

ABOUT US

Friends of Tulare County is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the safety, health, and well-being of all residents of Tulare County. It strives to assist vulnerable populations of all ethnicities and cultures through donations, charitable giving, and grant funding. Your tax-deductible donations help support your community.

FTC consists of seven unpaid board members who perform oversight with regard to solicitation of donations, applications for grant funding, and in-kind donations.

Your donations to FTC will support programs that provide services for foster children, youth, and the elderly, as well as shelter and food for unwanted or abandoned animals. Your donations may also help fund gang and suicide prevention programs, as well as public safety, fish and wildlife, and parks and recreation projects.

Your support of FTC will add joy and inspiration to the lives of many and increase the overall well-being of the community in which we all live and serve. To learn more about how you can make a difference, call (559) 624-8000, or send an email to FriendsTC@tularehhsa.org.



DONATIONS

If you would like to donate to one of the programs listed on our website, send a check payable to Friends of Tulare County to:

FRIENDS OF TULARE COUNTY

5957 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Please indicate the program on the memo line of your check.

County employees may make donations through payroll deductions.



Donate online at
www.friendsoftularecounty.org

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FRIENDS OF TULARE COUNTY PROGRAMS

HHSA: Animal Services

Donations may assist in several ways:

General

Help reduce animal overpopulation by promoting adoptions, promoting animal welfare, encouraging responsible pet ownership, providing pet health services, and assisting rescue organizations.

Adoption

Help cover expenses for spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchips, and licensing. May also aid in the placement of older animals and those needing special medical treatment or extra care.

Spay/Neuter

Provide reduced-cost spay/neuter vouchers and help bring mobile spay/neuter clinics to communities with no access to veterinary care.

HHSA: Human Services

Adult Protective Services

Donations may help purchase emergency food supplies and hygiene products when clients are temporarily in need. May assist in the purchase of promotional items for the yearly Elder Abuse Awareness Month outreach activities.

At-Risk Youth

Benefits youth who are participating in an employment program and working to make the transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. Helps youth in need of emergency monies for necessities such as transportation, work apparel, utilities, and medical, dental, and prescription expenses.

Child Welfare Services—Children's Toy Drive

Runs October through November each year; donations of toys and money are used to provide gifts for children and youth who receive CWS services and are not able to be in the family home during the holiday season.

Child Welfare Services—Independent Living Program

Helps probation and foster youth prepare for independent living. May include driver's education, bus passes, and other work-related expenses, as well as clothing, personal hygiene items, and emergency assistance.

HHSA: Mental Health

Provides programs and services that help individuals with mental illnesses live and thrive within the community. Donations may assist in several ways:

General

Helps the Mental Health Branch increase community outreach programs and enables the purchase of items of basic need. (Accepts both clothing and cash donations.)

Community Living Center—Friendship Club

A support network for those receiving County mental health services; provides

projects and activities for social interaction, such as arts and crafts, board games, movie nights, and possible field trips to local national parks and performing arts theaters.

Wellness and Recovery Champions

Donations may be used to enhance or promote group activities; purchase raffle prizes for the annual Mental Health Awareness Month consumer and family picnic; or assist with a client's one-time emergency expenses.

HHSA: Public Health

Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH)

Donations to the MCAH program provide comprehensive, family-centered, integrated health services for low-income, at-risk women and children, as well as pregnant or parenting teens.

Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention (NEOP)

Reinforces and supports healthy cooking activities and distributes nutrition information at community events. Donations help empower low-income residents to increase fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, and food security.

WIC Program—0 to 5 Health Camp

A summer learning series for parents of children aged 0 to 5 living in low-income rental communities. Donations are used for lunch and door prizes for participants.

Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging

K/T AAA is the lead advocate, program planner, and resource facilitator on aging issues on behalf of all older persons in Kings and Tulare counties. Donations may help in several ways:

General

Donations help provide a wide range of services and activities to encourage older Americans to remain healthy, active, and involved in the community, from arts and crafts to Medicare counseling, line dancing to home-delivered meals.

Senior Day in the Park

Donations help cover specialty events, like the photo booth, classic car show, and the cake walk. Features games, exhibitor booths, music, food, and live entertainment. Held each May (Older Americans Month).

Stockings for Seniors

A holiday season drive October–November; donations of warm clothing (or cash for purchasing) help keep seniors warm, uplift their spirits, and improve mental wellness.

Tulare County: DA Victim/Witness Assistance

Donations help offset expenses for victims of violent crime when other state or grant funds are unable to assist. Donations may also support crime victim-related public education and outreach activities.

Tulare County: Fire Department

Donations help with purchase of specialized tools for firefighting, personal protective equipment, and other fire-fighting essentials.

Tulare County: Fish & Wild Life

Donations aid in treating and caring for orphaned wildlife, improving their habitats, providing predator control, and breeding, raising, and purchasing fish and wildlife to be released.

Tulare County: Parks & Recreation

Coordinates stewardship of natural resources, infrastructure, and services in county parks. Donations may help in several ways:

General

Donations to the Parks & Recreation program help manage and maintain over 460 acres of county park lands, including picnic and camping areas, disc golf courses, lakes and ponds, and the Tulare County Museum.

Adopt an Arbor

Support the refurbishment and maintenance of Tulare County parks by choosing an arbor to adopt (sponsor) and provide donations in the form of labor and/or materials for repair of that arbor.

Disc Golf

Donations help maintain disc golf courses at Mooney Grove Park and the Kings River Nature Preserve.

Lily Pond at Mooney Grove Park

Donations will help avoid demolition by covering the cost of repair and maintenance, honoring the five-decade history of the Lily Pond.

Mooney Grove Park—Monuments, Memorials & Recreational Features

Donations help support the repair and/or maintenance of monuments, memorials, and recreational features within Mooney Grove Park; donations of money, time, services, or materials are welcome.

Tulare County: Probation Placement Unit

Donations help ensure that wards of the court receive proper treatment and support after being placed into appropriate housing.

Tulare County: StepUp

Donations help promote community opportunities to address gang culture, establish successful collaborations to counteract the rising gang problem, and provide positive, alternative community activities for youth.

Tulare County: Suicide Prevention Task Force

Donations will help increase prevention and early intervention services and help our community better understand and recognize the signs and symptoms of suicide risk through training, education, and activities.