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Scholarships

Removing the financial barriers that often stand in the way of a brighter future.



Student Mental Health

Ensuring that every student has access to the resources they need for mental well-being.



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Closing the digital divide to equip students with the skills to thrive in today's world.



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Letter from President & CEO



THE FOUNDATION
FOR FRESNO UNIFIED STUDENTS



Wendy McCulley
President & CEO

■ Letter from President & CEO

Every day, I'm reminded that talent is universal, but opportunity is not. In Fresno Unified, we serve nearly 70,000 brilliant, capable students whose potential is limitless when given the right support. That belief is key to what our team has done with The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students. We exist to remove barriers, expand access, and create the kinds of opportunities that change the trajectory of a student's life.

The work we do is both urgent and deeply personal. I've walked through educational systems that weren't designed for students like me. I've seen what happens when a single opportunity opens a door, and how quickly a lack of resources can close it. Our students deserve better than systems built for the past. They deserve pathways that match their ambition, their creativity, and their realities.

Through The Foundation, we are investing in three critical areas that shape a student's future:

- **Scholarships**, which open doors to college and career pathways that once felt out of reach
- **Mental health**, because students can't learn if they don't feel seen, supported, and safe
- **Technology education**, ensuring every student has access to digital skills that the modern world demands

These aren't just programs. They're lifelines. And they're built through collaboration with partners across philanthropy, business, government, and the community. Our job is to design systems that move at the speed of need, driven by student voice and grounded in equity.

But we cannot do this alone. Real change requires collective investment. It takes individuals, families, and organizations willing to say: Our kids are worth it.

Every scholarship, every partnership, every contribution creates new possibilities for students who are ready to lead—if only given the chance.

Thank you for believing in their potential. Together, we're not just supporting students. We're building what comes next.

— **Wendy McCulley**
President & CEO
The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students

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A Message from Remy, Chief Morale Officer

As the CMO of Portfolio Advisors, I handle crumb patrol & greeting visitors with a tail wag. From my spot under the conference table, I see every day that my humans don't just talk about community, they show up for it. That's why we're proud to support this year's Philanthropy Guide. It's less about our name on the cover & more about a chance to celebrate the spirit that keeps our local community strong.

From my perspective on the rug, the pattern is simple: when clients & advisors use their money to support local programs, scholarships, & families, something shifts. People walk in more hopeful. "Using your capital as a force for good" isn't just something they say — it's how they choose to work with clients & with each other.

We also never forget a simple truth: our success as a company is a direct reflection of the community we belong to. We can't thrive unless the community thrives with us—just like I can't nap unless someone's nearby to scratch behind my ears.

My humans keep financial planning approachable—listening first & always putting clients' interests ahead of their own. Around here, loyalty & doing the right thing are just how the pack operates: thoughtful, dependable, & devoted. The way all good dogs—and good advisors—should be.

If you'd like to learn more about the team I proudly supervise, explore long-term or one-time planning services, or see more photos of me, visit www.portadvisors.com!

United Way Fresno and Madera Counties



United Way Fresno and Madera Counties



Stephanie Nathan
President and CEO



Kirk Haynes
Board Chair

Mission Statement

United Way Fresno and Madera Counties creates paths to prosperity. We achieve this through resident-led and partner-supported work that acknowledges individual circumstance and prioritized access, opportunity, and equity for all.

Service Area

Fresno & Madera Counties

Information

United Way
Fresno and Madera Counties
4949 E Cesar Chavez Blvd Fresno
CA 93727
(559) 244-5710
www.uwfm.org

Focus

UNITED WAY FRESNO AND MADERA COUNTIES has held a presence in the mid-Central Valley for over 100 years. Although our approach has evolved over time, our goal of improving the lives of Fresno and Madera residents has remained the driving force behind our organization. Today, our initiatives center on alleviating poverty and building long-term economic stability for community members. Simultaneously, we build the capacity of other local non-profit organizations and collaborate with diverse partners such as businesses, government agencies, and media to maximize our impact, fill gaps in service, and address community needs more effectively. Through projects like the Central Valley Equity Conference, Participatory Grantmaking, and High Roads to Good Jobs and Prosperity, we are moving toward a future where residents not only share in our work of building strong, resilient communities, but have opportunities to lead the work themselves.



2023-24 Highlights

- \$7.6M in tax refunds were returned to local families.
- \$15M in relief payments distributed to 25,527 frontline food and farm workers.
- \$10M grant secured for High Roads to Good Jobs + Prosperity.
- \$195K in community-driven grants allocated to area nonprofits.
- \$1.15M investment in digital access, supporting 30,000 low-income residents.
- 1,000 individuals trained for job readiness.



Get Involved

THERE ARE MANY WAYS you can **LIVE UNITED** and join in our vital work.

1) VOLUNTEER WITH US! Volunteers are needed during the upcoming tax season, or for our general outreach and community events.

2) SIGN UP YOUR BUSINESS FOR WORKPLACE GIVING! This is a way for your employees to give back while improving staff morale and fostering team collaboration.

3) MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE UNRESTRICTED DONATION to our cause by texting **UNITEDWAYFAM to 44321**.

4) LEARN MORE BY FOLLOWING US on social media and visiting our website at uwfm.org. Contact us for more information on how to get involved at info@uwfm.org.



Vision

WE ENVISION A NATION where one's identity has no bearing on their access to education, well-being, or prosperity. We aim to achieve this goal by building a social infrastructure that connects people and communities to resources and opportunities for wealth creation.

WE WORK WITH RESIDENTS, NON-PROFITS, AND
**BUSINESSES
LIKE YOURS.**



WE HAVE A 100-YEAR HISTORY
of helping local residents access resources to overcome poverty.

WE REGULARLY PARTNER WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS
to cover gaps in service and maximize collective impact.

WE WORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS
to foster volunteerism and opportunities to give.

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UNITED WAY
Fresno and
Madera Counties

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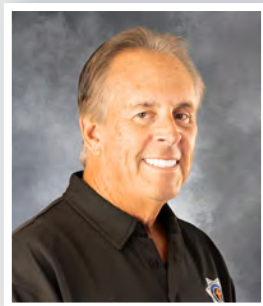
Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy



Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy



Matthew Markarian
Executive Director



Mark Turley
Board Chair

Mission Statement

Committed to being first to serve providing spiritual and emotional support to first responders and the community.

Service Area

Fresno County

Information

Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy
905 N. Fulton Street
Fresno CA 93728
(559) 621-2120
Info@fresnochaplaincy.org

Goals

MENTAL & SPIRITUAL HEALTH of all our first responders is always first on our minds.

Fundraising/Events

- **SUPPORT BLUE RUN**
February 28, 2026
- **CLAY SHOOT**
May 30, 2026
- **HOLIDAY BLESSINGS**
November & December
- **ON-GOING GIVING**
fresnochaplaincy.org/giving



Volunteer

- **GET MORE INFORMATION** at fresnochaplaincy.org
- **FOR OVER 40 YEARS**, the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy has been dedicated to serving the community by providing compassionate care, support, and spiritual guidance to First Responders and victims of trauma. Our volunteer chaplains work alongside First Responders to offer emotional and practical assistance during times of crisis, helping to build stronger, safer communities.
- **PROJECT STEALTH** is a youth support program for at-risk teens, ages 13–17, in Fresno County who are facing tough challenges like violence, gangs, or unstable home lives. Through group sessions, mentoring, and family support, we help teens build the skills to heal, lead, and thrive – while strengthening family bonds and creating a brighter future.

