



March 28, 2018

**For Immediate Release**

**Contacts:**

Nene Casares, President, CCWC Board of Directors  
[Nenecasares@ccwc-fresno.org](mailto:Nenecasares@ccwc-fresno.org), (559) 430-6955

Jan Edwards, Dir. of Marketing & Development  
[jedwardsmkt@gmail.com](mailto:jedwardsmkt@gmail.com), (559) 355-7602

**Central California Women's Conference to Award Valley non-profits  
\$100,000 in funding**

The [Board of Directors](#) of the Central California Women's Conference ([CCWC](#)) is honoring 81 non-profits serving women and children with grants totaling \$100,000. Recipients will be recognized at CCWC's Community Celebration Reception on Wednesday, April 11.

To date, CCWC has donated more than \$1,000,000 to Valley non-profits serving women and children. Funding has benefited recipients by providing an array of services ranging from mammograms to food, shelter, clothing, education, and more.

CCWC also serves through its CCWC/Wells Fargo College Preparatory Scholarship Program. In 2017 20 students from Fresno, Sanger, McLane and Central (east campus) high schools participated. They each received a scholarship, attended the conference, and also participated in a financial literacy workshop. In addition, CCWC partners with AT&T for its re-entry scholarship program, where five deserving women receive a scholarship, attend the conference and are hosted at a celebratory luncheon. And, through its partnership with PG&E, last year CCWC awarded its second "She Makes a Difference" award to Trisha Cooper for her work with Exceptional Parents Unlimited.

Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, more than 90,400 women have attended the Central California Women's Conference since its inception. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Tickets go on sale in early June at [ccwc-fresno.org](http://ccwc-fresno.org). The 2018 CCWC presenting sponsor is Community Medical Centers.

Recipients of this year's CCWC grants are:

Abundant Life Ranch, Inc.
ACT for Women and Girls
Alliance For Community Transformations - Valley Crisis Center
Assistance League Fresno
Bethany Christian Services
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County
Break the Barriers
California Teaching Fellows Foundation
Care Fresno, Inc.
CASA of Tulare County
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fresno
Central California Asian Pacific Women
Central California Family Crisis Center
Central Valley Veterans
Clovis Botanical Garden Committee Inc.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.
Doors Of Hope Pregnancy Care Center
Down Syndrome Association Central CA
Dress For Success Fresno
Elder Abuse Services Inc.
Evangel Home, Inc.
Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc.
Family Services of Tulare County
Focus Forward
Food Opportunities Organization and Distribution Inc.
Foundation for Leadership California
Fresh Start Youth Services, Inc. / Mollie's House
Fresno Philharmonic Association
Fresno Police Chaplaincy
Fresno Rescue Mission
Fresno State Student Cupboard
Friends of Camp El-O-Win
Friends of the Kings County Library
Girl Scouts of Central California South

Golden State Family Services
Grandma's House - A Vision of Hope
Habitat for Humanity of Tulare/Kings Counties
HandsOn Central California
Happy Trails Riding Academy
Hinds Hospice
Junior Company Foundation
Junior League of Fresno
The Kenneth L. Maddy Institute
Kings Community Action Organization
The Light-House Recovery Program, Inc.
Madera County Food Bank
Madera Rescue Mission, Inc.
Marjaree Mason Center
Mediator Mentors
Mi Familia Vota Education Fund
NAMI Fresno
Neighborhood Industries
New Life For Girls
Patch Farms
PlayZeum of Central California
Porterville Area Coordinating Council
Poverello House – Naomi's House
Professional Women's Resource
Promesa Behavioral Health
ProYouth
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno (RCS Fresno)
Reading and Beyond
Relate for Life, Inc.
Right to Life of Central California
Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley, Inc.
The Salvation Army - Rosecrest Guild
The Salvation Army - Gablecrest
Saving All Children/Family Healing Center

Sisterhood of Survivors
Soroptimist International of Los Banos
Soroptimist International of Madera
Soroptimist International of Visalia
St. Francis Homeless Project, Inc.
Teen Success, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy of Central California

Valley Center for the Blind
Valley Performing Arts Council
Valley PBS
Wayfinder Family Services
West Fresno Family Resource Center
Wings Advocacy Fresno

###

**About CCWC:**

*The **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** was founded in 1988 by the late State Senator Ken L. Maddy of Fresno, Calif. The conference is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, non-political organization, and the event is designed to educate, motivate and inspire women to be the best they can be in their professional and personal lives. (Tax I.D. #77-0178140).*

