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Central California Women's Conference Awards Valley Community Benefit Organizations \$152,700 in funding

The [Board of Directors](#) of the Central California Women's Conference ([CCWC](#)) has awarded a total of \$152,700 to 80 Valley community benefit organizations serving women and children. This amount is CCWC's largest single-year total in its 33-year history.

"This funding couldn't have come at a better time," said CCWC Board President Nené Casares. "Everyone is suffering, especially our most vulnerable, and CCWC is proud to be able to support those that are working to make the lives of women and children better during this unprecedented crisis. Our hearts, prayers and love go out to all of them."

Grant recipients were to be recognized at a community celebration reception in April, but it has been canceled due to COVID-19.

To date, CCWC has donated more than \$1,350,000 to support women and children. Grant 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 2019, 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 also 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.

Now in its 33rd year, more than 97,850 women have attended the Central California Women's Conference since its inception. While CCWC is keeping a close watch on COVID-19 developments, this year's event is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29, with updates to come at ccwc-fresno.org. The 2020 CCWC presenting sponsor is Community Medical Centers.

Recipients of this year's CCWC grants are:

Able Advocates
An Evening to Treasure
Angels of Grace Inc.
(The) Art of Life Cancer Foundation
Assistance League of Fresno
Bach Children's Choir
Bethlehem Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County
Break the Barriers
Breaking the Chains
California Teaching Fellows Foundation
Calvin Crest Conferences
CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties
Central California Asian Pacific Women
Central California Family Crisis Center
Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation
Central Valley Justice Coalition
Central Valley Veterans
Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc.
Children's Storybook Garden & Museum
City Without Orphans
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center
Doors Of Hope Pregnancy Care Center
Down Syndrome Association of Central California
Education & Leadership Foundation
Elder Abuse Services, Inc.
Evangel Home, Inc.
Family Healing Center
Family Services of Tulare County
Focus Forward
Fresh Start Youth Services, Inc. (Mollie's House)
Fresno Barrios Unidos
Fresno Philharmonic Association
Fresno Rescue Mission
Fresno State Student Cupboard
Friends of Camp El-O-Win
Friends of the Kings County Library
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
Healthy Smiles Mobile Dental Foundation
Hinds Hospice
ImagineU Children's Museum
Jakara Movement
(The) Kenneth L. Maddy Institute
Kings Community Action Organization
(The) Light-House Recovery Program
Lighthouse Rescue Mission
(The) Lively Arts Foundation
Madera County Food Bank
Madera Rescue Mission
Make a Difference Outdoors
Make-A-Wish® Northeastern & Central California and Northern Nevada
Marjaree Mason Center
Mediator Mentors
New Life For Girls
Parents and Addicts In Need (PAIN)
Patch Farms
Peace Officers Chaplaincy of Fresno County
Playzeum Of Central California
Poverello House
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno
Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women
(The) Salvation Army - Gabelcrest Program
St. Francis Homeless Project
Starlight Children's Foundation
Take A Stand Committee
Teen Success, Inc.
Transitions Children's Services
UCSF Fresno Youth Health Corps
Valley Center for the Blind
Valley Crisis Center, a program of Alliance for Community Transformations
Valley Dream Center
Valley PBS
Wayfinder Family Services
Westside Family Preservation Services Network
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).*

