

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



# COURAGEOUS CHOICES







## OUR MISSION

Marjaree Mason Center supports and empowers adults and children affected by domestic violence, while striving to prevent and end the cycle of abuse through education and advocacy.

# A Letter From the Executive Director

Most of us are inspired by stories of courage – the firefighter rescuing the child from the 3rd story window, so many incredible first responders working tireless hours during the COVID-19 pandemic to care for their community, the bystander intervening in a robbery because they felt it was the “right thing to do.”

I have the distinct privilege to see inspiring displays of courage in and amongst the walls of Marjaree Mason Center regularly. When I reflect on courage, as it relates to our work, several examples come to mind. The first is Marjaree Mason and members of the Mason family. When Marjaree was tragically murdered in 1978, I’m sure the family wanted nothing more than to grieve and heal privately. Marjaree’s siblings have shared how she was the giver and encourager among her family. Because of Marjaree’s impact, they stepped forward publicly to share her story.

It began to shed much-needed light on domestic violence during a time when it wasn’t talked about and was seen as “a private family matter”. They did so with courage so that Marjaree’s death would not be in vain and her legacy of service to others would live on.

I recall the courageous partnership between the Mason family and the YWCA in 1979 when the first beds were set aside in Fresno for those

experiencing domestic violence. They did so not knowing if or when the beds would be occupied. Fast forward to 1998, when another courageous decision was made by the YWCA Board of Directors to cease their operations and become fully operational as the Marjaree Mason Center with a singular focus on serving adults and their children affected by the trauma of domestic violence in Fresno County.

Again, this past year I have been incredibly inspired by the courage I see displayed among our MMC employees during yet another year of pandemic disruption and constant change. The perseverance, tenacity, commitment and creativity they display each and every day is awe-inspiring. I have a front row seat to see them welcome and support thousands of courageous adults and their children who call our hotline and/or come through our doors at one of the most vulnerable and dangerous times in their lives. Upon arrival these families begin to feel safe as they heal from the impact of emotional, verbal, physical and financial trauma and courageously start a new life – free of violence.

Equally, it takes an incredible amount of courage for adults and teenagers in our Batterers Intervention Program, anger management and parenting classes to recognize their behavior and commit to

making changes. Our dedicated and patient facilitators come alongside them so they begin to see how their own lived experiences may have contributed to their choices to cause harm. Courageously, they begin to make changes for their families and themselves.

Finally, I think of YOU – our generous donors who courageously continue to support us in our collective work to prevent and end domestic violence in Fresno County. You faithfully choose to pay it forward in the midst of the challenges and changes you experience as well.

As you read and consider the impact and outcomes surrounding the programs of MMC on the following pages, I hope that you see the courage displayed in our mission to support and empower adults and their children experiencing domestic violence while advocating to prevent and end domestic violence in Fresno County.

With deep gratitude,



**Nicole Linder**  
Executive Director



## VOLUME OF SERVICES

MMC is truly a lifesaver for me. Months before my incident I frequented many calls to MMC because I was scared. It can feel like a very lonely isolating thing. With MMC and my mom by my side, I have the motivation to be free. I probably wouldn't be alive if I didn't have MMC. Thank you so much.

