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A message to the community from our
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Kern Community Foundation welcomes better weather and the return of pumpkin-flavored everything. Our team has been busy with the return of our public philanthropy events, the annual Women's & Girls' Fund Luncheon, and a private night to celebrate our wonderful donors. We also recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness month—please consider showing your support for local nonprofits like Links for Life and their events this month. Happy October!

Aaron Falk

LATEST NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

TEHACHAPI Philanthropy

OCT 6
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5-7 PM
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Join us at The Village Co.

Location: 122 S. Green St.
Entrance will be on F St.

Learn more about local nonprofits
in the land of four seasons!

Hosted by:
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Refreshments will be provided by:
BIG PAPPA'S
RESTAURANTE & SALOON



Come join us in the land of four seasons!

We will be at 122 S. Green St (The Village Co.) on October 6 at 5pm.

Tehachapi Philanthropy will introduce Kern Community Foundation and showcase local organizations. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, ([Click Here](#)).

KCF staff Aaron, Cristina, and Teems had the honor to promote Tehachapi Philanthropy on the official award-winning podcast for the City Of Tehachapi, TehachaPod.

Thank you, Community Engagement Manager Key Budge and City Manager Greg Garrett, for hosting.

To listen to the podcast, ([Click Here](#)).

Donor Appreciation Event

We recently celebrated our wonderful donors through our annual Donor Appreciation event. Our donors and their support are vital to the Foundation's work in scholarships, grants, and service.

Thank you to Lino's Venue for providing the fantastic food and space and the Historical Fox Theater for displaying our Donor Appreciation on their marquee. Here is a sneak peek; more pictures from our fabulous photographer, Cheryl Mestmaker, to follow. Stay tuned!



17th Year Celebration Women's and Girls' Fund Luncheon



The annual luncheon for the Women's and Girls' Fund celebrated their 17 years on September 22, 2022. Established in 2003 by Judi McCarthy, along with other like-minded women in the community, found the importance of transforming the lives of women and girls in Kern County. The Women's and Girls' Fund is a Kern Community Foundation leadership initiative. The WGF is primarily a volunteer effort supported by KCF and guided by the leadership of the Vision Committee and Community Advisors. Its mission is to **Empower**, **Educate**, and **Endow** by transforming the lives of women and girls in Kern County by mobilizing the power and passion of women working together.

Michelle Vitale, Vision Committee Chair, said, *"The celebration of philanthropy and community honor the time and treasure of individuals, families, groups of friends and neighbors, coming together to create better tomorrows for us all."* During the luncheon, WGF grantees, Kern County Educational Services Foundation (KCSOS), No Sister Left Behind, and STARBASE Edwards provided an update on the projects they have been working on.

A huge congratulations to the 2022 Judi McCarthy Philanthropy Awardees Michele "Mikie" Hay and Rhea Sharma. Mikie is a lifelong philanthropist and is passionate about community service and education. Currently, Mikie is the director of the Ford Dimension and the Dream Builder Student Leadership program, which she started. Rhea Sharma, a senior at Stockdale, co-founded a UNICEF Club on campus and has raised \$15,000 for the Uganda Project to support the construction of an orphanage and a kindergarten.

To learn more about The Women's and Girls' Fund, [\(Click Here\)](#).



Kern Community Foundation's Associate Director of Community Impact, Cristina Camacho, presented at the *Putting Care at the Center* 2022 Conference in Sacramento. The conference focused on the growing field of complex care, which seeks to improve health and well-being for people with complex health and social needs at the individual, community, and system levels.

Cristina presented with the System Director of Social Care Integration for CommonSpirit Health, Jurema Gobena, and the Director of Community Impact and Public Policy for United Way of San Joaquin County, Zuleima Flores- Abid. Their workshop highlighted community and health system perspectives on an innovative model setting the foundation for a "future-state" ecosystem of care delivery to meet the aims of such reforms and address social needs in a way that leads to sustainability of community-based organizations, aligns initiatives and investments, and enters health in communities to promote health equity.

To learn more about KCCN, [\(Click Here\)](#).



Cristina Camacho, Jurema Gobena, & Zuleima Flores-Abid



Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program City Hall Fellowship



The Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP) City Hall Fellowship cohort is in full progress. There are currently 15 fellows at various City Hall departments such as the City Clerk, Fire, Police, Finance, and Human Resources. As part of the City Hall Fellowship, Kern Community Foundation (KCF) provides bi-weekly professional development workshops, that are meaningful to the fellow's professional growth and development. The Fellows recently had their first workshop where KCF staff presented on the role of community foundations.

So far, the Fellows have been learning about their assigned departments before starting major projects. Some examples of projects that have been assigned to the Fellows are, creating a YouTube channel for the Fire Department, signing off on permits, renovating gardens in our public parks, and developing strategic plans.

Learn more about BYJP, ([Click Here](#)).