Challenges/Opportunities

- **AS A 501(C)3, FUNDING IS AN ON-GOING CHALLENGE.**
- **RECRUITING VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS**

Focuses

MENTAL & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT Developing meaningful relationships with First Responders by offering chaplain support.

CRISIS RESPONSE & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT Providing on-scene emotional and spiritual care to victims of trauma.

TRAINING, EQUIPPING, OUTREACH Training and equipping our volunteer chaplains to be servant leaders. Being present at daily briefings, community events and ceremonies – always being First to Serve.

YOUTH MENTORSHIP & PREVENTION

Rebuilding relationships between teens and their families. Preventing exploitation, trafficking, and gang involvement. Providing life skills and hope for a better future for teens.





SUPPORT BLUE Run

POWERS THE WORK BEING DONE AT



Fresno
Police and Fire
Chaplaincy

The Support Blue Run, held annually on the last Saturday of February at Fresno's Woodward Park, brings together families, local organizations, & community supporters to celebrate and uplift local law enforcement.

This community-centered event unites families, advocates, and local partners with a shared purpose—recognizing the service, resilience, and daily commitment of the officers who keep our neighborhoods safe.

2M ★ 5K ★ 10K

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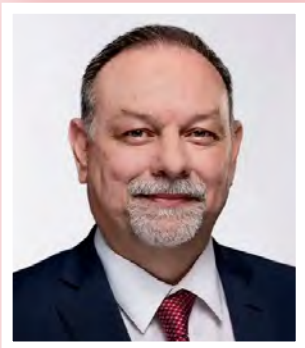
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THE FOUNDATION
FOR FRESNO UNIFIED STUDENTS



Wendy McCulley
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Antonio Avila
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Mission Statement

To ensure students reach their full potential by supporting exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.

Service Area

Fresno Unified School District

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The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students

Scholarships: Opening Doors, One Student at a Time

SCHOLARSHIPS are one of the most direct ways we change lives. Every year, The Foundation helps Fresno Unified seniors pursue higher education by removing financial barriers that limit opportunity. Since 2021, donors have helped award \$1.2 million in scholarships—more than the previous 12 years combined. These gifts tell students they’re seen, supported, and worth investing in. With your help, we can open even more doors and shape a stronger future for Fresno’s students.



Student Mental Health: Centering Well-Being in Student Success

MENTAL HEALTH is essential to student success. Many Fresno Unified students face challenges without enough support, so The Foundation is investing in student-led solutions through partnerships with Smallify and DoSomething Strategic. We’re building a roadmap for equitable, long-term mental health resources—designed by and for students. But we can’t do it alone. Join us in creating a stigma-free, supportive system where every student can thrive. Because every mind matters—and every student deserves to be well.



Technology Education: Building Digital Equity for the Future

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION is key in today’s world. That’s why The Foundation partnered with DARO to identify gaps in the ecosystem and build equitable, future-ready pathways for Fresno Unified students. From enhancing classroom learning to preparing students for tech careers, we’re working to close the digital divide. But we need your help. Your investment powers innovation and opportunity—equipping students with the skills they need in a rapidly changing world. Together, we can build Fresno’s digital future.



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TRANSPORTATION

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TRIPS PER DAY

44+

ROUTES



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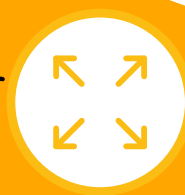
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The Foundation @ FCOE



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To ensure students reach their full potential by supporting exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.

Service Area

Fresno County School Districts:

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Big Creek Elementary
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Washington Unified
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FCSS and Charter Schools

Information

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fcoefoundation.org



The Foundation at FCOE

Goals

- **EXCELLENCE:** To support academic and co-curricular student events coordinated by the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, such as Academic Decathlon, College Night, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Young Authors' Faire, and Career Tech Expo.
- **ACCESS:** To help fund countywide programs that promote opportunities for student success, such as early care and education, empowerment and equity supports, graduation rate improvement, college and career-tech readiness, libraries, technology and more.
- **INNOVATION:** To provide grants to school programs across the county that demonstrate innovation and improve student educational success.
- **PLANNED GIVING AND ENDOWMENT GROWTH:** To seek forward-thinking donors who will provide bequests, endowments, or contribute to our existing endowment with the intention of safeguarding essential programs and services for Fresno County students.

Fundraising/Events

THE FOUNDATION'S largest fundraising event is the FCOE Honors Gala held every September. There are many opportunities for community-minded businesses and individuals to give to the Foundation to benefit Fresno County students, including sponsoring a program or event, providing in-kind goods or services, through unrestricted contributions, or listing the Foundation as a beneficiary in personal will or estate.



Focuses

THE FOUNDATION fundraises for programs and services that focus on student health and equity, access to early learning opportunities, career technical education programs and enhancing services for students with special needs and foster, homeless and incarcerated youth, among many others. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that students have opportunities to discover their talents, interests, and passion through student events and special projects that focus on academics, agriculture, arts, and athletics. At the core of the Foundation's strategic priorities is ensuring all students receive a well-rounded comprehensive education for a positive life trajectory.



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The Legacy Collective is a group of donors who safeguard and advance educational opportunities for Fresno County students. Aligning your values, passion, and generosity with The Foundation @ FCOE enables the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to invest on your behalf in the promise of bright futures - today

For a confidential planned giving conversation, call MaryEllen Galvan, Executive Director at, (559) 497-3770.

For more information visit:

www.fcoefoundation.org

Currently seeking investments for Scout Island Outdoor Education Center, Career Technical Education Charter High School, Arts Education, the Fresno Cradle 2 Career Initiative, and many other student educational programs.

Fresno Mission



Matt Dildine
CEO

Mission Statement

The mission of the Fresno Mission is to Rescue Restore and Empower, through Christ centered communities of transformation.

Service Area

Central California

Information

Fresno Mission City Center
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Fresno Rescue Mission

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Fresno Mission

■ Successes in 2025:

OVER THE PAST COUPLE YEARS, the Fresno Mission has seen extraordinary growth and transformation. From the continued growth of City Center — our nine-acre shared campus uniting more than 15 non-profits — to the merging of our Life Recovery programs into a more robust campus called The Searcy Center, we've continued to create pathways out of crisis for thousands across the Central Valley. Hundreds of men and women have graduated from our programs, with 85% of them having remained employed and restored relationships with their families since. Our community partnerships have strengthened, and through collaborative care, we're addressing homelessness, hunger, human trafficking, and other forms of life insecurity at their roots. Each success story represents more than progress. It's proof that transformation is possible when the community comes together with a shared purpose: to rescue, restore, and empower lives in Fresno.

■ Challenges/Opportunities:

HOMELESSNESS in Fresno looks different today than it did even a decade ago. It is no longer defined solely by older adults struggling with addiction. Increasingly, it is a child or a young adult with no support system, no stability, and no safe place to go. More than half of the people staying at the Fresno Mission are under the age of 18—a reality that speaks to the urgent challenges facing youth in crisis. Many are aging out of foster care with nowhere to land. Others are fleeing abuse, trafficking, or situations that place them at risk. As our team often says, "Most youth flee systems — but together, we're building one they'll run toward." Despite the magnitude of the need, this moment holds tremendous opportunity. By strengthening our partnerships, expanding youth services, and creating safe, trauma-informed pathways, we can offer young people the stability and direction they deserve.