### Hotline Calls

2,189

4,010\*

### Crisis Drop Ins

1,482

1,862\*

### Safety Plans

2,230

3,558\*

### Referrals to Community Agencies

2,964

3,934\*

### Risk Assessments

1,297

1,397\*

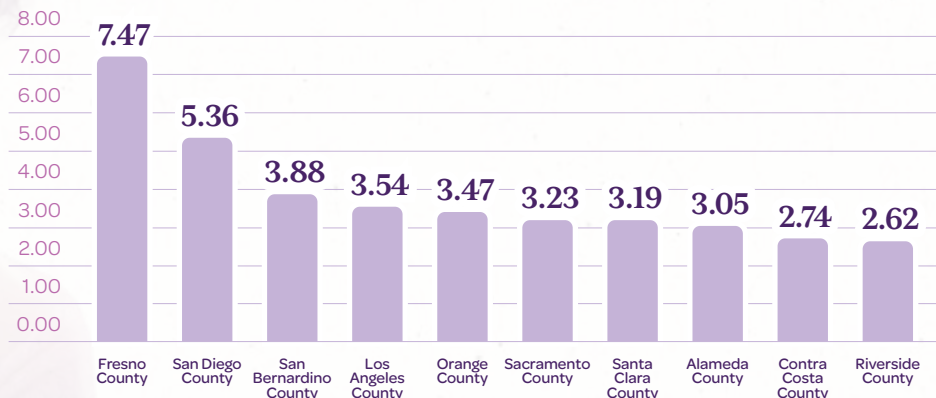
### Court Accompaniments *(all court proceedings were virtual)*

161

289\*

\*Duplicated Figure

## 2020 CALLS FOR SERVICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PER CAPITA



Source: California Department of Justice

# Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) consists of advocates who help victims via our 24/7 hotline and when they arrive at MMC. The CRT help clients with restraining orders and accompany them to court. They work alongside law enforcement officers in supporting victims who reached out to law enforcement agencies, and conduct assessments at multiple locations throughout Fresno County for clients who are unable to travel to our office.

The long-lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be prevalent in the clients served. The

number of those reaching out to MMC for services has not decreased. Additionally, the severity of physical abuse has increased, with clients coming to us after being severely strangled, stabbed, shot, burned, and thrown out of moving vehicles, just to name a few examples.

MMC's 24/7 Crisis Response services are critical to ensure that adults and their children have a safe and confidential place available when they need to flee. For many survivors, the lack of access to transportation is a major barrier to accessing services. In addition to our essential services

in Fresno, there are also MMC offices located in Clovis, Reedley, and Mendota. MMC has advocates that work on-site at the City of Fresno Police Department and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. They accompany officers on domestic violence incident calls and follow-up afterwards to provide resources to the survivor and their children.

Thanks to these other locations, survivors without the ability to travel to Fresno are still able to receive critical safe housing and support services.

# Safe Housing

Nationally, domestic violence is reported as the leading cause of homelessness for women and the leading cause of preventable death for women ages 18-44. 97% of all MMC households fall well-below the poverty line which leaves them vulnerable to homelessness.

Marjaree Mason Center provides safe housing to adults and children impacted by domestic violence throughout Fresno County. Clients and their families are housed in our Fresno safe house, Clovis transitional house, individual safe

housing units throughout Fresno County, and permanent housing units (sometimes with rental assistance from MMC).

MMC staff including case managers, members of the residential and children's teams connect with families staying in safe housing on a regular (if not daily) basis to deliver meals and other needed items and to ensure the clients are working on their established plan and not facing barriers that would delay their progress.

“

My stay here was amazing. The employees were so welcoming and understanding and never once made me feel out of place. I never thought I'd be as strong as I am right now if it wasn't for the safe house. I can't thank this staff and everyone enough for everything you guys have done for my daughter and I.

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# 91,402

nights of emergency and  
longer-term safe shelter

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

**562** adults served

**583** children served

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## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**49** adults served

