

KERN COMMUNITY F O U N D A T I O N

Growing community.
Growing philanthropy.

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A message to the community from our President and CEO



October was another great month! We made new friends in Tehachapi, helped support our local California Highway Patrol, and were part of the host committee for the California Economic Summit in Bakersfield. We're excited for cooler weather as we ramp up for the holidays.

Kern Community Foundation would not exist without Peggy Darling. Mrs. Darling passed in October, just shy of her 96th birthday. A lifelong philanthropist, Mrs. Darling played the central role in founding the Foundation and we will miss her dearly.

Aaron Falk

LATEST NEWS



"I think everyone should do something to make the community better... If you live in the community, you want it to be as good as possible and everyone should do what they can."
-Peggy Darling

Peggy Darling was a lover of the arts and played an essential role in the community and in the Foundation. She was the recipient for the Women's and Girls' Fund, 2010 Judi McCarthy Women's Philanthropy Award.

Judi McCarthy shared, "Peggy Darling walked the talk of community philanthropy. She believed strongly in keeping local philanthropy local. When she moved to Bakersfield, she went all-in. For the rest of her life, she invested in the local quality of life. We have so much to learn from her example." Kern Community Foundation will continue to honor her and keep her legacy alive.

Tehachapi Philanthropy

Our first Tehachapi Philanthropy event was a great success! President and CEO Aaron Falk gave a speech on the importance of community and current events at Kern Community Foundation. Local Tehachapi nonprofits: **Guardians Around the Earth (GATE)**, **Farmworkers Institute of Education & Leadership Development (FIELD)**, and **Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley** presented.

GATE, a volunteer-run nonprofit, promotes deep healing connections with Nature through their educational and enrichment programs. Their focus was on the importance of care and support. GATE supports the guardians of people by helping caregivers cope and offer stress reduction skills. Guardians of nature through helping



Aaron Falk, Marisa Folse, Cristina Camacho, Tamar Asatryan, & Edward Martin

damaged trees and providing environmental science education. Guardians of future through enhancing early childhood education by offering early STEM labs.

FIELD, a non-profit founded and established in 1978 by Farmworker Leader Cesar Chavez, is committed to uplifting the economic prospects of underserved populations in poor, minority communities. In Tehachapi, they are opening a child care center for their students. They firmly believe in education and provide career technical education that focus on sector specific skills training. With their programs, they hope to empower, provide self-sufficiency, and support a better quality of life.

Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley, is one of the few locations in the area to receive specialized care. They see individuals more than just a patient. They believe in advancing health and community well-being. ADTV's mission is to live God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope.

KCF board members Jeff Gutierrez and Lydia Chaney were in attendance. Lydia is also a local business owner for South Street Digital that provides digital and wide format printing. Tiffany Rea, Miss United States, is a Tehachapi native who was also in attendance and spoke on the importance of volunteerism.

Thank you to Tehachapi Arts Commission, Cornerstone Center, Blue Star Mothers, Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce, Tehachapi Cancer Foundation, Make-A-Wish, Tehachapi Depot Museum, CAP-K Medi-Cal, and Marley's Mutts for attending!



Marisa Folse
GATE Project Director



Tamar Asatryan
FIELD Director of Strategic Initiatives



Edward Martin
AHTV Administrative Director of Operations

Thank you to The Village Co. for allowing us the space to host and Big Papa's for the delicious appetizers.

Tehachapi Philanthropy is one of our first events in strengthening our nonprofits outside of Bakersfield. KCF looks forward to our next event and hope to continue this in different locations throughout Kern County.



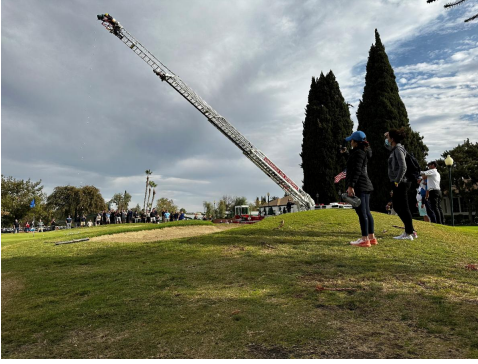
Lydia Chaney & Jim Wallace



Cristina Camacho-
KCF Associate Director of Community Impact

Kern County 911 At Ease & Kern County 999 Foundation Golf Tournament





Kern Community Foundation is the fiscal sponsor for Kern County 1929 Charitable Foundation. They recently held the 2nd Annual Bakersfield Area Golf Tournament benefiting Kern County 999 At Ease and the Kern County 999 Foundation.