■ Fundraising:

THIS YEAR, the Fresno Mission launched Our Valley Cares, a new initiative inviting businesses, churches, and individuals to come alongside us in meeting the most urgent needs facing our community. Through this collective effort, supporters can directly invest in expanding shelter capacity, strengthening youth services, and sustaining the essential programs that serve thousands across the Valley. Another key focus of our work is the continued transformation of the Searcy Center, where we are building a more robust, trauma-informed program for the men, women, and children living on our campus and participating in our Life Recovery Program. Additionally, CC's Kitchen at City Center has become a vital resource for both our residents and our neighbors. Each week, our team prepares up to 1,400 dignified meals—ensuring every person who comes to our doors receives nourishment, care, and hope. Maintaining this level of service requires ongoing support. Every gift strengthens these life-changing programs and helps us care for our community with compassion and excellence.

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2025

IMPACT REPORT

880,772
meals served

30,261
households fed by
First Fruits Market

549
youth cared for at
City Center



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From crisis to stability — your generosity makes the journey possible.

Every year, thousands of neighbors walk a pathway of transformation through the Fresno Mission. Your philanthropy ensures they don't walk it alone.

Crisis Response

Immediate shelter, warm meals, essential clothing, compassionate support, and a safe place to rest and recover.

Stabilization

Case management, family support, youth programs, and essential resources that create stability through personalized care.

Recovery & Response

Residential addiction recovery, counseling, spiritual development, and long-term programs at the Searcy Transformation Center.

Purpose & Employment

Workforce training and hands-on experience through Mission Industries: retail, food service, auto operations, recycling, and warehouse operations.

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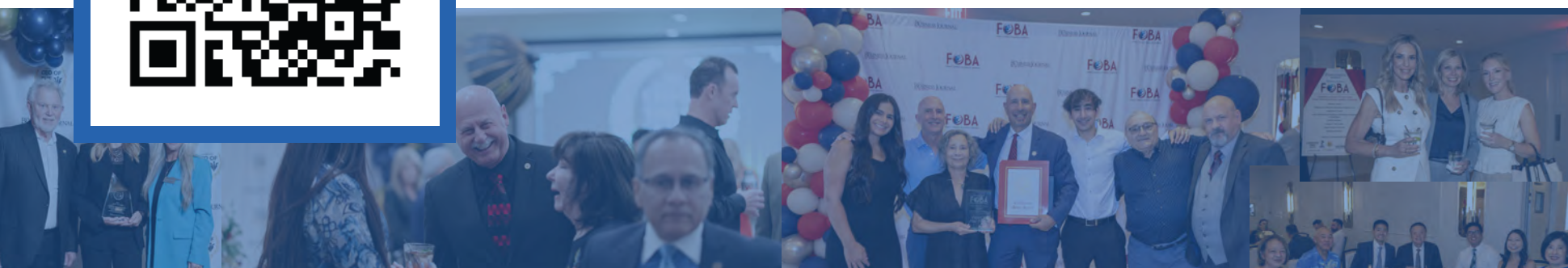
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READING

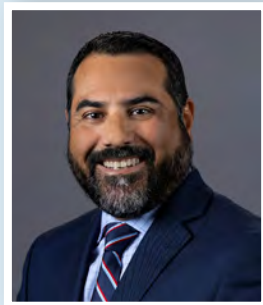
For just \$310 you can support a year of books for 20 Fresno County children!

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State Center Community College Foundation



Rico Guerrero
Executive Director



Dr. Carole Goldsmith
Chancellor

Mission Statement

To encourage philanthropic gifts that directly enhance the access to and quality of community education for the students and faculty of the State Center Community College District.

Service Area

- Fresno City College
- Reedley College
- Clovis Community College
- Madera Community College

Information

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Fresno, CA 93721
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www.scccd.edu/foundation

@ State Center Community College District

@SCCCD

Challenges/Opportunities

OVER THE PAST DECADE, I've heard countless student stories of resilience, sacrifice, and determination. I've listened to a single mother describe choosing between paying her water or electric bill, and met students forced to decide between buying groceries or textbooks, or attending class or working an extra shift just to get by. These are not abstract challenges; they are daily realities for many of our students and the reason the Foundation exists.

Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation awarded \$1.2 million in scholarships this year. That number represents more than financial assistance, it reflects a community's belief in the power of education.

But while this milestone is worth celebrating, the need continues to grow. As the cost of living rises, so does the financial strain on our students. Education can break the cycle of poverty but only when students have the resources to stay the course.



Successes in 2025

THE ISE (Isaiah, Samuel, and Elijah) Diamond L.I.F.E. (Learning Is For Everyone) Sports Complex groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 8, 2025. Jami Hamel De La Cerda, founder and CEO of Diamond Learning Center, Inc., made a \$500,000 donation to Clovis Community College in 2024, and received the naming rights for the sports complex in recognition of her generosity. The ISE (Isaiah, Samuel, and Elijah) are the names of Jami's amazing sons. The ISE Diamond L.I.F.E. Sports Complex will include a competition soccer field, all-weather competition track with runways and pits, a support building with a new athletic training room, locker rooms, and showers, bleachers, a press box, video scoreboard with integrated sound, public restrooms, and other amenities.



Fundraiser/Event

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION is excited to present our premier scholarship fundraiser, **Elements of the Arts** on March 28, 2026. The event showcases our student's artistic abilities throughout our colleges and opportunities to bid on student artwork and luxurious getaways in the live and silent auction. Guests will be entertained all while supporting our students through the funding and establishment of scholarships.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Mission Statement

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Service Area

Fresno, Clovis, Firebaugh, Mendota, Sanger, Reedley, Orange Cove, Pinedale, Huron, Selma, and Del Rey

Information

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Fundraising/Events

ON JANUARY 22, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County will host the 19th annual Youth of the Year competition. This premier program honors teens who exemplify character, leadership, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. Club members ages 14–18 compete for this prestigious title, scholarship, and the chance to advance to state, regional, and national levels. Be moved as youth share the transformative impact Clubs have in preparing them to thrive today and beyond in life.



Challenges/Opportunities

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF FRESNO COUNTY PROUDLY OPENED the new Firebaugh Club, a full-scale clubhouse created in partnership with Fresno Housing to offer youth an art room, updated kitchen, improved landscaping, and enhanced safety. Experiencing this new space gave leadership fresh eyes, showing what's possible for our Clubs and inspiring a commitment to thoughtful upgrades.

WHILE RENOVATION WORK PRESENTS CHALLENGES, including the rising cost of materials and the scale of updates needed in long-standing facilities, it has also created exciting opportunities. Our Club Takeover to Makeover initiative is bringing in new partnerships, with community members contributing through donated funds, materials, and volunteers. The Zimmerman Club is already progressing with new paint, signage for the building, refreshed offices and training space, and plans for a new HVAC system before summer.

EACH RENOVATION BRINGS US CLOSER to safe, welcoming, pride-filled spaces where youth can learn, grow, and thrive.

Focuses

HEALTH & WELLBEING: Young people make informed, healthy decisions that contribute to their overall well-being.

CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP: Young people stay true to their values, demonstrate good citizenship, and drive positive change.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: Young people are self-directed learners who succeed academically with a plan after high school.

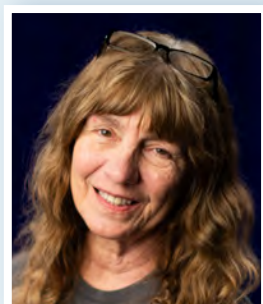
LIFE & WORKFORCE READINESS: Young people are equipped to navigate adulthood and pursue a fulfilling, economically viable career.



Community Media Access Collaborative



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Mission Statement

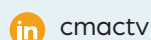
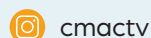
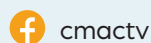
Our mission is to empower community voices by promoting media literacy, civic engagement, cultural understanding, and creative expression.

Service Area

Serving residents in the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area.
Broadcasting in Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties, and worldwide on the internet.

Information

1555 Van Ness Ave #201
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Focus:

COMMUNITY MEDIA ACCESS COLLABORATIVE (CMAC) is a non-profit organization created to help residents, schools, non-profits, public agencies and others better connect with our community through the use of media. Our focus areas are:

- **EDUCATION:** CMAC offers workshops, training cohorts, internships, and apprenticeships to empower aspiring media creators of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels.
- **ACCESS:** Through our membership program, residents can access state-of-the-art recording spaces and equipment to share their stories for low-to-no cost.
- **EVENTS:** We connect residents through meetups, screenings, and creative challenges to celebrate local talent and storytelling.
- **PRODUCTION:** We support local governments, schools, and other nonprofits with professional video and audio production services, facility management, and rentals.
- **DISTRIBUTION:** Residents and organizations share their informative programs or creative works on local cable television (Comcast Xfinity Channels 93, 94, 95, 96; AT&T U-verse Channel 99), and online with free streaming apps on Apple, Android, Roku and Amazon televisions and mobile devices.



Annual Events:

- **THE BIG TELL:** Our annual contest for student, amateur, or professional media makers to produce short documentary films about undiscovered stories in the six-county region. Participants receive a stipend, mentorship, and access to equipment. The films premiere at a free public showcase and on local TV.
- **YOUTH VOICES:** Our annual contest that teaches youth how to harness the power of media to tell stories of personal and societal significance through documentary filmmaking. Participants receive a stipend, mentorship, and access to equipment. The films premiere at a free public showcase and on local TV.
- **EMPOWHERD VOICES:** Our annual contest designed to empower and amplify the voices of aspiring women filmmakers through documentary storytelling. Participants receive a stipend, mentorship, and access to equipment. The films premiere at a free public showcase and on local TV.
- **FILM RACE:** Our annual creative challenge where participants have to think quickly on their feet to produce a narrative film in a short time frame. Films are judged and prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and a special youth award.
- **PSA WEEK:** Nonprofit organizations serving Fresno County receive free assistance to create a short Public Service Announcement video and a CMAC membership to learn how to share their mission and impact through video storytelling.

Get Involved:

- **RESIDENTS CAN LEARN** about media making by signing up for a workshop. There's a new workshop every week covering a variety of topics such as visual storytelling, camera operating, podcasting, social media content creation, and more. Visit cmac.tv/workshops for more information.
- **BECOME A VOLUNTEER** and help CMAC create media that matters for the Fresno metro area. You can also volunteer to help at CMAC events. Visit cmac.tv/volunteer to learn more.
- **BECOME A MEMBER** of CMAC and learn how to use our professional recording facilities or check-out equipment to produce your own TV show, podcast, short film, or other media project. Membership is on a sliding scale and fee waivers are available for those with financial need. Visit cmac.tv/membership for more information.



The Light House Recovery Program



Vikki Luna
Founder & CEO

Mission Statement

Offering HOPE, HELP & HEALING
to Women and Children

Service Area

Fresno, Mariposa, Tulare, and
Madera counties.

Information

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The Light House Women's
Recovery Center



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Goals

Little Lights is closer to becoming a reality, but what's even more exciting is we are in negotiation for a multi-use building suitable and zoned to provide both our Day Care and housing for women with children! An all around wonderful way to provide a safe place for the children to learn by day and rest at night.



Opportunities

Although we offer a wide variety of wrap around services and hold an extremely high success rate, there are a few missing pieces to our puzzle. Be part of helping to complete the picture. Your pledge to partner with us in either the Little Lights Day Care and/or The Genesis House shelter will not only prove to give a good return, together, we'll be making interruptions into generational issues such as addiction, poverty and ongoing trauma. When we help an individual, we help our community.



Focuses and Successes

We expanded our employment training component this year, adding a fourth training site with our newest enterprise, **Dogs Dig 'Em**. Each week we train women in various stations including prepping, sheeting, cutting, baking, bagging and tagging. Our product is sold in various local stores including Whities Pets, SaveMart and many more. You can also find us online and at vendor fairs. This expansion offers yet another opportunity to train women with employment skills, moving them from welfare to work while also reaching the hearts of our furry friends at the same time.

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Hmong Business Incubator Center



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Mission Statement

To fully realize human potential and cultivate economic growth and resilience, our mission is to improve economic capacity in our local community through Business Development, Professional Development & Community Relations, creating an entrepreneurial environment that identifies business opportunities and encourages innovation.

Service Area

Fresno County

Information

Hmong Business Incubator Center
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Goals:

Hmong Business Incubator aims to expand economic mobility by helping underserved and underrepresented individuals successfully start, grow, and sustain their businesses. Through comprehensive business development services, technical assistance, and digital skill-building, HBI seeks to create measurable outcomes in job creation, business formation, and financial resilience. The goal is to cultivate lasting entrepreneurial success that strengthens families and contributes to a more equitable regional economy.



Focuses:

Hmong Business Incubator's focus is to remove barriers that prevent community members—especially within the Hmong community—from navigating business systems and accessing economic opportunities. By offering hands-on support, coaching, digital transformation tools, and culturally responsive guidance, HBI empowers individuals to confidently pursue entrepreneurship. This focus ensures that innovators from underserved backgrounds have the resources, skills, and support needed to participate fully in the economic landscape.

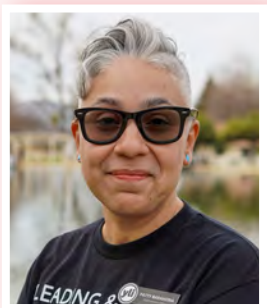


Hmong Entrepreneur Conference 2024:

The Hmong Entrepreneur Conference 2024 brought together over 300 attendees from 62+ zip codes, showcasing strong national interest in Hmong entrepreneurship. Hosted by the Hmong Business Incubator on May 18 in Fresno, the event featured dynamic workshops on SBA loans, business processes, and community-focused resources. With participants ranging from students to seasoned business owners, the conference ignited new ideas and highlighted the power of innovation. Attendees left inspired, informed, and motivated to pursue their entrepreneurial goals.



Youth Leadership Institute



Patty Barahona
CEO

Mission Statement

Youth Leadership Institute builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive community change that promotes social justice and racial equity.

