



**Surviving and Thriving During Tough Times  
Conference Tour 2009  
Central Valley Nonprofit Resource List**

**LOCAL RESOURCES**

**HandsOn Central California**

559-237-3101 / [www.handsoncentralcal.org](http://www.handsoncentralcal.org)

HandsOn Central California inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes their communities and the world. We do this by ensuring a volunteer and civic centered focus; working to build the "Power of We"; drive demonstrable impact; and strive to create a sustainable nonprofit model. HandsOn Central California serves Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare and Merced counties.

**Volunteer Center Kern County**

(661) 395-9787 / [www.volunteercenter.info](http://www.volunteercenter.info)

The Volunteer Center of Kern County was established February 1972, celebrating over 30 years of service to the community. The Volunteer Center of Kern County, Inc. is comprised of many agencies functioning as one central location for volunteerism efforts in Kern County. Programs include: Volunteer Exchange Program; RSVP – Senior Corps Program; Court Referral/Community Service program and Volunteer Activities program.

**United Way of Fresno County**

(559) 243-3661/ [www.unitedwayfresno.org](http://www.unitedwayfresno.org)

United Way of Fresno County (UWFC) has been committed to improving the quality of life for people in Fresno County since 1924. Most recently the Board of Directors adopted a vision and mission statement that directly reflects the strategic alignment of the organization to mobilize the caring power of communities and make long-lasting impact in community conditions. The City of Fresno has granted UWFC the Resource Development Services (RDS) grant to build the capacity of non-profit organizations in Fresno City. UWFC is committed to building capacity of nonprofits for sustainability through its many training programs through the RDS Program.

**2-1-1 Central Valley**

Dial 2-1-1 or 866-559-4211/ [www.unitedwayfresno.org](http://www.unitedwayfresno.org)

As a vital part of United Way Fresno County we are now pleased that you can dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-559-4211 24 Hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year from anywhere in Fresno County and we will quickly connect you to helpful resources in your community. 2-1-1 Central Valley is free and confidential. Our trained specialists can help you in English, Spanish, Lao, Thai, Khmer, and over 140 other languages.

## **Fresno Regional Foundation**

559.226.5600/ [www.fresnoregfoundation.org](http://www.fresnoregfoundation.org)

Established in 1966, Fresno Regional Foundation is a nonprofit community foundation serving California's Central San Joaquin Valley. We work to improve lives in our community by encouraging philanthropy. We provide unique opportunities for individual donors, families, businesses, and other foundations to invest in programs that address a wide spectrum of economic, social, educational, cultural and environmental needs. With over 125 donor advised funds, as well as field of interest funds, designated funds, scholarships and the Fund for the Common Good, the Foundation is the trusted steward of charitable giving in the region. Fresno Regional Foundation is the leading philanthropic resource for communities throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley. We serve six counties, with a population of more than two million people, covering 17,000 square miles. Service areas include: Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare, Merced, and Mariposa Counties.

## **Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council**

[www.fresnononprofits.com](http://www.fresnononprofits.com)

The mission of the Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council is to improve the quality of life in the Fresno Area through the enhancement of the nonprofit sector. The Council is undergoing transition but we welcome you to visit our website for further information on nonprofit programs and resources.

## **Association of Fundraising professionals – California Valley Chapter**

[www.afp-cv.org](http://www.afp-cv.org)

AFP is the professional association of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support for a wide variety of nonprofit, charitable organizations serving the Central Valley.

## **Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning**

(559) 278-7079/ [www.csufresno.edu/cesl](http://www.csufresno.edu/cesl)

The Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning program promotes the value of community service to students, faculty, and staff. CESL represents the university in activities that establish service-oriented partnerships with other educational institutions and the community we serve.

## **Kings United Way**

(559) 584-1536/ [www.kingsunitedway.org](http://www.kingsunitedway.org)

Kings United Way is focused on building partnerships with local stakeholders to develop the best community possible. We advance this mission by empowering our citizens to donate their time, talents and money to work with the best possible partners to make sure services for people in need are available. Whether it is addressing chronic homelessness, child health and wellness or advocacy for seniors, our goal is to develop a community of healthy children, thriving students, responsive adults and active seniors. Kings United Way is also proud to house and sponsor 2-1-1 King County.

