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**A message to the community from our
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Welcome to December and Happy Holidays! I've had the pleasure to lead Kern Community Foundation for almost a year now, and I'm so grateful for the year we've had. We've grown our staff, deepened our relationships with our community, and strengthened our financial position. These positive outcomes allow us to better serve our nonprofits and fundholders. We are also gearing up for 2023—Give Big Kern and scholarships are just around the corner.

I hope you and your loved ones have a joyous holiday season. On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, it's been our pleasure to serve you in 2022. We wish you all the best!

Aaron Falk

LATEST NEWS



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Scholarship applications are now available!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS **Scholarships Available!!!**

one application, dozens of opportunities!

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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GIVE BIG KERN is May 2, 2023!



Following another successful Day of Giving in 2022 (\$885,235 raised!), Give Big

Kern is gearing up for another opportunity to harness the giving spirit of Kern County to the benefit of our hard-working nonprofits on **May 2**. The Give Big Kern 2023 website will go live on January 3. **Registration** opens January 10 and closes on February 28, 2023. Stay Tuned for more! (givebigkern.org)

For more information and stats on Give Big Kern 2022 ([Click Here](#)).

SAVE THE DATES: Mandatory Webinars

Getting Ready Webinar:
January 17, 2023 at 9:30AM
TO REGISTER: ([Click Here](#))

Final Steps Webinar:
March 27, 2023 at 9:30AM
TO REGISTER: ([Click Here](#))

Eligibility

To participate in Give Big Kern 2023, agencies must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Nonprofit serving Kern County;
2. Be registered with Kern Community Foundation, for info ([Click Here](#))
3. Have achieved a Silver 2021 or higher rating on GuideStar.org;
4. Attend **BOTH** Mandatory GiveGab Webinars



Kern Connected Community Network



Dignity Health, Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Kern Medical partnered together to host Healthful Harvest/ Cosecha Saludable. The purpose of the community health event in Arvin was to educate the public about the importance of medical care and health while connecting the community with resources and medical providers. Kern Community Foundation (KCF) staff, Cristina and Teems, shared information on the Kern Connected Community Network (KCCN), Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP), and upcoming scholarship opportunities.

KCF serves as the community convener for the Kern Connected Community Network. KCCN was launched to help provide a smooth transition for patients, individuals, and families to community resources by utilizing the Unite Us platform. Cristina and Teems, had a great time at Healthful Harvest/ Cosecha Saludable. They also had a surprise

visit from their Unite Us partner and Arvin native, Stephanie Martinez. For more information on KCCN ([Click Here](#)).

If you would like to get connected to community resources ([Click Here](#)).

Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program City Hall Fellowship



Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP) participated in the Rebound the MLK Community: Transportation Community Fair to celebrate Transportation Equity Day. The fair celebrated the importance of clean transportation options, such as bus ridership, electric vehicle care share programs, and active transportation. There were many local nonprofit organizations involved which gave the opportunity to network and introduce the upcoming nonprofit cohort.

Thank you, Bakersfield College Launchpad, for allowing us to host the first Fellowsgiving. Bakersfield Youth Jobs Fellowship celebrated its first Fellowsgiving, consisting of delicious food, games, and lots of laughs. In the past month, the fellows attended two professional development workshops. Thank you to the Economic Community Development department and KCF's President & CEO for sharing important information with the fellows.

BYJP staff is in the works to launch the nonprofit cohort. The nonprofit cohort will place highly motivated youths at local nonprofits throughout Bakersfield. Learn more about BYJP ([Click Here](#)).

Featured Fellow



"Prior to becoming a part of the Bakersfield Jobs Youth Program, I possessed little to no experience in a work environment. Being placed in a professional environment in a field that I am currently pursuing has afforded me so much growth. I've been given an incredible

Meet Michelle Dambaev



Michelle Dambaev is the new Project Manager for BYJP. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Political Science and Global Studies degree.

Michelle moved to Bakersfield and

opportunity that has continued to improve my life."

-Demetrius Portillo

Demetrius is in the traffic engineering division in the Public Works department. He is currently a junior at California State University of Bakersfield, pursuing his Electrical Engineering degree.

began her work in nonprofits. Previously, she was a Program Manager and Communication Specialist at JJ's Legacy. She continues volunteering with the Jim Burke Education Foundation as an advisor for a Ford Dimension Dream Builder team and at Independence High School. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and family.

CHP Tour



Kern Community Foundation staff was invited to tour the CHP Bakersfield Station just off the 99 and Taft Highway exit. The building was completed in 2017 and is the second-largest CHP station in California. Lieutenant Patrick Etchebarne was our guide as we walked through the building learning about the various departments and their job duties. He also shared standard protocols and procedures officers perform in the field and how they prepare for a day on the job.

Thank you, Lieutenant Etchebarne, for the invitation and fantastic experience!

Greater Bakersfield Chamber Mixer



'Tis the season of holiday mixers! The Greater Bakersfield Chamber hosted a holiday mixer at Lino's Venue. Kern Community Foundation staff had a great time networking and getting to know business owners and community leaders. They even came back with fabulous raffle prizes. Thank you, Greater Bakersfield Chamber, for putting this all together. We appreciate all your hard work on this successful event.



DID YOU KNOW?

TDH INTERNATIONAL

TREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023

Receive a copy of the book "Be More Tree"

LEARN HOW TREES BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT!

ELIGIBILITY

- High School Seniors and Juniors
- Minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average
- Write a paper or create a PowerPoint
- Attend One Environmental Education course
- Attend Tree Ceremony

APPLICATION PROCESS

Go to www.upsideacademyinc.org to complete application. Applicants will be reviewed by a screening committee to advance to scholarship.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients will receive a \$500 cash award. At the completion of the term, trees will be planted on their behalf, and they will receive a certificate confirming the trees. Recipients that excel will have the opportunity to work as a paid intern.

upside ACADEMY INC.

Application Deadline: Open until listed as closed
For more information please email: upsideacademyinc@gmail.com

Tree Scholarship Program Available

Recipients will receive will \$500 cash award. At the completion of the term, trees will be planted on their behalf, and they will receive a certificate confirming the trees. Recipients that excel will have the opportunity to work as a paid intern.

Application Deadline: January 3, 2023

For more information, please email:
upsideacademy@gmail.com

Apply Now ([Click Here](#)).

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity (The Center) recruiting new board members



The Center is actively recruiting new board members. We are committed to having a diverse board representing the entire LGBTQIA2S+ community in Kern County! The Center recognizes the sacrifice and honors the time board members put into helping The Center grow and fulfill its mission while maintaining a critical eye to supporting its values. The Board will support the work of The Center and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance.

The Center is a small non-profit that was an all-volunteer organization until 2016, when we employed our first two employees. The Center's staff and services have grown in the past few years and require board members who are up for the challenge of providing and supporting the growth, diversity, equality,

and inclusion of all the members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. We are recruiting new board members for 2023! Come volunteer with us and shape the future of the Center. Check out our website for more information on joining and the online application.

For more information and application ([Click Here](#)).

NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

CALLING ALL REGISTERED NONPROFITS!

Would you like to be featured
in our upcoming newsletters?

Please reach out to
Teems at
fatima@kernfoundation.org



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

December

- 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"
 - December 10: Matrix Holiday Biz Expo & Children's Fair
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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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