Service Area

- Fresno
- Merced
- Madera
- Eastern Coachella Valley
- San Francisco Office (Headquarters)
- San Mateo
- Marin
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Information

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Goals

YLI'S MISSION IS TO BUILD COMMUNITIES where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive social change. yli's work is based in the conviction that, if we invest in young people and help them uncover their authentic leadership style, the entire community will prosper as a result.

In Fresno and Madera Counties these are the focuses:

- Community/Civic Engagement
- Storytelling
- Policy Change
- Prevention and Early Intervention

Focus

YLI PROGRAMS ARE DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THEIR LOCAL CONTEXT and reflective of local strengths, needs and coalitions. And each utilizes the yli model:

LEADERSHIP – Youth build deep relationships with peers and adult allies, helping them to uncover their gifts, build confidence in their ideas, and hone the skills they need to make positive community change, like public speaking, community organizing, and campaign strategy.

RESEARCH – yli trains young people to conduct research to improve their lives, their communities, and the institutions intended to serve them. In the process, youth gain skills in critical thinking, research techniques, and data analysis.

STORYTELLING – Through yli's youth-led media and storytelling campaigns, young people learn to share their stories and activate their communities through a wide range of media and strategies.

CAMPAIGNS – Working alongside elected officials, community leaders, local partners and coalitions, yli youth exercise their organizing, public speaking, budget- and policy-making skills.

Successes in 2025

• **WE WILL LAUNCH** the Youth Economic Bill of Rights in the spring of 2026, based on over 2,000 surveys with young people across Fresno and Madera counties.

• **REP559** hosted the first Central Valley Summit for Economic Prosperity and Climate Justice, convening over 80 youth for a full day of learning on economic development, workforce, climate, and community health.

• **OUR FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM** at Edison High School has started the Tiger Pantry, a youth developed initiative to support young people to have access to healthy food options. In 2026 we are looking to continue these efforts through funding and more youth participants.



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Mission Statement

"Improving the quality of care for children of the Central Valley"

Service Area

Fresno County

Information

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Central Valley Children's
Services Network

Goals

AT CENTRAL VALLEY CHILDREN'S SERVICES NETWORK (CSN), our mission is to improve the quality of care for children across the Central Valley. High-quality child care supports a child's social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and creative development; giving them the strongest foundation for future success.

CSN advances this mission by expanding access to affordable, quality care through provider support, child care referrals for families, and early learning opportunities for children. By equipping child care providers and parents with the tools, knowledge, and resources they need to make informed decisions, we help create environments where children can grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.



Challenges/Opportunities

AS FRESNO COUNTY'S CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL ORGANIZATION, CSN understands that supporting families requires more than connecting them to quality child care; it also means helping them access essential community resources that meet their basic needs. When families are stable, children are better positioned to thrive. Although funding is limited, strong partnerships make this possible. By leveraging community collaborations, CSN strengthens its programs and creates meaningful impact in the lives of children and families.



Focuses

ONE OF OUR MAIN FOCUSES is ensuring that our programs thrive and run smoothly. Each program that we offer at CSN works together towards improving the quality of care for children. Whether it is assisting parents with finding child care or helping with the cost of child care, CSN strives to provide the best services possible so that parents can feel supported, children can flourish, and our community stays informed and connected. CSN believes every child deserves the most optimal care possible and our team is available to help make that happen!



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Mission Statement

EPU guides and strengthens families and children with unique needs through early intervention and supportive services that cultivate hope and resilience.

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Successes in 2025

IN 2025, GENEROSITY FUELED A MOVEMENT—NOT JUST PROGRAMS.

Together, we worked toward one unified goal: creating a stronger, healthier Central Valley where every child and family thrives. Because of you, EPU delivered nearly 20,000 personalized supports, connected thousands of parents to education and resources, and ensured timely care for children through comprehensive assessments and interventions. More than 6,700 individuals and 4,300 families experienced hope and resilience because you believed in their potential. These are not isolated wins—they are the ripple effects of your commitment to children and their potential. Every gift, every partnership, every act of support moves us closer to a future where families have the tools and confidence to support their children. Thank you for making this collective impact possible.



Challenges/Opportunities

EPU HAS FACED CHALLENGES BEFORE—and grown stronger every time. Meeting the needs of children and families across the Central Valley requires bold solutions and strong partnerships. In 2026, we're expanding—reaching more neighborhoods and enhancing programs that build resilience and empower parents. Even in uncertain times, EPU remains a trusted source of hope and guidance. Your generosity makes this possible. Every gift helps close gaps in care and ensures no child is left behind.



Focuses

EPU'S FOCUS IN 2026 is on holistic support for children with unique needs and their families. We prioritize early intervention and parent education, recognizing that comprehensive care leads to better outcomes. Our programs address medical, developmental, and behavioral challenges, providing resources and guidance tailored to each family's situation. We are committed to fostering inclusive environments where every child feels valued and supported. EPU also emphasizes community engagement, and is partnering with local organizations to create opportunities for growth and connection. In addition, we are expanding our outreach to underserved communities, ensuring that families facing barriers to care can access the support they need. By focusing on resilience, empowerment, and advocacy, we help families build strong foundations for their children's future. Our work is driven by our vision that families are the safe place for children with unique needs to find love, belonging, guidance, and support.



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Mission Statement

To empower children and families to achieve productive, self-reliant lives.

Service Area

Fresno, Madera, and Kings Counties

Information

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 Reading and Beyond

Goals

EMPOWERING CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES: Reading and Beyond empowers children and families to achieve self-reliant lives through education, health, and economic mobility programs serving an area of the Central Valley covering 26 ZIP codes. Last year, resources entrusted to Reading and Beyond helped fuel programs that strengthened families, expanded opportunities, and created lasting change. By investing in early learning, youth leadership, and workforce readiness, Reading and Beyond is helping build stability for families and enduring strength for the regional economy.



Fundraising/Events

ANNUAL GALA: A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT: Held at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, Reading and Beyond's Annual Gala brings together business leaders, community partners, and friends for an evening of celebration and impact. Guests enjoy dinner, live entertainment, an auction, and inspiring stories of transformation—all while supporting programs that help families build lasting stability. It's a memorable night and a meaningful opportunity to become a philanthropic partner investing in our shared future.



Focuses

IMPACT THAT REACHES ACROSS GENERATIONS: Annual Gala: A Night to Celebrate and Support: Two Generations. One Path Forward. Children are at the center of Reading and Beyond's work. Every child is surrounded by their environment. Reading and Beyond's innovative, data-informed two-generational model connects what children need to learn and thrive with what adults need to sustain them, aligning education, health, and workforce readiness within one coordinated system. Four pathways guide this work: School Readiness, School Success, Family Success, and Health and Wellness, a continuum of care reaching from pre-natal to parenthood, from preschool to career. These outcomes translate to educational successes, healthier families, and a more resilient regional workforce. By combining personalized case management with community partnerships, Reading and Beyond has built a model that is both efficient and effective. In 2024, the organization served 1,638 and reached more than 4,000 households, proving that lasting change happens when one generation's progress strengthens the next.





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Most US adults aren't making year-end charitable contributions, new AP-NORC poll finds

By **JAMES POLLARD & LINLEY SANDERS** Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans aren't making end-of-year charitable giving plans, according to the results of a new AP-NORC poll, despite the many fundraising appeals made by nonprofits that rely on donation surges in the calendar's final month to reach budget targets.