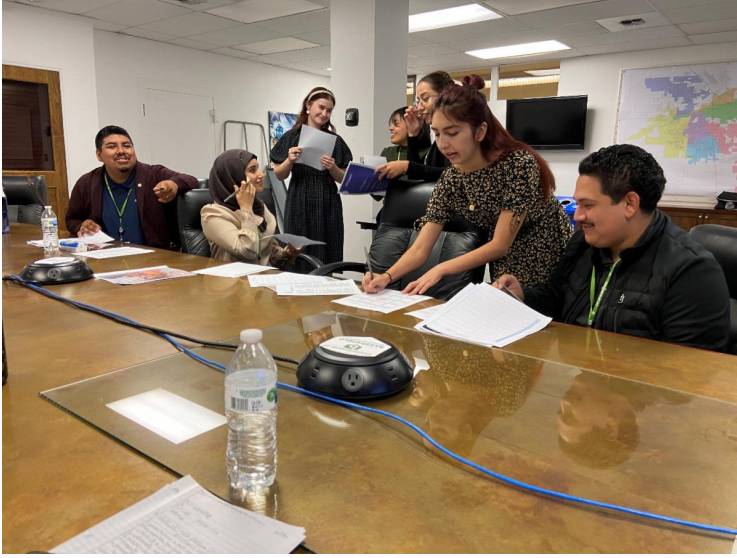
The Golf Tournament was held at the Stockdale Country Club on Halloween. The tournament included a four-person scramble, hole-in-one contest, and a 50/50 ball drop competition. Lieutenant Patrick Etchebarne shared that the best part was getting to know the community and meeting a lot of great local business owners.

Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program City Hall Fellowship



In the month of October the Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP) City Hall Fellowship cohort has had two professional development workshops. Kern Community Foundation staff, Cristina Camacho and Teems Tulfo, presented on the **Kern Connected Community Network** and shared how fellows can utilize the network in their departments and personal lives.

Juan Heredia, from the City of Bakersfield City Manager's office, gave a presentation on Project Management 101. The fellows learned the workflow of project management along with the current projects that the City has been working on.



BYJP staff, Daniela Gonzalez and Olivia Kent, have started site visits to the different City departments.

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

Featured Fellow



"I got to go on a ride-along with a senior officer during shift one which is from 9pm-6am. I had the chance to witness boots on the ground. BDP officers are really in the front lines of danger.

We were called to a theft robbery scene. We got the bad guys, but only \$700 worth of stuff was stolen. It was not a felony because it was less than \$900. One of the individuals was arrested because he had a warrant. The other promised to appear in court. We also responded to disturbance calls and child runaway cases.

Ride-alongs are available to everyone. I would recommend it to anyone that is willing to go."

- Ignacio Castillo
BYJP Fellow

Meet Olivia Kent!



Our team is growing! Meet our newest addition, Olivia Kent. She is the new Program Specialist for the BYJP. Olivia grew up in Bakersfield and graduated from Liberty High in 2007. In 2021, she graduated with her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She started her career as a foster youth advocate, where she shared her personal foster care story with the community and government officials.

Her passion is serving children and families. She worked at the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)- Head Start program. Over the last six years, Olivia has been involved in local church ministries. Olivia enjoys spending time with her family and going to the beach in her free time. If you see her around, please give her a warm welcome!



The Umbrellas Project

In 1984, environmental artists Christo Vladimirov Javacheff and wife Jeanne-Claude created The Umbrella Project. The public installation of yellow umbrellas were placed in Kern County's Tejon Ranch and blue umbrellas in the rice paddies of Ibaraki, Japan. The temporary art installation has left lasting memories.

Recently, mural organizer Heather Pennella and mural artist Jennifer Williams- Cordova celebrated the completion of the Umbrella Project Mural. The mural was completely remade but still honors the original mural. The outdoor mural in downtown Bakersfield located at Eye and 19th Street.

The SeedCore Foundation and the Amicus Foundation provided funding to help with the costs of revamping the mural. Kern Community Foundation acted as the fiscal agency to help restore the mural. This couldn't have been done without the hard work from Heather and the community.

[Learn More.](#)

Congratulations Teams!



