



Central California Women's Conference History

The Central California Women's Conference was founded in 1988 by the late Senator Kenneth L. Maddy of Fresno, CA. The non-profit, non-political conference was created to educate, motivate and inspire women of all generations, ethnicities and backgrounds to excel in their personal and professional lives.

Since 1988, the conference has served more than 86,950 women from the Central Valley and surrounding cities such as Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco. To date CCWC has donated more than \$900,000 to various non-profit agencies serving women and children in the Central Valley.

The 30th Annual Central California Women's Conference Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Join us in celebrating this special anniversary!

Our theme is **Embrace Your Journey**. Our hope is that our attendees and grant recipients will pursue their passions and embrace their journeys as they move forward.



The daylong conference includes two general sessions, a celebrity keynote luncheon speaker, and three sessions with breakout seminars featuring national and local speakers providing information on topics impacting women's lives. Attendees also enjoy visiting the Marketplace exhibits and Community Corner.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

2017 Community Celebration

Honoring Community Benefit Organizations
Serving the Central Valley

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Pardini's

5:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments

6:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Grant Presentations

Closing Remarks

Central California Women's Conference Board:

Nené Casares, *President*
Tricia Holt, *Vice President*
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Victoria Bernhardt, *Legal Counsel*

Special Thanks To
Wells Fargo and **Pardini's**
for co-hosting tonight's reception
and **McCormick Barstow LLP** and **Pepsi Beverages Company**
for providing our beverages.

And to our wonderful emcee **Vanessa Vasconcelos, ABC30**

2017 Conference Sponsors

Presenting Sponsor: Wells Fargo

Keynote Speaker Sponsor: Community Medical Centers

Founding Sponsors: The Fresno Bee and ABC30

Sponsors: Saint Agnes Medical Center • Valley Children's Healthcare
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Scholarship Partners

The Central California Women's Conference also serves through its CCWC/Wells Fargo Preparatory Scholarship Program--now in its 6th year. In 2016, 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, AT&T and the Central California Educational Opportunity Center (CCEOC) support a re-entry scholarship program. CCEOC's mission is to assist individuals throughout the Valley to re-enroll in college. Through this scholarship program, five female Valley re-entry students were selected by CCEOC based on need, goals and promise.

And, through its partnership with PG&E, last year CCWC awarded its first "She Makes a Difference" award to Andrea Shabaglian for her work with Made For Them, an organization that fights human trafficking through fashion.

Conference Consultants

Mary Stabelfeld, *Conference Director*

Jan Edwards, *Marketing and Development Director*

Betsy Hays, *PR & Speaker Coordinator*



PROMESA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Provides safe, sensitive and therapeutic environments and treatment to those we serve through the work of trained, dedicated staff in partnership with social, health, judicial, and other appropriate community agencies.



RAPE COUNSELING SERVICES OF FRESNO

Works to end rape and sexual violence and empower survivors while supporting safe, consensual relationships.



RELATE FOR LIFE

Partners with schools and organizations to provide educational experiences and relationships to encourage healthy relationships



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Provides a "Home away from Home" and resources to children and their families who are experiencing emotional and financial burdens while coping with a seriously ill, hospitalized child.



THE SALVATION ARMY - GABELCREST

Helping the lives of many through services to those seeking help with basic necessities such as food, warmth and shelter.



SISTERHOOD OF SURVIVORS

Offers on-going support to those affected by breast cancer through peer support and educational resources.



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LOS BANOS

Improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MADERA

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF VISALIA

Improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



ST. FRANCIS HOMELESS PROJECT

Makes dog treats to help the homeless get back into the workforce.



STONE SOUP FRESNO

Nurtures leadership that will create positive change for Southeast Asian refugee families to move forward and find their voices and places in America.



VALLEY CENTER FOR THE BLIND

Assists blind and visually impaired persons in experiencing more independent and opportunity-filled lives.



VALLEY PBS

Your Valley Preschool, Classroom, Stage for the Arts and Lens for Exploration.



VISALIA EMERGENCY AID COUNCIL

Diminishes hunger by managing a food pantry and provides other services to low-income families and individuals in Visalia.