## **United Way of Madera County**

(559) 674-9780/ [www.liveunited.org](http://www.liveunited.org)

Everyone deserves opportunities to have a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health.

That's why United Way's work is focused on the building blocks for a good life:

**Education** – Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

**Income** – Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

**Health** – Improving People's Health

### **United Way Merced County**

209-383-4242/ [www.unitedwaymerced.org](http://www.unitedwaymerced.org)

United Way of Merced County with community involvement of our Funding Committees is helping to create a focused agenda, investing in strategies and agencies that are showing results and getting out of those that do not. We provide investment options that are issue-oriented. While providing maintenance for those in personal crisis, our focus will be on: Education (pre-school and curriculum development); Financial Stability/Economic Development (Earned Income Tax Credit, Financial Training, Job Training, Economic Development); and Health initiatives (Obesity, Diabetes, Nutrition)

### **United Way of Tulare County**

(559) 685-1766/ [www.unitedwaytc.org](http://www.unitedwaytc.org)

#### **First Call Information & Referral 1-800-283-9323**

United Way of Tulare County is a local nonprofit organization that brings our community together and focuses resources on the most critical human care needs in Tulare County. By partnering with businesses, individuals, government and other nonprofits we're able to monitor the needs of our community and respond quickly as issues or opportunities arise. United Way of Tulare County brings together local nonprofits to meet the immediate and long-term needs of county residents. United Way has been the voice of many rural, nonprofit organizations, resulting in additional resources for their local communities.

## **GENERAL RESOURCES**

### **BoardSource**

[www.boardsource.org](http://www.boardsource.org)

BoardSource is dedicated to advancing the public good by building exceptional nonprofit boards and inspiring board service.

### **Consumer Action**

415-777-9635 / [www.consumer-action.org](http://www.consumer-action.org)

Consumer Action is a non-profit, membership-based organization that was founded in San Francisco in 1971 that serves consumers nationwide by advancing consumer rights, referring consumers to complaint-handling agencies through our free hotline

### **CAN-California Association of Nonprofits**

[www.canonprofits.org](http://www.canonprofits.org)

California Association of Nonprofits (CAN) is a statewide membership network, creating sector-wide responses to the important issues facing nonprofit organizations and providing valuable resources and tools that empower nonprofits to achieve their missions. Join us as we work together to protect, strengthen and promote California nonprofits.

### **Nonprofit Finance Fund**

415-255-4849 / [www.nonprofitfinancefund.org](http://www.nonprofitfinancefund.org)

Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) is a national leader in financing nonprofits, strengthening their financial health and improving their capacity to serve their communities. With NFF's help, nonprofits build and renovate facilities, fund growth needs, and expand and sustain operations over time.

**Nonprofit Insurance Alliance of California**

800-359-6422 or 831-459-0980 / [www.niac.org](http://www.niac.org)

The Nonprofits' Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC) is a liability insurance pool which was established in 1989 exclusively for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations in California. NIAC provides a stable source of reasonably priced liability insurance coverage tailored to the specialized needs of the nonprofit sector. NIAC also assists these organizations to develop and implement effective loss control and risk management programs.

**Social Enterprise Alliance**

[www.se-alliance.org](http://www.se-alliance.org)

The Social Enterprise Alliance is the only member organization in North America to bring together the diverse field of social enterprise. It serves as advocate for the field, hub of information and education, and builder of a vibrant and growing community of social enterprises.

**Taproot Foundation**

415-359-1423 / [www.taprootfoundation.org](http://www.taprootfoundation.org)

Nonprofits have the greatest potential for addressing our society's most challenging social and environmental problems, but often lack the operational resources to be effective. The Taproot Foundation exists to close this gap and ensure all nonprofits have the infrastructure they need to thrive through integration of pro bono volunteers into organizational operations.