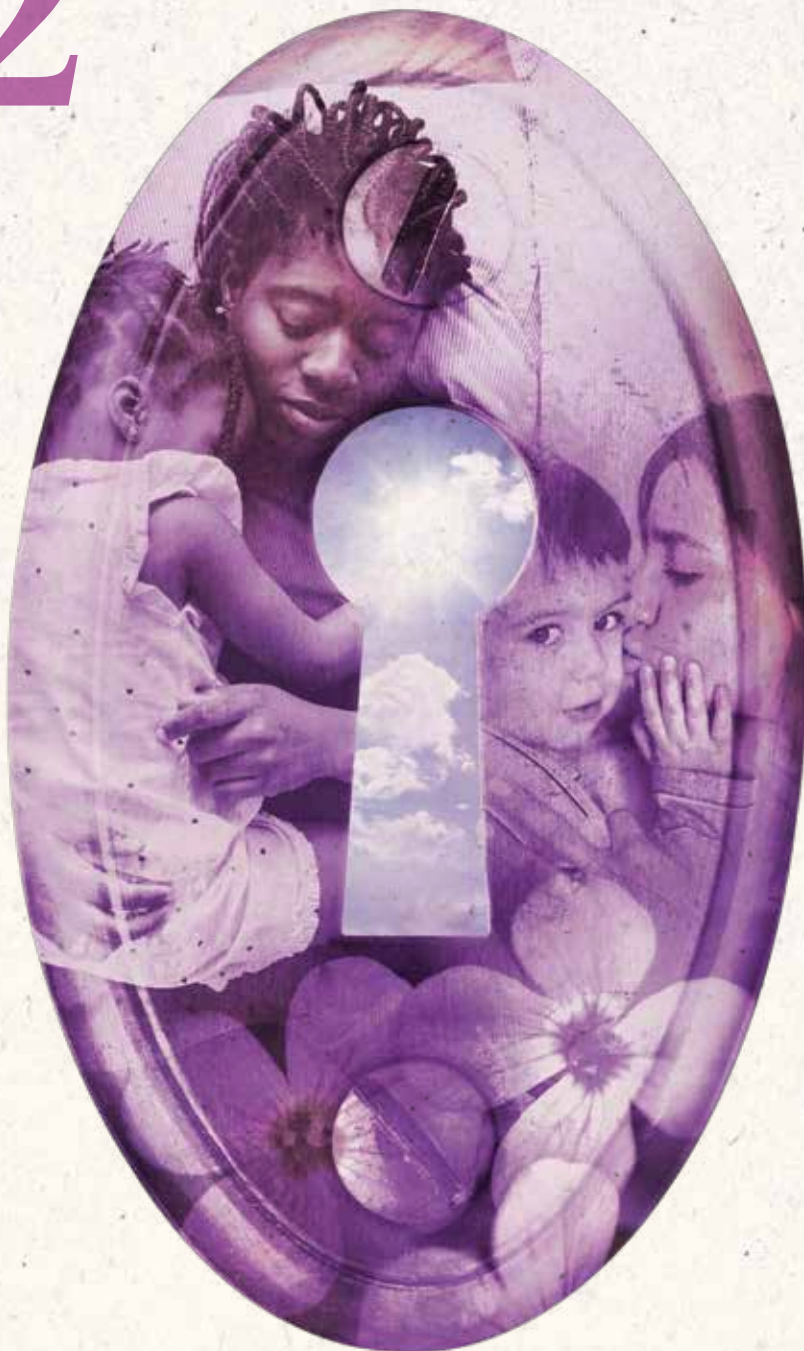
**87** children served

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## PERMANENT HOUSING

**161** adults served

**264** children served



# Life Transition Program

The Life Transition Program is a group of programs that serve domestic violence offenders in an effort to end the cycle of abuse. Services include a 52-week Batterers Intervention Program, Anger Management and Parenting Classes, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) evaluations, and a Child Abuse Intervention program.

“

I've learned that my feelings control my future and if I put the effort in, anything is possible! I am where I'm at because the Marjaree Mason Center took their time to put effort into me when I had no one else there.

”

LTP Client



TOTAL CLIENTS

480

BATTERERS  
INTERVENTION PROGRAM

264\*

ANGER MANAGEMENT

53\*

CHILD ABUSE

67\*

PARENTING CLASS

25\*

SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETED PROGRAM

180

*\*Duplicated Figure*

LIFE TRANSITION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION



# Prevention &



The Prevention & Education Team educate the community on signs of domestic violence and teen dating violence. To prevent the cycle of abuse, the Prevention & Education Team heads the kNOW MORE® program in five school districts in Fresno County. The kNOW MORE program prepares teens to raise awareness of teen dating violence in their schools and in the community. kNOW MORE members are also prepared to provide resources to peers who are victims themselves.