HAPPY TRAILS RIDING ACADEMY
Enriches the lives of children and adults with disabilities through equine facilitated therapy.



HEALTHY SMILES MOBILE DENTAL FOUNDATION
Provides oral healthcare for children.



HINDS HOSPICE
Provides comprehensive grief support to the Fresno community.



THE LIGHT-HOUSE RECOVERY PROGRAM
Offers hope, help and healing for women and children recovering from alcohol and drug abuse.



THE MADDY INSTITUTE
Helps prepare the next generation of civic-minded business, non-profit and government leaders.



MADERA COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL
Supports community efforts in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse.



MADERA COUNTY FOOD BANK
Improves the quality of life of families and seniors that are food needy by offering basic sustenance, food education and self-sufficiency training.



MADERA RESCUE MISSION
Supplies warm meals and a safe haven for those in need.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE OUTDOORS
Provides rewarding outdoor experiences to veterans and individuals of all ages with special needs.



MOLLIE'S HOUSE
Provides a safe haven for girls affected by sex trafficking.



NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)
The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.



NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS
Provides a comprehensive 24-hour residential program for those who are struggling with life-controlling problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders and sexual abuse issues.



PAIN: PARENTS & ADDICTS IN NEED
Raises awareness in order to prevent abuse of prescription drugs while giving support and hope to individuals and families who are facing this epidemic.



PATCH FARMS
Provides an interactive agricultural experience for developmentally delayed individuals.



PLANNED PARENTHOOD MAR MONTE
Improves and transforms lives through reproductive and general health services, educational programs and advocacy initiatives.



PORTERVILLE AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL (PACC)
Offers water and medical care, and has people on hand to help in any emergency in and around Porterville.



Poverello - NAOMI'S HOUSE
Provides basic necessities to single, homeless women in Fresno County.



The Central California Women's Conference is proud to award \$100,000 from proceeds of the 2016 conference to Community Benefit Organizations serving Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare and Tuolumne Counties.

- Abundant Life Ranch
- Alpha Pregnancy Help Center – Mobile Unit
- Angels of Grace Foster Family Agency
- The Art of Life Cancer Foundation
- Assistance League of Fresno
- Assistance League of Visalia
- Bach Children's Choir
- Barbara Saville Shelter (Kings Community Action Organization)
- Break the Barriers
- CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties
- CASA of Tulare County
- Central California Asian Pacific Women
- Central California Family Crisis Center
- Central California Legal Services
- Central Valley Veterans
- Circles Fresno
- City Without Orphans
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center, Inc.
- Doors of Hope Pregnancy Care Center
- Down Syndrome Association of Central California
- Dress for Success Fresno
- Elder Abuse Services, Inc.
- Evangel Home
- Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc.
- Family Services of Tulare County
- Feed Our Future
- Focus Forward
- Food Security Project – Fresno State
- Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Fresno Police Chaplaincy
- Fresno Rescue Mission
- Friends of Camp El-O-Win
- Habitat for Humanity of Tulare/Kings Counties
- Hannah's House (Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc.)
- Happy Trails Riding Academy
- Healthy Smiles Mobile Dental Foundation
- Hinds Hospice
- The Light-House Recovery Program
- The Maddy Institute Madera County Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Madera County Food Bank
- Madera Rescue Mission
- Make a Difference Outdoors
- Mollie's House (Fresh Start Youth Center, Inc.)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- New Life for Girls
- PAIN - Parents & Addicts in Need
- Patch Farms
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Porterville Area Coordinating Council (PACC)
- Poverello - Naomi's House
- Promesa Behavioral Health Rape Counseling Services of Fresno
- Relate for Life
- Ronald McDonald House Charities Central Valley
- The Salvation Army - Gablecrest
- Sisterhood of Survivors
- Soroptimist International of Los Banos
- Soroptimist International of Madera
- Soroptimist International of Visalia
- St. Francis Homeless Project
- Stone Soup Fresno
- Valley Center for the Blind
- Valley PBS
- Visalia Emergency Aid Council

Learn more about the Central California Women's Conference and the organizations that have been supported at:

ccwc-fresno.org

The mission of the Central California Women's Conference is to transform and empower. These 65 Non-profits will be honored tonight at the 5th Annual CCWC Community Celebration.