The survey, which was conducted in early December by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, found that about half of U.S. adults say they've already made their charitable contributions for 2025. Just 18% say they've donated and will donate again before the year is over. Only 6% report they haven't given yet but will do so by December's end. The rest, 30%, haven't donated and don't plan to.

Everyday donors faced competing priorities this year. President Donald Trump's social services grant cuts, severe foreign aid rollbacks

and November SNAP benefits freeze — plus natural disasters like Los Angeles' historically destructive wildfires — left no shortage of urgent causes in need of heightened support. But weaker income gains and steep price inflation meant lower-income households had less money to redistribute. Other surveys have also found a yearslong decline in the number of individuals who give.

Trump's tax and spending legislation offered an extra incentive to give more starting in January; most filers will see new charitable deductions next tax year of up to \$1,000 for individuals and \$2,000 for married couples. Some itemizers may make more gifts this year, though, ahead of a new floor for donation write-offs that takes effect in 2026.

December still serves as a "very important deadline" for donors, according to Dianne Chipps Bailey, managing director of Bank of America's Philanthropic Solutions division. She cited estimates

from the National Philanthropic Trust that nearly one-third of annual giving happens in the final month.

"December 31 does provide a target to make sure that they've given what they intended to give before the year is over," Bailey said.

FEW DONATE ON GIVINGTUESDAY

Perhaps no day is more consequential for fundraisers than GivingTuesday. The well-known celebration of generosity sees many nonprofits leverage the attention to solicit donations on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Americans donated an estimated \$4 billion to nonprofits this most recent GivingTuesday.

But Americans were much more likely to make a Black Friday purchase than a GivingTuesday gift this year. Just under half say they bought something for Black Friday, according to the poll, compared to about 1 in 10 who

say they donated to a charity for GivingTuesday.

"Black Friday gets the lion's share of things," said Oakley Graham, a 32-year-old from Missouri. "And then you've got GivingTuesday a couple days later. Most people have probably spent all their spending money at that point."

Graham said his family has "definitely tightened the financial belt" in recent years. He and his wife are dealing with student loan debts now that the Trump administration suspended their repayment plan. Their two young children are always growing out of their clothes. It's good if there's anything left for savings.

He still tries to help out his neighbors — from handiwork to Salvation Army clothing donations.

"Not that I'm not willing to give here and there," he said. "But it seems like it's pretty tough to find the extra funds."

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CHECKOUT CHARITY PROVES MORE POPULAR

Another avenue for nudging Americans to give is more widely used, even if individual donations are small. The AP-NORC poll found that about 4 in 10 U.S. adults say they donated to a charity when checking out at a store this year.

Among them is Graham. As an outdoorsy person who enjoys hunting and fishing when he can, he said he is “always susceptible to giving for conservation” — likely rounding up once or twice at Bass Pro Shops for that reason.

“With the finances, I don’t do a lot of buying these days. But a couple cents here or there is like — I can do that,” he said. “It doesn’t sound like much. But I know if everybody did it would make a difference.”

The poll found that older adults — those over 60 — are more likely than Americans overall to donate at store checkouts.

ONE TEXAS ARCHITECT’S UNUSUAL PROCESS FOR YEAR-END DONATIONS

About one-quarter of Americans plan to donate in the last weeks of the year, and Chuck Dietrick is one of them. The 69-year-old architect applies what he calls

a “shotgun approach” as the year comes to a close.

He and his wife give monthly to Valley Hope, a nonprofit addiction services provider where their son did inpatient rehab. And then there are eight or so organizations that they support with end-of-the-year gifts.

“We’re doing our own thing,” he said. “I don’t do Black Friday or Cyber Monday, either ... So, I don’t do the GivingTuesday thing.”

Dietrick estimates their household donated somewhere between \$501 and \$2,500. The Dallas-Fort Worth area couple mostly contributes to organizations that touched their lives or the lives of their friends.

There’s the Florida hospice that Dietrick said did a “super job” caring for his mother. He has relatives and friends who served in the military, so he also gives to the Disabled American Veterans and the Wounded Warrior Project.

“I would rather give a smaller amount of money to a variety of institutions that I care about rather than giving a big chunk of money to one,” he explained.

GIVING PLANS WENT UNAFFECTED BY FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS OR THE SHUTDOWN

Most 2025 donors say the amount they gave wasn’t affected much by this year’s

federal funding cuts or the government shutdown, according to the AP-NORC poll, although about 3 in 10 say those situations did impact the charities they chose to support.

The survey suggests that, while private donors mobilized millions to fill funding gaps and hunger relief groups saw donation totals spike last month, many Americans did not respond with their pocketbooks to the nonprofit sector’s newfound pressures this year.

The cuts did compel Jeannine Disviscour to give more.

“I did not donate on GivingTuesday,” the 63-year-old Baltimore teacher said. “But I did donate that week because I was feeling the need to support organizations that I felt might not continue to get the support they needed to get to be successful.”

She estimates her household gave between \$501 and \$2,500. That included support for National Public Radio. Congress eliminated \$1.1 billion allocated to public broadcasting this summer, leaving hundreds of NPR stations with some sort of budget hole. She said she wanted to ensure journalism reached news deserts where residents have few media options.

Living in an area that is home to many refugees, Disviscour

also donated her time and money to the Asylee Women Enterprise. She said the local nonprofit helps asylum-seekers and other forced migrants find food, shelter, clothing, transportation and language classes.

“There is a gap in funding and there’s more need than ever,” she said. “And I wanted to step up. And it’s in my community.”

Sanders reported from Washington.

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The AP-NORC poll of 1,146 adults was conducted Dec. 4–8 using a sample drawn from NORC’s probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for adults overall is plus or minus 4 percentage points.



Nonprofit Organizations



In the Central San Joaquin Valley - ranked by estimated budget for 2025; if tied, by operational budget for 2024