I feel like things like this shouldn't be considered normal in our time. So, that's what motivated me to be part of the club and inspired me to do more.



Emily Medina-Delgado, kNOW MORE Peer Educator

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES

School Districts

5

School Sites

31

High Schools with  
the kNOW MORE  
Program

20

Intermediate Schools  
with the SAFE Dates  
Program

11

Community  
Presentations

73

Number of School  
Events Tabled

24



# Education

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and typically, students across Fresno County high schools and middle schools perform outreach and presentations at their schools to raise awareness of teen dating violence and MMC services. Although classes were still online in February of 2021, our students still raised awareness virtually. One of the ways students raise awareness was during a Teen Dating Violence Proclamation Presentation at a Fresno City Council Meeting. Two of our kNOw MORE Ambassadors talked about how they are raising awareness and why our program is essential to preventing domestic violence in Fresno County.

Since our students were unable to do their presentations at their schools in person, our Prevention Team and Ambassadors worked with CMAC to film the script presentation to send out to each school.



*kNOw MORE Ambassadors, Diego Mosqueda and Ciera Maples, present teen dating violence statistics and kNOw MORE's impact at a Fresno City Council Meeting to proclaim February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.*

*kNOw MORE Ambassadors representing each Fresno County High School filmed their presentation script at CMAC.*





# Outreach

MMC partners with various agencies to support adults and children impacted by domestic violence. Many agencies invite our Outreach Team to talk to their staff about domestic violence and how to connect victims to our resources. The Outreach Team provides 40-hour training sessions to new MMC staff members, volunteers, and anyone else wanting to earn a domestic violence training certificate, and they conduct an 8-hour training for those wanting to work with domestic violence offenders. Local law enforcement

agencies, other first responders, and Department of Social Services staff wanting to better understand the situation of survivors and their children complete our 4-hour trainings.

In addition to the training sessions, our Outreach Team sets up booths at various events to be there in case someone wants to talk to someone about their experience or to learn about our services.

# 679

 PEOPLE TRAINED

# 12

 EVENTS TABLED



“

I loved the support given here. There's no other place that provides safety and an immense amount of support when you are a survivor of domestic violence. If I ever feel unsafe, the door is always open for me to return to the safe house.

”

Former Client



# Children's Enrichment

Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to repeat the cycle as teens and adults and experience mental illness as a result of their trauma. They are also less likely to perform well academically and in social settings. The Children's Team works with clients' children to treat the impact of their trauma through counseling and connecting children to community and school resources so that they can thrive in all environments.



Not every kid gets to have nice things. Even me, and when I saw this place, it looked magical. Any kid would wish to be in a place like this.



Boy, age 16

During this past fiscal year, 8 girls joined a Girl Scout troop that consists of girls who live or have lived in our safe house. The Girl Scout troop received community support especially during Girl Scout Cookie season. Another positive outlet for our children is a music therapy program called "Music Speaks". In each session, a facilitator encourages the children and their parents to play music, sing, and dance to help develop healthy coping mechanisms and parent-child bonding.

