

KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Growing community.
Growing philanthropy.

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A message to the community from our
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Greetings! Kern Community Foundation is excited to launch our e-newsletter. This will be a space to learn about some of the great things that nonprofit organizations are doing in Kern County. We will also feature grant opportunities, scholarships, job opportunities, and special events. Please let us know if your organization would like to be featured, and I hope you enjoy our inaugural edition.

Aaron Falk

LATEST NEWS

KERN COUNTY GAVE BIG!

Great job to all the nonprofit organizations!
Special thank you to sponsors and donors!



Give Big Kern raised \$885,235!

The community report is out!
[Click here to view.](#)

Mark Your Calendars!
GIVE BIG KERN 2023!
May 2, 2023!

[Check Out The Leaderboard](#)

2022 Beautiful Bakersfield Awards



On June 25, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber hosted the 2022 Beautiful Bakersfield Awards. It was a fantastic night! In the six years we've hosted Give Big Kern, we've been honored to win "A Better Bakersfield" award for the third time.

In 2021, GBK raised \$832,940; despite the pandemic, the community continues to GIVE BIG. All the money raised goes directly to local nonprofit organizations. Let's continue to make Bakersfield a better place to live!



**Kern Connected
Community Network**



Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program

The City of Bakersfield is excited to announce the creation and launch of the Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program- The first

The Kern Connected Community Network (KCCN) was launched in December of 2019 to help provide a smooth transition for patients, individuals, and families to community resources by utilizing the **Unite Us** platform.

The KCCN creates efficient linkages between hospitals, clinics, and local community organizations throughout Kern County that provide services vital to underserved populations. KCCN, powered by Unite Us, streamlines electronic referrals for social needs while also collecting data.

[Learn More](#)

of its kind. The City has partnered with Kern Community Foundation to administer the program, including accepting and reviewing applications, as well as placing successful candidates in available positions.

Thanks to a \$5.39 million grant from California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, the City will hire nearly 400 youth ages 16- to 30 years old starting in June. Applications for the City Hall Fellowship are now available!

Applications Due:
Friday, July 22, 2022 at 11:59pm

[Learn More](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

KCF College Access Re-Grant Program

Improves educational outcomes for students across Kern County.

Areas of focus include: Financial Aid Literacy Programming & One-on-One Assistance with FAFSA & Dream Act completion, One-on-One College Options/Fit and Match Counseling for students and families, One-on-One College and Scholarship Application assistance. [Learn More](#)

Application Due:
Wednesday, July 20, 2022



theWonderfulcompany™

The Wonderful Company is committed to making the communities where our

employees call home, healthier, happier, and safer places to thrive.

The application for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 is now available!

If you work for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, hospital, clinic or community health organization, faith-based organization, local government agency, or school that wants to make a *Wonderful* impact, we invite you to attend our grant information sessions through Zoom and see how you can become one of our next grantees!

Organizations and schools that are working in Avenal, Delano, Firebaugh, Lost Hills, Mendota, Sanger, Del Rey, Shafter, and Wasco are welcome to apply.

**Application Due:
Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

[Learn More](#)



The Big Tell

The Big Tell is a regional filmmaking program offering grants for the production of 5-minute short documentaries that feature stories from California's great Central Valley.

Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) will award ten grants of \$5,000 each for the creation of short films about the amazing people, places, and activities that make the Central Valley so remarkable.

**Application Due:
Tuesday, July 12th, 2022**

[Learn More & Apply](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



K-12 Catholic Education Scholarships applications from the Peter Anthony Catholic Education Fund are now available.

We ask local Catholic congregations to help us spread the word among parishioners who might benefit from this assistance. [Learn More](#)

Deadline: July 15, 2022



Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation

Founded in 2000, the Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation (KRVHF) has grown from a vision to a viable and self-sustaining non-profit organization that today has stewardship responsibilities for over 4,000 acres in the Kern River Valley.

On June 22, KRVHF and representatives from Kern County Public Works Department celebrate the new walkway through the Hot Springs Wetlands. Future work will begin soon at KRVHF's Hanning Flat Preserve to install new fences to protect the natural springs, upgrade existing fences and gates, and continue wildlife habitat enhancement efforts. krvhf.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming July Events

July 23- July 29: Bristol Hospice Foundation of CA Kids Camp

Take advantage of Kern Community Foundation's Community Events Calendar: It's a **FREE** service to our community! Click on the event above to see a variety of community events coming up.

Are you a nonprofit serving Kern County and registered with Kern Community Foundation? In that case, you are welcome to request Partner Access to our Community Events Calendar so you can begin submitting events for posting. All requests for access to the calendar will be reviewed, and all calendar event submissions will be vetted prior to posting.

To request Partner Access, or if you have any questions, please write to info@kernfoundation.org. If you already have Partner Access, please submit your upcoming events.



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