	Name of non-profit Phone/Fax	Type of non-profit	Est. budget for 2025 Operational budget 2024	Full/Part-time Employees	Volunteers People benefited in 2023	Services provided	Primary funding sources	Year founded locally Person(s) in charge
1 (NR)	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) 1920 Mariposa St., Ste. 300 Fresno 263-1000/263-1286	Community Action Agency	\$130 million WND 2	WND WND	WND WND	Over 35 programs including education, health, food, energy, transportation, employment training, youth, homeless, and senior services	WND	1965 Emilia Reyes, CEO of Fresno EOC
2 (NR)	Kings View 1396 W Herndon Ave Fresno 559-259-3887	Behavioral health care	\$69 million \$47 million	530 WND	WND WND	Nonprofit organization	county cost reimbursed and fee for service	1951 Amanda Nugent Divine, CEO
3 (2)	Hinds Hospice 2490 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno 559-248-8591/559-226-1130	Hospice Care	\$27 million \$26 million	221 44	250 7,000	Hospice care in the Hospice Home or outpatient setting, pediatric hospice care, palliative care, Center for Grief & Healing, Angel Babies program, thrift stores	Medicare, private health plan reimbursement, donations & event proceeds	1981 Eric Klimes, CEO
4 (NR)	Central Valley Children's Services Network 1911 N. Helm Ave. Fresno 559-456-1100/559-475-7266	501(c)3	\$21 million WND	89 WND	WND WND	Child care referrals, mobile toy lending library, parent outreach, food program for child care providers, early care & education, parent education,	State Department of Education, First 5 Fresno grants, USDA, donations	1984 Marco Jimenez, executive director
5 (NR)	Palm Village Retirement Community 703 W. Herbert Ave. Reedley 559-638-6933/559-638-8463	501(c)3	\$18 million WND	WND WND	WND WND	Continuing care retirement community, licensed independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing	Private sources, insurance, HMO, Medicare, Medi-Cal, donations	1942 Jim Higbee, President/CEO
6 (6)	Poverello House 412 F St. Fresno 559-498-6988/559-485-6548	Social services	\$16 million \$16 million	205 15	2500 20,000	Hot meals (Papa Mike's Café), clothing distribution, substance abuse rehab, temp. shelter, linkages, Naomi's House, MAP POINT, case management, mental health, street outreach, family shelter	Private donations, private grants. Local, state, and Federal grants	1973 Zachary Darrah, CEO
7 (9)	Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation 1444 Fulton St. Fresno 559-222-8705/559-222-8706	501(c)3	\$15 million \$12 million	16 0	WND 3,573	Non-profit charitable organization providing cost-free assistance to small businesses, small business and consumer loans, women's business center, access to grants, Downtown Business Hub incubator	Grants, individual donations, government contracts, corporate contributions, loan fees and interest.	2004 Dora Celia Westerlund, president/CEO
8 (11)	Fresno Mission 2025 E. Dakota Ave Fresno 559-268-0839	Religious Non-Profit	\$13 million \$12 million	65 94	2900 3,600	We help men, women and whole families affected by homelessness, food needs, poverty, trafficking, abuse, trauma, & other life-insecurities.	78% donations from individuals. The remainder is companies, foundations, churches, service organizations and other. No government funding.	1949 Matthew Dildine, CEO
9 (6)	Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc. 4440 N. First St. Fresno 559-229-2000/559-228-6386	501(c)3	\$12 million \$12 million	105 25	21 5,932	Non-profit agency providing programs for children ages 0-26, and their families, facing developmental, behavioral, medical and parenting challenges.	Federal, state & county grants/contracts, private & individual donors & fundraising events including Fiesta de los Niños, and Gala of Light.	1976 Lowell J. Ens, CEO
10 (12)	Fresno County Economic Development Corporation 1060 Fulton St., 4th Floor Fresno 559-476-2500/559-233-2156	Economic Development	\$12 million WND	24 WND	WND WND	A nonprofit organization specializing in business expansion, attraction, retention, workforce training programs & assisting local employers with hiring & navigating incentives.	Public municipalities, private business investment and events	1981 William Oliver, President & CEO
11 (NR)	United Cerebral Palsy Central California 2044 E. Nees Ave. Fresno 559-221-8272/559-221-9347	Health & wellness	\$12 million \$10 million	128 15	50 1,100	Services for developmentally disabled including adult day program, children's early intervention program, advocacy & in-home services.	State grants, fund-raising events	1954 Roger Slingerman, executive director
12 (NR)	Fresno Metro Ministries 4270 Blackstone Ave. Fresno 559-485-1416	501C3	\$10 million \$9 million	28 10	345 93,800	Fresno Metro Ministry (Metro) is a multi-cultural, multi-faith 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is: "Learning, connecting and engaging to achieve healthy people and healthy places."	State Federal City County Private donations	1970 Emogene Nelson, Executive Director
13 (10)	Marjaree Mason Center 1600 M St. Fresno, CA 559-237-4706	Domestic Violence Shelter & Service Provider	\$9 million \$10 million	81 13	20 8,399	24/7 hotline and crisis response, emergency shelter & housing programs, case management, legal advocacy, counseling, prevention education & more	Local, state, federal & private grants, community donations, wills & bequests.	1979 Nicole DiBuduo Linder, Chief Executive Officer
14 (13)	Reading and Beyond 4670 E. Butler Ave. Fresno 559-342-8600/559-342-8600	Education/ Workforce	\$5 million \$4 million	41 16	22 5,000	Non-profit organization providing comprehensive two generational programming for children and families to strengthen education and health to create sustainable social & financial security.	Board of State & Community Corrections, California Dept of Education, Foundation for CA Community Colleges, Fresno BHC, Fresno County DBH & DPH, Kings County, Madera County, First 5 Fresno County, City of Fresno, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	1999 Sandra R Flores, CEO
15 (NR)	United Way Fresno and Madera Counties 4949 E. Cesar Chavez Fresno 244-5710/228-8159	Human services	\$5 million \$6 million	23 0	100 70,000	We work to advance the health, education, and well-being of everyone in Fresno and Madera Counties. We support the working class in our community through advocacy and outreach work with	Local contributions, grants, individuals, and corporations	1923 Stephanie Nathan, president/CEO
16 (NR)	Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County 540 N. Augusta St. Fresno 559-266-3117/559-266-0664	Youth development	\$4 million WND	WND WND	350 3,098	Youth programs that promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, good character and leadership for ages 6-18, after school.	Local foundations, corporate sponsors, individual donors, fundraising events and government grants.	1949 Diane Carbray, president/CEO
17 (15)	The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley, Inc. 9161 Randall Way Madera 559-447-6770	Health & human services	\$4 million \$3 million	16 6	870 1,149	The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley is a 501 (c)3 Not-For-Profit Organization.	Fundraising events, grants, individual and corporate donations. We would not be able to operate without the generosity of our community!	1984 Kent Karsevar, Executive Director
18 (NR)	Valley Center for the Blind 3417 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno 559-222-4447/559-477-4842	Disability Services	\$4 million \$3 million	30 28	WND 600	We support, train, and employ people who are blind or have low vision. Services include independence training, employment prep/ support, and social programs.	Donations, State Department of Rehabilitation, Federal Grants, Various Foundation Grants and support.	1973 Shellena Heber, Executive Director
19 (NR)	Central California SPCA 103 S. Hughes Ave. Fresno 559-233-7722/NA	501(c)3) Public Charity	\$3 million \$3 million	29 6	729 WND	Humane investigations, adoptions, spays/ neuters, vaccinations, microchips, community outreach, and educational programs.	Donations, grants, program services, and investments.	1946 Linda Van Kirk, Executive Director
20 (NR)	Break the Barriers, Inc. 8555 N. Cedar Ave. Fresno 432-6292/432-5995	Human Services	\$2 million \$2 million	15 50	349 3,200	Inclusive services for all abilities: Aquatics, Archery, Boot Camp, Buddy Program, Dance, Gymnastics, Health & Fitness, HOPE Mobility Training, Literacy & Education, Martial Arts, and Veteran Services	Program Service Revenue	1984 Jared Hergenrader, CEO

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Mission Statement

Pequeños Empresarios empowers youth and families through leadership, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, cultural pride, and wellness. We provide inclusive, community-centered programs that build confidence, strengthen character, and inspire lifelong success.

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Madera & Fresno County

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Goals

PEQUEÑOS EMPRESARIOS AIMS TO empower youth and families through leadership, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, wellness, and community engagement. Our goal is to break generational cycles by providing culturally relevant education and opportunities that build confidence, character, and long-term success. We focus on nurturing young leaders early, helping them discover their potential, develop their talents, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Our organization is committed to expanding programming across the Central Valley, strengthening partnerships with schools, businesses, and civic organizations, and ensuring that every child, regardless of background, has access to inclusive and uplifting learning experiences. In the coming year, our goals include securing sustainable funding, opening additional program sites, expanding mental health and wellness workshops, and building a youth leadership pipeline that connects local teens to real-world mentors and career pathways. Ultimately, we aim to create a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community by investing in the next generation.