## TOTAL CHILDREN

**1,324**

## CHILDREN'S GROUP

**20** children  
**137** sessions

## CHILD ADVOCACY CLIENTS

**83** children

## PARENT COACHING

**25** children  
**180** sessions

## MUSIC SPEAKS

**56** sessions

## CASE MANAGEMENT

**122** parents and children  
**1,335** sessions





# Counseling

During the pandemic, it was especially important for our clients to continue seeking counseling services at MMC. Our Counseling Team worked with clients to continue counseling sessions via telehealth (video conference or phone). In the last fiscal year, a significant number of counseling sessions were via telehealth, thus reducing the number of session cancellations.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

### NUMBER OF SESSIONS

Individual Counseling Sessions (Adult)

**2,048**

Virtual Individual Counseling Sessions (Adult)

**1,756**

Individual Counseling Sessions (Child)

**430**

Virtual Individual Counseling Sessions (Child)

**297**

Group Counseling Sessions

**935**

Virtual Group Counseling Sessions

**209**





# Family Stabilization Program

The Family Stabilization Program (FSP) works with the Fresno County Department of Social Services to support MMC clients who are also in the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program. FSP identifies the barriers to employment and housing caused by domestic violence and works with clients to eliminate those barriers through counseling, case management, domestic violence education, and Children's Enrichment Center support.



*\*Duplicated Figure*



# Facilities



The Facilities Team works to ensure all Marjaree Mason Center sites are safe and clean for all employees and clients. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, our team has updated protocols to ensure surfaces are clean and reduce the risk of transmission. Our two oldest buildings are more than a century old, yet our Facilities Team has been able to remodel and install new systems for additional safety and efficiency. This past fiscal year, the team installed new security cameras in one of our shelters, fans, an ionization system at the Fresno Safe House to help clean the air, hand dryers for safe house bathrooms, a walk-up thermometer in our administration building, and increased storage space in our safe house.

# Human Resources

The Human Resources team consists of the Director and the Human Resources Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator. This team works on recruitment and retention. The HR Team also does community outreach to recruit more individuals seeking a position in Social Work. During FY 2020-2021, Human Resources recruited 30 employees and 13 volunteers (including special event volunteers).

In addition, they lead a committee of employees organizing initiatives to reduce agency risk and increase

employee satisfaction at MMC.

The team hosts safety trainings and organizes employee appreciation initiatives such as our Employee Wall of Fame.

Training sessions in the last fiscal year include ACEs Aware Training, Situational Awareness Training, safety trainings and how to respond to exposure to opiates, especially fentanyl. Staff also contributed their ideas to brainstorming sessions in regard to their ideal new location for MMC.



*MMC Performance Wall of Fame*



*Virtual safety training*

# Development & Communications

In Fresno County, there was one domestic violence-related homicide in 2020 and seven in 2021. When domestic violence homicides occur, loved ones try to figure out what went wrong, and the reality is that we do not know what happens behind closed doors but there are always early warning signs that show a potential for severe abuse in relationships later on. MMC partners with local law enforcement to raise awareness in our community. Every October, Reedley PD hosts a prayer

vigil for those experiencing domestic violence. In the past fiscal year, we joined Fresno PD at a televised press conference regarding domestic violence.



*Nicole Linder and Chief Paco Balderrama at a press conference.*

The annual goal of the Development & Communications Department is to ensure that MMC's critical services remain available 24/7. The Communications team works to raise awareness of domestic violence and our services in the community. In the last fiscal year, the department raised \$2.3 million to support our services. Events such as Marjaree's Birthday Drive-through Crab & Brew and the Top Ten Professional Women & Leading

Business Awards brought the community together in times when the pandemic required everyone to stay apart.



*Men's Leadership Council (Left to right) Stephen Spach, David Allambaugh, Dr. René Ramirez, Pat Farmer, Nicole Linder, Thomas Trester, Matt Basgall (Chairperson)*

Every year, through our holiday Trees of Hope program, our community purchases gifts for our clients and their children throughout all of our programs. In 2020, our community purchased gifts for more than 500 clients and their children.



*Fresno Police Department donates gifts to MMC clients and their children for the annual Trees of Hope gift registry.*

“  
Thank you so much.  
God bless you! I was so  
heartbroken because  
I didn't have money to  
buy my girls a gift for  
Christmas. Words can't  
explain how thankful  
I am.

