

# OVERVIEW

An all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Friends of Tulare County is 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@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:FriendsTC@tularecounty.ca.gov)**.



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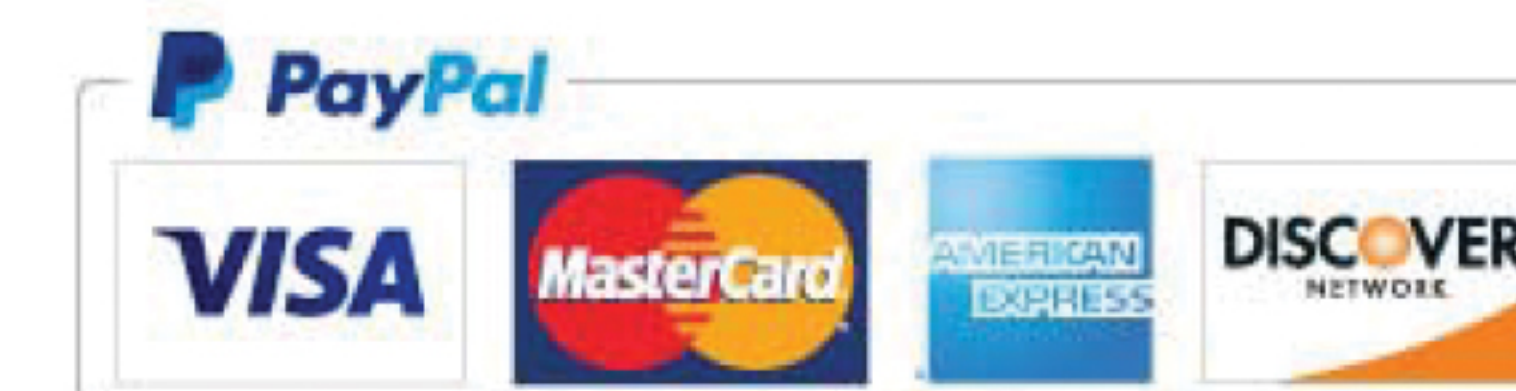
## DONATE

To donate to one of the programs listed on our website, send a check payable to:

**FRIENDS OF TULARE COUNTY**  
**5957 South Mooney Boulevard**  
**Visalia, CA 93277**

Please indicate the program you wish to support on the memo line of your check. County employees may make donations through payroll deductions.

Donate online at  
**[FriendsTC.org](http://FriendsTC.org)**  
**[www.friendsoftularecounty.org](http://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, promote 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, hygiene products; may help purchase promotional items for Elder Abuse Awareness Month outreach activities.

### At-Risk Youth

Aids youth participating in an employment program and working to transition to adulthood/self-sufficiency. Provides emergency monies for transportation, work apparel, utilities, and medical, dental, and prescription expenses.

### CWS—Children's Toy Drive

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

### CWS—General

Donations will help to purchase needed items for foster children, such as clothing, personal hygiene items, duffle bags, back-to-school supplies, home safety items, therapy kits, and birthday gifts, plus cover unforeseen needs and emergency assistance.

### CWS—Independent Living Program

Helps probation/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

Donations help individuals with mental illness live and thrive in the community; may assist in several ways.

### General

Helps increase community outreach programs and enables the purchase of items of basic need. Accepts both clothing and cash donations.

### Wellness & Recovery

Donations help to purchase wellness-related incentives for consumers of mental health services and to enhance program and group activities. As needed, funds may also be used for consumers' one-time emergency expenses.

## HHSA: Public Health

### Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH)

Donations help provide comprehensive health services for low-income, at-risk women and children, as well as pregnant or parenting teens.

### Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention (NEOP)

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

### WIC - General

WIC helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well and stay healthy. Donations will help provide food/beverages for mothers and children that promote health and well-being.

## Tulare County: Emergency Relief Fund

Donations to the Friends of Tulare County Emergency Relief Fund Program will support emergencies in a wide-scale effort to protect the safety of persons and property in Tulare County.

## Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging

K/T AAA is the lead advocate, program planner, and resource facilitator on behalf of 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 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) helps keep seniors warm while improving 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 & Wildlife

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: Homeless Fund

Donations will help supply toiletries, clothing, identification card/application fees, furnishings, cooking utensils/appliances, or may fund expenses like a utility bill or car repair for those experiencing, at risk for, or exiting homelessness.

## Tulare County: Probation At-Risk Youth

Funding promotes pro-social activities that help disadvantaged youth succeed while on probation and supports the skills and insight needed to maintain that success.

## Tulare County: Step Up

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 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.

## Tulare County: Parks & Recreation

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

### General

Donations help manage 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

Supports the refurbishment and maintenance of Tulare County parks; donors adopt (sponsor) an arbor and provide donations in the form of labor and/or materials for its repair.

### 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 help cover the cost of repair and maintenance, honoring the five-decade history of the Lily Pond.

### Mooney Grove Park—Monuments, Memorials & Recreational Features

Donations of money, time, services, or materials help support the repair and maintenance of monuments, memorials, and recreational features within Mooney Grove Park