Fundraising/Events

FUNDRAISING IS A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR MISSION, allowing Pequeños Empresarios to provide high-quality programs at low or no cost to families. Throughout the year, we host community-centered events that highlight art, culture, entrepreneurship, and wellness. Signature initiatives include youth showcases, financial literacy workshops, leadership academies, and family engagement nights that celebrate local talent and build unity. Our sponsorships help cover program materials, field trips, youth stipends, and leadership training opportunities. We also partner with local businesses, foundations, and community leaders who believe in empowering the next generation. Our events are designed to be educational, impactful, and fun, creating memorable experiences while raising critical funds. In 2024-2025, we are expanding our fundraising strategy by launching an annual gala, building recurring donor programs, strengthening corporate partnerships, and introducing a youth-led microenterprise marketplace. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us transform lives and invest in the future of our community.



Volunteer

VOLUNTEERS ARE AT THE HEART OF PEQUEÑOS EMPRESARIOS. Our organization thrives because of dedicated individuals who share their time, skills, and passion with our youth. Volunteers support workshops, mentor students, assist at events, help with administrative tasks, and serve as role models for the next generation of leaders. Many of our volunteers come from local businesses, colleges, and civic organizations, contributing diverse expertise in entrepreneurship, health, education, and arts. We provide training to ensure volunteers feel confident, supported, and aligned with our mission. Our volunteer opportunities are flexible and meaningful, ranging from one-time events to ongoing mentorship roles. In the coming year, we aim to expand our volunteer base, create a volunteer ambassador program, and launch specialized roles such as guest speakers, workshop leaders, and youth advisors. By joining our movement, volunteers help create positive change, strengthen community bonds, and inspire young people to dream boldly and lead confidently.

Focuses

PEQUEÑOS EMPRESARIOS FOCUSES ON empowering youth through leadership development, entrepreneurship education, and character-building experiences. Our curriculum integrates financial literacy, emotional intelligence, cultural pride, wellness practices, and community service to nurture well-rounded leaders. We emphasize early exposure, believing that children and teens thrive when given opportunities to explore their talents, build confidence, and engage with positive role models. Our programs also support parents and families, strengthening communication, resilience, and community connection. We are particularly focused on serving underserved communities in the Central Valley, ensuring equitable access to transformative learning experiences. In the upcoming year, we are prioritizing mental health and wellness initiatives, youth entrepreneurship labs, academic support, and leadership pipelines that connect teens to real-world professionals. Our work is rooted in empowerment, compassion, and the belief that every child has the potential to lead and succeed.

Largest Individual Gifts



In the Central San Joaquin Valley - ranked by dollar amount of donated gifts between Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2024

	Donated By	Donated To	Donation Use	Date of Publication	Amount
1	Anonymous donation	Valley Children's Healthcare	Expand the availability of bone marrow transplants and chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy for Central Valley children, eliminating the need for patients to be referred to facilities in Los Angeles or the Bay Area	May 2, 2024	\$15M
2	Department of Education	Fresno State	To overhaul student advising by launching START (Strengthening, Advising, Strengthening Results)	Sept. 15, 2024	\$8M
3	California Employment Development Department (EDD)	La Cooperativa Campesina de California (La Cooperativa)	To support farmworkers laid-off by stone fruit grower Prima Wawona.	Feb. 8, 2024	\$7M
4	Mellon Foundation	Fresno State	Create paid internship program opportunities for humanities majors	April 17, 2024	\$5M
5	Tachi Yokut Tribe	West Hills Community College Foundation	To create a Native American studies program at West Hills College Lemoore	Aug. 18, 2023	\$3M
5	Isnardi Foundation	Marjaree Mason Center	The completion of the Isnardi Foundation Building	Nov. 18, 2024	\$3M
7	Chris and Michelle Morse	Community Health System	Support of the Community Cancer Institute (Clovis), to be able to bring new cutting edge technology and treatment plans to patients	Feb. 9, 2023	\$2M
8	George and Melodie Rogers Foundation	Fresno Mission	Support of the City Center Project	Nov. 13, 2023	\$2M
8	Al and Dotty Warkentine	Fresno Pacific University	WND	April 29, 2024	\$2M
10	Otis Booth Foundation and Booth Ranches	Marjaree Mason Center	The completion of the Isnardi Foundation Building	Dec. 19, 2024	\$1M
10	George & Melodie Rogers Foundation	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California (BBBSCC)	Expansion of vehicle fleet, a parking structure and solar installations, expanded office and resource supplies and more	Nov. 12, 2024	\$1M
12	Beavers Charitable Trust, DeSilva Gates Construction, Teichert Construction, Kiewit Corporation and Browning Contractors, Inc.	The Department of Construction Management at Fresno State	An endowed faculty specializing in heavy civil construction to enable the Lyles College of Engineering at Fresno State to better prepare students for jobs in that area	Jan. 27, 2023	\$674,000
13	CVS Health Foundation and City Center	Central California Food Bank's (CCFB) First Fruits Market	WND	Sept. 16, 2024	\$525,000
14	Producers Dairy	Marjaree Mason Center	The completion of the Isnardi Foundation Building	Nov. 18, 2024	\$250,000
14	Emblem Club Scholarship Foundation	Fresno State's Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies	To provide free community outreach, education and conferences tailored to the needs of Deaf individuals and their families, teachers and professionals	Feb. 6, 2023	\$250,000
14	Derek & David Carr	Valley Children's Hospital (Guilds Center for Community Health)	Spreading resources and good health to children and families in the Central Valley	May 23, 2024	\$250,000
17	Producer's Dairy, Valley Children's Hospital and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	First 5 Fresno County & Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Help bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Fresno County's Lighthouse for Children.	Nov. 22, 2024	\$230,000
18	Morgan Stanley Foundation	Central California Food Bank (CCFB)	To increase food choices at district pantries in underserved neighborhoods served by the Foundation for Central Schools and Selma Unified School District.	July 11, 2023	\$149,250
19	FISH Fund	Breaking the Chains	WND	Feb. 6, 2024	\$100,000
20	Philanthropy Inspired by the Needs of our Community (PINC)	Live Again Fresno	WND	July 29, 2024	\$80,000

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■ Message from Director of Sales & Marketing

Philanthropy plays a huge role in shaping the strength and future of communities throughout the Central Valley. Every year, we see how nonprofit organizations, business leaders, and community partners come together to support one another across our region. The Philanthropy Guide was created to recognize and amplify those efforts, and to serve as a resource for those looking to make a meaningful impact where they live and work.

We are proud to present the **2026 Philanthropy Guide** with the support of our **Book Cover Sponsor, The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students**. Their commitment to expanding access and opportunity for students throughout Fresno Unified reflects the powerful connection between education and long-term community success. By investing in students today, they help strengthen the Valley for generations to come.

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Together, these organizations help make it possible to spotlight the nonprofits, donors, and leaders working every day to improve our community. We hope this guide not only celebrates their efforts, but also inspires continued collaboration and giving throughout the Central Valley.

— **Abner Garcia**
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