”

# 2020-2021 Financials

Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,856,348
Short-Term Investments	\$ 1,660,013
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,146,445
Other Current Assets	\$ 126,601
Long-Term Assets	\$ 3,627,700
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,417,107</b>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	\$ 164,358
Accrued Expenses	\$ 254,397
Deferred Revenue	\$ 160,350
Forgivable EHAPCD Loan	\$ 327,888
Net Assets	\$ 8,510,144
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,417,107</b>
SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Grants and Contracts	\$ 5,153,180
Contributions	\$ 3,113,540
Forgiveness on EHAPCD Loan	\$ 1,210,000
Program Fees	\$ 184,990
Special Events	\$ 303,701
Donated Services & Supplies	\$ 123,274
Investment Income	\$ 263,721
Other Income	\$ 35,779
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,388,185</b>
EXPENSES	
Program Expenses	\$ 6,078,802
Supporting Expenses	\$ 924,362
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 575,9795
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,578,959</b>
<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,809,226</b>

## CURRENT OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

\$23,315

per day to keep MMC operational

\$109

provides one person 24 hours of safe housing and comprehensive support services

\$9,810

provides a family of three 30 days of safe housing and comprehensive support services

\$81

pays for a one-night stay in an individual safe housing unit when the safe house is at capacity



# Major Public Funders

Marjaree Mason Center was a beneficiary of COVID-19-specific funding through both the County of Fresno and the City of Fresno again in 2021. We are indebted to their support during such an unusual and challenging time to ensure that adults and children affected by the trauma of domestic violence had critical services and shelter to access when home was not safe. Please reach out and thank members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Fresno City Council in your respective area to show your gratitude on behalf of survivors.

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## California Office of Emergency Services

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### City of Fresno

- City Council
  - Fresno Police Department
  - Housing and Community Development Division
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### County of Fresno

- Board of Supervisors
  - Department of Social Services
  - Probation
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Superintendent of Schools
  - Superior Court
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### County of Madera

- Office of the District Attorney
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## Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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## Fresno Unified School District

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## Kings Canyon Unified School District



# Donor Story



With well anchored values, a deep love for community and a desire to pay it forward, Wally and Terry Barthuli believe in Marjaree Mason Center's ability to help those affected by the trauma of domestic violence.

The Barthulis see MMC as a safe haven. A place adults and their children go to be whole again, not only physically, but also emotionally. "I have a soft spot, a personal passion, for the mission," comments Terry. "Through a brush with domestic violence in a previous relationship, I learned how vulnerable a woman can be. The resources MMC provides help to ensure someone else isn't a victim."

Looking back, the Barthulis are grateful to have grown-up in the 1950's and 60's during a time that America was different than it is today. Although they were raised in different parts of the country - Wally in Sanger and Terry in the Midwest, both developed a love for agriculture and a belief that the choices you make each and every day matter.

Their philanthropy in the community stems from a personal and collective motivation to "pay back all that has been done for us by generations of Americans that made this such a great country," paired with a steadfast desire of providing others opportunities like they were given.

"MMC changes the lives of desperate adults and children, giving them safety, hope and a future free from abuse. It is a pleasure donating to an organization that doesn't expect our money but is truly appreciative of it. We also know that every dime we give goes to serve people in need — many in desperate need. We are very proud to help in that work," Terry says.

Marjaree Mason Center is grateful for the Barthuli's generosity the past 33 years to provide emergency safe housing and supportive services to those in critical need of escaping domestic violence. Because of their faithful support, thousands of clients have found the courage to transform their families and live a life free of abuse.