ABUNDANT LIFE RANCH
Gives children, families, and underprivileged youth chances to see how ranch life works.



ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - Mobile Unit
Offers free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout the Valley via its mobile unit.



ANGELS OF GRACE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY
Provides a place of refuge and healing for foster children.



THE ART OF LIFE CANCER FOUNDATION
To inspire people impacted by cancer to connect and heal through creative expression.



ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF FRESNO
All-volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action to improve the quality of life for those in need through their philanthropic programs.



ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF VISALIA
All-volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action to improve the quality of life for those in need through their philanthropic programs in Tulare County



BACH CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Provides choristers with an opportunity to learn, sing, and perform choral music for private and community events.



BARBARA SAVILLE SHELTER (Kings Community Action Organization) provides a safe living environment for women and children seeking refuge from domestic violence and/or who are homeless due to unforeseen circumstances and situations.



BREAK THE BARRIERS
Provides and promotes exceptional programs that enhance the gifts and abilities of all people.



CASA OF FRESNO AND MADERA COUNTIES
Helps each child transition from foster care to a healthy, successful future home.



CASA OF TULARE COUNTY
Helps each child transition from foster care to a healthy, successful future home.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC WOMEN
Provides financial and academic support for women of all ages.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FAMILY CRISIS CENTER
Provides food, shelter, education and other charitable services for victims and families of domestic violence.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LEGAL SERVICES
Provides free legal assistance to low income families and individuals in the San Joaquin Valley.



CENTRAL VALLEY VETERANS
Honors US Veterans with support and guidance to improve the quality of their lives.



CIRCLES FRESNO
Gives people the tools and support they need to move out of poverty.



CITY WITHOUT ORPHANS
Equips and partners with churches, families and service providers to help all children in the Fresno County child welfare system to be placed in a loving home.



DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICE CENTER, INC
Advocates, seeks equality, and promotes self-determination through empowerment for those who seek our assistance; and enhance awareness and understanding of Deaf Culture and the unique communication needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals.



DOORS OF HOPE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
Offers programs designed to provide practical, emotional and spiritual support to those facing unplanned pregnancies and or abortion-related concerns.



DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Enhances the quality of life for all people whose lives are touched by Down Syndrome.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS FRESNO
Empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help them thrive in work and in life.



ELDER ABUSE SERVICES, INC.
Provides a safe space for elder abuse victims in crisis while using victim advocacy and case management



EVANGEL HOME
Serves women and children in crisis.



EXCEPTIONAL PARENTS UNLIMITED
Strengthens and empowers children and families facing extraordinary medical, developmental and parenting challenges.



FAMILY SERVICES OF TULARE COUNTY
Helps children, adults, and families heal from violence and thrive in healthy relationships.



FEED OUR FUTURE
Provides food to hungry kids.



FOCUS FORWARD
Creates positive change and promotes successful outcomes for youth in the Fresno County Juvenile Justice and/or Foster Care Systems.



FOOD SECURITY PROJECT - FRESNO STATE
Helps meet the needs of students experiencing food insecurity.



FRESNO BARRIOS UNIDOS
Transforms communities by empowering youth and families through education, wellness and advocacy.



FRESNO POLICE CHAPLAINCY
Partners with law enforcement to bring hope to our community.



FRESNO RESCUE MISSION
Endeavors to glorify God by meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the least, the last and the lost in our community through love with accountability.



FRIENDS OF CAMP EL-O-WIN
Offers outdoor programs designed for girls ages 6 to 18 to have a fun, quality camp experience.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF TULARE/KINGS COUNTIES
Builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter and the homes that the organization comes together to provide to the community.



HANNAH'S HOUSE (CHAMPIONS RECOVERY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, Inc)
Provides program activities and services that focus on the physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness of the individual while encouraging self-sufficiency.