Accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat Type 1 Diabetes and its complications.

jdrf.org

Kern Valley Hospital Foundation

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

kvhd.org



Learning Dynamics, Inc.

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

learningdynamicsinc.org

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Central California

We exist to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients, and are saving lives not someday, but today.

lls.org/cca

Links for Life

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

linksforlife.org

Love-Water

To provide access to clean water in order to restore health and create opportunity in global communities.

love-water.org

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Southern California & Nevada Chapter

To stop MS, restore function and end MS forever.

nationalmssociety.org

Olivia's Heart Project

To increase awareness about sudden cardiac arrest in children and young adults in order to keep young hearts beating.

oliviasheartproject.org



Omni Family Health

Committed to improving the health of our communities by providing the highest quality healthcare to everyone.

omnifamilyhealth.org

Optimal Hospice Foundation

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

optimalhospicefoundation.com

Partners in Care Foundation

To shape healthcare by partnering with organizations and families in the work of changing healthcare systems, communities and lives.

picf.org

Rising Star Riders (formerly known as Kelly's Therapeutic Riders)

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

rsriders.org

RRH Development Foundation

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

rrh.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 Achievement Center

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

autism-vac.org

Valley Caregiver Resource Center

Assisting seniors and caregivers with the challenges that accompany the aging process.

valleycsrc.org

Valley Children's Healthcare Foundation

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

valleychildrens.org/foundation

Valley Fever Americas Foundation

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

valleyfever.com

Human Services and Community Benefit

AHH (A Helping Hand)

Helping people to help themselves.
ahelpinghand.org

Advancing Parenting

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

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

To stop domestic violence and sexual assault in Kern County and assist survivors in reclaiming their lives.
kernalliance.org

ALPHA House: A Place for New Beginnings

To provide a safe and nurturing environment for battered and homeless women and their children while presenting them with options for a healthy lifestyle.
alphahouse.us

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

Make a difference

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

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

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

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

\$100 allows Youth Connection, Inc. to purchase back-to-school clothes for one child.

Anchor of Hope Outreach Center

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

Assistance League of Bakersfield

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



Autism Society-Kern Autism Network

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

Bakersfield ARC

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

Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation

Supporting education and health locally and internationally through Rotary's Avenues of Service.
portal.clubrunner.ca/2817

Bakersfield Homeless Center

To provide support and resources to families and individuals in crisis while helping them to achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency.
bakhc.org

Bakersfield Sikh Women's Association

Dedicated to the principle of oneness through community — regardless of gender, race, or socioeconomic status.
facebook.com/bakersfieldsikhwomen-sassociation

Be Finally Free

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

Boron Alive!

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

California Family Counseling Network, Inc.

To sponsor special events for charitable purposes for the psychological and mental health care of families, especially those that are underserved.
cfcninc.org

California Recreation Foundation

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

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

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

California Veterans Assistance Foundation

To serve homeless, at risk and low income veterans, and to restore and improve lives by alleviating homelessness through information and advocacy.
cavaf.org

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women

Through an innovative and holistic approach, providing a home for homeless women and children transitioning to independence.
esperanzabakersfield.org

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Kern County

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

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity (formerly Gay & Lesbian Center of Bakersfield)

Providing a safe, supportive space and services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and a bridge to the greater community.
glcenterbak.org

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)

To provide and advocate for resources that will empower members of the communities we serve to be self-sufficient.
capk.org

Covenant Community Services

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

Desert Area Resources and Training

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

Dress for Success Bakersfield

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

Fairy Godmother Foundation

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

Faith in the Valley - Kern

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

Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development

To promote social and economic prosperity in rural communities through education.
farmworkerinstitute.org



Flood Bakersfield Ministries

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

Foundation for Second Chances

Utilizing hands-on education, mentoring, health awareness and community service to maximize the potential of youth.
ffscinc.org

Garden Pathways, Inc.

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

Global Family Care Network

To protect and restore young, at-risk girls through girls' empowerment clubs and a homeless/runaway youth shelter.
myglobalfamily.org

Goodwill Industries of South Central California

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

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

To enhance the quality of life for people with special needs through a family resource center that symbolizes professionalism, dignity, compassion and respect.
heartsfrc.org

Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic

Providing mental health and substance abuse services and the resources necessary to promote recovery for children, adults and families.
hwmcgc.org

The Hope Center

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

The House of Jochebed

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

Housing & Opportunity Foundation of Kern

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

Human Services and Community Benefit

Independence Through Grace

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

itsgrace.org



Independent Living Center of Kern County

Empowering people with disabilities to grow creatively, professionally, and personally; and educating the community about disability-related issues.

ilcofkerncounty.org

JJ's Legacy

Educating Kern County residents and inspiring them to become registered organ and tissue donors, and providing compassionate support to donor and recipient families.

jjslegacy.org

Junior League of Bakersfield

Promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

juniorleagueofbakersfield.org

KCBCC Development Foundation

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

kerncountyblackchamber.org

Kern Around the Clock Foundation

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

bakersfieldcare.com

Kern County Teen Challenge

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

teenchallenge.org

Kern River Valley Family Resource Center

Providing support to local families with concerns ranging from medical, dental, parenting, and nutritional issues, to assistance with school readiness and referrals for utility costs.

krvfrc.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

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central California

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

centralca.wish.org

MARE Riding Center

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

mareridingcenter.com

Mercy Housing California

To create stable, vibrant and healthy communities by developing, financing and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs.

mercyhousing.org/california

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

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

maof.org

The Mission at Kern County

Providing an environment conducive to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve.