# 2021 Donors

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

## \$25,000 AND ABOVE

Bank of America  
Marvin and Janell Boldt  
California Partnership To End  
Domestic Violence  
CalViva Health  
CDC Joint Venture Program  
Cook Land Company  
Fansler Foundation  
Fresno Unified School District  
Isnardi Foundation  
JP Lamborn Co.  
Kaiser Permanente  
Macy's / Bloomingdale's  
Corporate Giving  
Meathead Movers  
MJR Creative Group  
Derrel Ridenour  
Sahm Family Foundation  
Sandra Siroonian Trust  
Serving USA  
Smittcamp Ag Enterprises  
Series D LLC  
The Arlen Bean Family Trust  
The California Endowment  
The Edward M. & Jeanne C. Kashian  
Family Foundation  
Valley Children's Healthcare  
Neelam Wadhwa

## \$10,000 – \$24,999

Wallace and Terry Barthuli  
Bee Sweet Citrus  
Campos Land Company LLC  
CarMax  
Rebecca Castro  
Central California Faculty Medical  
Group (CCFMG)  
Clovis Unified School District  
Stephen and Dianne Dalich

Dutch Bros. Coffee  
Educational Employees  
Credit Union  
Elite Island Resorts  
Fresno County Superintendent of  
Schools  
Fresno Equipment Company  
Christopher and Patricia Gualarte  
Sara Hamilton  
JD Food, Certified Meat Products  
Jason and Terra Lamborn  
Deborah Ledford  
Leon S. Peters Foundation  
Brook Lopez  
Robin Lopez  
Noble Credit Union  
Rotary Club of Fresno and the  
Fresno Rotary Foundation  
Rowley Portraiture and Bradford  
Renaissance Portraits  
Anita Sethi Sachdeva  
Kimiko Schock  
Seal Rite Paving Inc.  
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Smittcamp Family Foundation  
C. Ray and Mary Lou Steele  
James and Carol Thaxter  
The Otis Booth Foundation  
The TJX Foundation, Inc.  
Trinity Health  
Valley Wide Beverage  
VANS #152  
Mary Viancourt  
Al and Dotty Warkentine  
Zenith Insurance Co.

## \$5,000 – \$9,999

Aetna Healthcare  
Agriland Farming Co., Inc.  
Cheri Beasley  
Burks, F.L.R. & Adelaide T/UW

Central Valley Community  
Foundation  
Chevron  
Chukchansi Gold  
Lee and Carol Copeland  
Ron and Jenine Cortopassi  
John Crawford  
Ralph Cross  
Jim and Amy Davis  
Dayka & Hackett LLC  
Deli Delicious Franchising, Inc.  
Vijay and Aruna Dua  
E. & J. Gallo Winery  
Joshua Easterly  
Max and Martha Flaming  
Fresno Clovis Convention and  
Visitors Bureau  
Fresno Eastside Foursquare Church,  
DBA Adventure Church  
Fresno Economic Opportunities  
Commission  
Gary & Barbara Marsella Family  
Foundation  
Paul Gibson and Joan Eaton  
Robert and Linda Glassman  
Golden 1 Credit Union  
Donald Gumz\*  
ICW Group  
J.H. Jenkins  
Johanson Transportation Service  
John "Jay" and Natalie Kalpakoff  
Theodoros and Michele Lykos  
Manco Abbott, Inc.  
Michael Gragnani Farms  
Greg and Phyllis Netherton  
New Covenant Community Church  
People's Church  
Producers Dairy Foods, Inc.  
Benjamin and Megan Pruett  
James Reap  
Mike and Trina Rolph  
Saint Agnes Medical Center

New Sang  
Stockbridge Family Legacy Fund  
The Benevity Community  
Impact Fund  
Sean Tower  
Union Bank of California  
United Health Centers  
United Surgical Partners  
International  
United Way California Capital Region  
Vonda's  
Ted and Michele Waldron  
Gerald and Rosemary Waters  
Wayne H. Towne Family Foundation  
John and Denise Werft