Featured Fellow



"I am working in the Human Resource Department, but I am also collaborating with the Risk Department. I am having the best time of my life. Every day is something new."

- Dreshara Dennis-Martin
BYJP Fellow

DID YOU KNOW?

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Women's and Girls' Fund

A Leadership Initiative of
**KERN COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

The Women's and Girls' Fund

The Women's and Girls' Fund prioritizes requests designed to increase passion and enthusiasm for learning while addressing issues pertaining to Educational



#CAECONOMY

2022 California Economic Summit

The 2022 California Economic Summit is coming to Bakersfield on October 27-28.

Attainment.

The WGF, a leadership initiative of Kern Community Foundation, announces its grant Cycle for 2022-2023. Approximately, \$80,000 will be awarded in Spring 2023 to nonprofits delivering education and training programs/services to women or girls in Kern County. The maximum award is \$25,000.

[Learn More.](#)

Letter of Intent Due:
November 14, 2022

[Click here, to apply.](#)

The Summit's bipartisan network of business, equity, environmental and civic organizations is unique in championing solutions that meet the triple bottom line- balancing equity, environmental sustainability and economic growth.

[Learn More.](#)

If you need financial assistance to attend, there is a scholarship available!

[Click here, to apply.](#)



Aera Energy **IMPACT GRANTS**

Aera Impact Grant

Make an impact in your classroom!
Need extra funds for a special
classroom project?

Aera Energy is here to help! Aera grants provide financial support for educational programming focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities that have a clear objective and enhance the academic development of students. Grants will be awarded for the current school year up to \$500 each for classrooms in the counties of Kern, Fresno, and Monterey.

Grants will be awarded to the school district's educational foundation and earmarked for your specific classroom project. [Learn More.](#)

Application Due:
Wednesday, October 26, 2022

[Click here to apply.](#)



Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire.

The grants are only for eligible projects developed by communities, Tribes, states, non-profits, and Alaska Native Corporations. Communities will receive priority for this program if they are a low-income area, recently impacted by disaster or in a wildfire hazard location.

[Learn More.](#)

For questions regarding applications, please contact Melissa Aulisio at accessga@usda.gov

*Applications are now available
at grants.gov*

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Kern Community Foundation has a multi-



year contract position available as Program Manager for the Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP).

The Program Manager is responsible for the development and success of the BYJP. We need a dynamic leader to make sure we provide a positive experience for the youth. For more information, ([Click Here](#)).

If you are interested in applying, please send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@kernfoundation.org

Community Giving Guide



Would you like your nonprofit organization to appear in our 2023 Community Giving Guide? One of the benefits of being registered with Kern Community Foundation is that your agency is listed in our [Community Giving Guide](#), which is published every other year. It comes with its online companion, the [Nonprofit Search](#) on [our website](#), which is updated in real time as agencies register with the Foundation and as we receive updated information from our nonprofit partners.

Interested in becoming a sponsor for the Community Giving Guide?
Please contact Cristina Camacho at Cristina@kernfoundation.org.

[Nonprofit Registration Form \(Click Here\)](#).

NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT



Public Safety Professionals

Public Safety Professionals Retreat (PSPR & ProSPeR) is a local non-profit that provides First Responders the opportunity to acquire and practice new coping skills for managing trauma and stress-related symptoms while improving personal and professional relationships in a six-day intensive retreat. PSPR conducted its first retreat in the spring of 2016 and is enthusiastic about its upcoming fall retreat set for **October 23-28, 2022**.

The mission of ProSPeR is to provide a specialized, confidential, and secure environment for stress and trauma-related healing and education for those professionally committed to, or retired from, law enforcement, fire-fighting, and other public safety and emergency response roles in their communities.

If you or a colleague have stress or trauma-related symptoms that are interfering with your professional, personal, or physical well-being, please know: You are not alone. There is HELP. There is HOPE. There is ProSPeR.

[Learn More.](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

October

- October 6: Tehachapi Philanthropy
- October 8: Running with the Angels 5k Run/Walk
- October 8: NAMIWALKS Kern County
- October 28: Links for Life: Hot Pink Celebration
- October 29: Bristol Care Halloween Car Show
- October 31: Golf Tournament benefiting Kern County 911 At Ease and Kern County 999 Foundation

November

- November 3: JJ's Legacy Grillin' & Brewin'
 - November 12: Wine, Place and Show
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CALLING ALL NONPROFITS REGISTERED WITH KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

DID YOU KNOW?

Kern Community Foundation's Community Calendar is available to all registered nonprofit organizations.

ACCESS

Nonprofits registered with KCF can post straight to the Community Calendar by logging into their Partner Access account.

REQUEST

To request **Partner Access**, please write to **info@kernfoundation.org**. If you already have Partner Access, please submit your upcoming events to be featured on our monthly newsletters.

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