themissionkc.org



Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Kern County

To end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.

madd.org

Mosaic Counseling Center

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

iamamosaic.org

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center

With our partners, we enrich families, enhance community and empower youth.

mcfrc.com

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Kern County Chapter

To provide support, education and advocacy for those with mental illness and their loved ones.

namikerncounty.org

NAPD (New Advances for People with Disabilities)

Making a difference daily by providing programs, services and advocacy for people with diverse needs, that encourage independence, and enhance and enlighten their lives.

napd-bak.org

North of the River Recreation Foundation

To provide access and opportunity for all and to preserve the community's vitality by enhancing and expanding our facilities and programs.

norfun.org

Oildale Leadership Alliance

Envisioning, connecting and empowering leaders for community transformation in Oildale.

oildaleleadership.org

The Plank Foundation

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

theplankfoundation.com

Reaching by Recycling

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

reachingbyrecycling.wixsite.com/reachingbyrecycling

Recycling Lives

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

recyclinglivesusa.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California

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

rmhsc.org

Self-Help Enterprises

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

selfhelpenterprises.org



Special Olympics Southern California, Kern County

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

sosc.org/kerncounty

Stewards, Inc.

Igniting hope and inspiring futures for those who need assistance budgeting their disability and retirement income.

stewardsinc.org

Volunteer Center of Kern County

Mobilizing people and resources to deliver creative solutions to address community issues through volunteerism.

volunteercenter.info

WarmLine

Providing a peer mentor program for young mothers, focusing on healthy family relationships and positive parenting skills, and serving bilingual families with children 0-6 years old.

e-warmline.org

Wellspring Kingdom Enrichment, Inc.

Providing opportunities for quality personal growth through life skills training, counseling, and coaching of personal vision and destiny.

wellspring-journey.com

Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

Providing direct client services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

womenscenterhighdesert.org

Wounded Heroes Fund

Dedicated to serving Kern County's Transitioning Service Members by means of support and appreciation.

thewoundedheroesfund.org

Wounded Warrior Project

To honor and empower Wounded Warriors.

woundedwarriorproject.org

Give Big Kern

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, observed locally on the first Tuesday in May.

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

Just in its first two years, Give Big Kern helped more than 100 nonprofits raise over \$320,000, and receive close to 89,000 pledged volunteer hours from thousands of community donors and volunteers.

Wanting to engage the community even more in Kern's generous spirit of giving, Kern Community Foundation now plans bigger Give Big Kern events, with a month-long celebration of giving that incorporates National Volunteer Week in mid-April and culminates on the first Tuesday in May.

Participating agencies receive fun prizes for most dollars raised, most volunteer hours pledged, 100% board member participation, the donation originating from the farthest location on the planet, and more!

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





Join us to make our community a better place!

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

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

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

What are you passionate about?

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

Do you want immediate impact or enduring impact?

- Create an Expendable Fund to help community organizations today.
- Build a permanently Endowed Fund to support needs of today, tomorrow,

and forever.

Which type of fund meets your goals?

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

What will you give, and when?

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

What will you name your fund?

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

... Still need some additional ideas for giving?

Consider Kern Community Foundation Endowed Funds

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

still providing a consistent stream of support to the named cause – forever.

- Arthritis Association of Kern County Fund
- Bakersfield ARC Foundation Endowment Fund
- Bakersfield Christian High School Endowment Fund
- California Living Museum (CALM) Al Robbins Endowment Fund
- The Cat People Endowment Fund
- Kern Futures Scholarships Together Fund

- Kern River Valley Community Fund
- Leaders in Life Endowment Fund
- The Fox Theater Foundation Endowment Fund
- Tom Pryor PTSD Awareness Fund
- The Women's and Girls' Fund

Interested in supporting one of these worthwhile causes? Simply go the Kern Community Foundation website at kernfoundation.org and click on the "Donate Now" button or give us a call at 661.616.2617.

The Aera Energy Fund



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

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

The Aera Energy Fund targets nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that have demonstrated success in making a difference in the community. It has funded such diverse projects and programs as capital campaigns, vehicle purchases, nature and wildlife conservation, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, hospital expansions and improvement efforts, sports facilities enhancements, youth camps, cultural events, museum exhibits, monuments and more.

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

- Bakersfield College Foundation: Aera STEM Success Center
- Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation: Lauren Small Children's Center
- Bakersfield Museum of Art
- Bakersfield Southwest Baseball, Inc.
- Bolsa Chica Conservancy
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley
- California Brain Injury Association
- CASA of Kern County
- Centennial Celebration Committee of Huntington Historical Exhibit
- CSUB Foundation
- Friends of Mercy Foundation: Community Care Clinic
- Golden Empire 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



Taft College Foundation: Oilworker Monument



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Arvin Women's Club Scholarship Fund	Jeff and Denise Dittman Charitable Fund	Leaders in Life Endowment Fund	SSRS Stewardship Endowment Fund
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Batey Charitable Fund	Foothill Foundation Endowment Fund	Nickel Family Fund	Trang Family Charitable Fund
Ben and Bryan Batey Charitable Fund	Fox Theater Foundation Endowment Fund	Nickel Family Scholarship for Agricultural Education Fund	Upper Kern Fisheries Enhancement Fund
Jean Baughman Legacy Fund	Golden Empire Gleaners Endowment Fund	North Kern Christian School Endowment Fund	Margaret Urner Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Funds
Beman Vernon Family Fund of Kern	Manuel Gonzales Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund	Nnenedu Odeluga Memorial Fund	Velasco Family Fund
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