

4th Annual
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CELEBRATION

In honor of Javier Lozano
1957-2022

During this appreciation event we will be showcasing United Way of Kern County's programs and services as well as honoring the life and legacy of past chair and board member, Javier Lozano. Recognition and awards will be given to the top volunteer, top community partner and top donor.



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United Way of Kern County



A message from our CEO: Mari Pérez-Dowling

The greatest joy of being part of United Way of Kern County Family is seeing first-hand the grace and resiliency of a community united – from our tireless volunteers, our generous donors, our committed staff, and our extraordinary Board of Directors to our corporate and non-profit partners, policymakers, and the families and individuals we are privileged to serve. This past year has once again called upon all of us to reach out our hearts and our hands and find what truly unites us – a vibrant community where everyone can prosper.

I have stood in awe watching hundreds of volunteers work and dedicate their valuable time in Book of The Month, Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies Meals distributions, Teddy Bear Toss, Highway Clean-up, VITA services, lending a hand to our staff during our move to our new downtown location and many others.

I am deeply grateful, for the legacy of commitment our recently passed board member Javier Lozano instilled in us these last 4 years as Chair and Past Chair. At a time when the world changed in front of our eyes, the needs of our community multiplied, and hope wore thin, Javier's steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment to our mission was a port in the storm. His legacy will be felt in our community for many years to come. I'm forever grateful to have had the honor to work alongside such a good human being and highly spirited soul.

We challenged ourselves to be better champions for every member of our community, and I know this will have a positive impact on our work for generations to come.

Lastly, thank you for continually entrusting United Way of Kern County with this important work, especially through these few years of uncertainty. Your generosity makes it possible for us to ensure that every family and every individual has the resources they need to thrive.

Gracias por seguir confiando en United Way of Kern County para hacer el trabajo que se necesita hacer, especialmete en momentos de inseguridad. Sus contribuciones, ya sean en forma de donación o tiempo como voluntario, hacen posible que nosotros nos aseguremos que familias e individuos en nuestra comunidad tengan los recursos necesarios para salir adelante.

Gracias por un año mas de éxito y recuerden VIVIR UNIDOS! /Thank you for another successful year and please remember to LIVE UNITED!

Con amor,
Mari Pérez-Dowling



*Javier Lozano, former Aera
Energy employee and
United Way board member*

United Way of Kern County Memorial Scholarship Fund in Honor of Javier Lozano

Aera is honored to recognize Javier Lozano's many community contributions. Through volunteering, charitable giving, and building long lasting partnerships, Lozano embodied Aera's values of solving problems with passion and embracing inclusion and diversity through genuine caring and collaboration.

We are proud to make the first scholarship donation to the memorial scholarship fund to champion the people to whom he dedicated so much of his life.

Join the conversation.



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9th Annual

A chocolate Affair

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Dinner | Chocolates | Auctions | Music | Photo Op

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Event Starts At 5:00PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

February 18th, 2023 | DoubleTree, Bakersfield CA

United Way of Kern County's A Chocolate Affair event is our annual fundraiser for our Education department. Due to the generous support made possible by this event, we will be able to continue and expand program and services for children all over Kern County. United, we can build a love for learning in our youth.

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

May 25th, 2023 | The Bakersfield Marriott, Bakersfield CA

The Community Professional Development Conference consists of multiple workshops and includes breakfast and lunch, exhibitor booths, networking opportunities, and motivational keynote speakers. The conference is open to all community members who want to see their community thrive!

TEDDY BEAR 5K RUN & WALK

November, 2023 | The Park at Riverwalk, Bakersfield CA

Every year teddy bears are collected and given out to thousands of children in our community. The Teddy Bear 5k Run & Walk benefits local charities and organizations that serve children. Proceeds fund the Teddy Bear Drive and early childhood education programs.

60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

November, 2023 | Bakersfield CA

UWKC is celebrating 60 years in Kern County! Throughout 2023, we will be doing various fundraising events to celebrate 60 years United! Join us in November of 2023, where we will celebrate, reflect, and honor those who helped us along the way.



JAVIER LOZANO

1957-2022

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
IN HONOR OF JAVIER LOZANO**

Words are simply inadequate to express my gratitude to my late husband's United Way Family, Aera Energy LLC, CSUB and the rest of the Kern County Community for the outpour of love and support during this time of my husband's unexpected passing. My family and I will be grateful forever and look forward to continuing Javier Lozano's commitment to serving our community through the Javier Lozano Scholarship Fund through his UWKC family and serving other organizations that were near and dear to my husband's heart.

Thank you again all so very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity and foremost for continuing the legacy of Javier Lozano and his commitment to service to our community.

Lupe Celedon Lozano and Family

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