Congratulations to Kern Community Foundation's very own Project Specialist, Fatima "Teems" Tulfo for her performance at the Miss Kern County Pageant! The Miss Kern County Pageant is a community-based pageant with the mission of furthering the educational goals of women and girls in Kern County.

Teems won Mrs. Golden Empire, Mrs. Congeniality, and the People's Choice Award. The Golden Empire Pageant represents California's San Joaquin Valley, in giving women the opportunity to further their skills in service and community. Teems, is a valued member of our team at Kern Community Foundation. She has dedicated her time to improving outcomes for people and organizations across Kern County. We're proud to work with her and excited to see what she does in 2023.

DID YOU KNOW?

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Women's and Girls' Fund

A Leadership Initiative of

**KERN COMMUNITY
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The Women's and Girls' Fund prioritizes requests designed to increase passion and enthusiasm for learning while addressing issues pertaining to Educational 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.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

SAVE THE DATE!



Scholarships available ranging from
\$500 to \$3,000

Applications Open:
December 1, 2022

To Apply, go to:
KernFoundation.org/Students

Application Deadline:
March 7, 2023

Contact Kern Community Foundation
for more information at
661-325-5346 or angela@kernfoundation.org

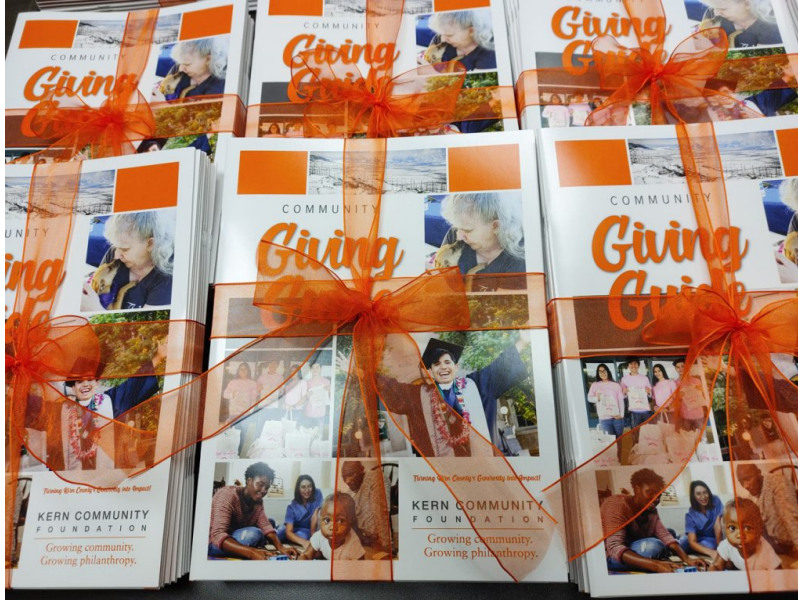
Since 2015, over 1,500 awards have been made to Kern County students, totaling nearly \$3,000,000.

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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

FUTURE HOME OF KERN COUNTY WWII VETERANS MEMORIAL



Kern County WWII Veterans Memorial

November 11 is Veterans Day and to honor men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, we are highlighting Kern County World War II Veterans Memorial. They are at the forefront of commemorating Kern County World War II Veterans. Kern County WWII Veterans Memorial was also the #6 earner in Give Big Kern raising \$35,430.00.

Kern County World War II Veterans Memorial's mission is to create a permanent tribute honoring all Kern County WWII Veterans and those who supported them. Their vision is to serve the community with a beautiful memorial honoring Kern County WWII Veterans that will be a place of reverence, remembrance, and education for all who visit. The Kern County World War II Veterans Committee, a group of local volunteers driven by a single goal; is to Honor and Memorialize our countries Greatest Generation. They are leading the way to ensure their legacy and the values they represent are passed on to future generations. Their **dedication day for the memorial site** is scheduled on, Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10am- 12pm at Jastro Park. [Learn More.](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

November

- November 3: JJ's Legacy Grillin' & Brewin'
- November 5: Rebound the MLK Community
- November 6: Healthful Harvest/ La Cosecha Saludable
- November 12: Wine, Place and Show
- November 18: The Journey So Far

December

- December 1: CSUB Athletics celebrates 50 years of Title IX
 - December 10: Kern County World War II Veterans Memorial Site Dedication Day
 - December 10: Safe Haven Kid's League of California City presents "Annual Holiday Food & Toys Giveaway"
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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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