## \$2,500 – \$4,999

Access Plus Capital Fresno EOC  
Adeline E. Ritchie Charitable Trust  
Agostini Restaurants, Inc./  
McDonald's  
Hengameh and Naeem Akhtar  
Anonymous Giver  
AT&T  
Earl Don and Cheryl Baker  
Belmont Car Wash and Shop N Go  
Bulrad Enterprises, Inc., DBA  
Cabinet Connection  
Katherine Burt-Jones  
Candlelight Guild  
Cedar Avenue Recycling and  
Transfer Station  
Central California Legal Services, Inc.  
Central California Women's  
Facility (CCWF)  
Central Valley Community Bank  
County of Madera  
Der Manouel Insurance Group/  
HUB International  
Donaghy Sales  
Craig Duerr

\*deceased



Ellery and Tsenia Ellis  
 Alfred and Carolyn Evans  
 Kaye Fisher  
 Fowler Packing House  
 Fresno City College  
 Guarantee Real Estate  
 Sara Hedrick  
 Joe and Dovey Herzog  
 Hilltop Foundation  
 Pete and Julie Holmes  
 In-N-Out Burger Foundation  
 Joseph and Yvette Jones  
 Jason and Jerri Kelm  
 Keith and Lisa Korth  
 Colby and Nicole Linder  
 Lisa Smittcamp for District Attorney  
 Margaret Mims for Sheriff  
 Sandra Marthedal  
 Barbara McAuliffe  
 Steven McGee  
 Mid Valley Disposal  
 Valentina Montez  
 Ms. Molly Foundation  
 Jerry\* and Elizabeth Owens  
 Pacific Service Credit Union  
 Gregg and Deborah Palmer  
 Poverello House  
 Fred Schreiber  
 Julie Sibayan  
 Tachi Palace Casino & Resort  
 The Garabedian Group  
 The PNC Financial Services Group,  
 formerly BBVA  
 Thiesen Dueker Financial  
 Consulting Group  
 Gregory Tudor  
 UCSF Fresno Family Medicine  
 Thomas and Dawan Utecht  
 Valadao for Congress  
 Timothy Walsh  
 Wathen Castanos Homes, Inc.  
 Mariah Zingarelli

## \$1,000 – \$2,499

Gid and Vickie Adkisson  
 Sally Ayer  
 John and Teresa Barber  
 Laura Barnett  
 Desa Belyea  
 Kay Bertken

Ramneek Bhullar  
 Stephen and Jonelle Borcich  
 Peter and Michelle Boyer  
 Stephen and Jackie Bradley  
 Brandt Consolidated  
 Katherine Briano  
 Mitchell and Shelley Buckley  
 Buford Oil Company  
 Jason and Jana Bukilica  
 Cher Cardwell  
 Carolyn Cave  
 Central California Mennonite Service  
 Center, Inc.  
 Stuart Chamberlin  
 James Childress  
 Madhubanti Chowdhury  
 City of Clovis Police Department  
 Sarah Clem  
 John and Veronica Coelho  
 Stan and Jeanie Cooper  
 Betty Cordel  
 Elizabeth Cudilo  
 Kaye Cummings  
 Leon Dermenjian  
 James and Janis “Jan” Devany  
 Nat and Marilyn DiBuduo  
 Randel and Joanie Dodds  
 Monica Dougherty  
 Doug-Out Cookies  
 Jason and Cristin Duke  
 East Fresno Lions Club  
 EC Home Inspections  
 Jeanette Elms  
 Tal Eslick and Rachel  
 Acevedo-Eslick  
 Eye-Q Vision Care  
 Rinaldo and Donna Fena  
 Katherine Fernandez  
 First Baptist Church of Clovis  
 Terry and Janet Fletcher  
 Helen Fort  
 Jeffrey and Jamie Francis  
 Fresno Association of Realtors and  
 Affiliates Foundation  
 Fresno Breakfast House  
 Fresno Chaffee Zoo  
 Fresno City Employees Assoc.  
 Mark and Penny Gillette  
 Girl Scouts of Central California  
 Luz Gonzalez  
 D. Casey and Andrea Gray

Ozella Green  
 Donald and Karen Gregory  
 Grundfos Manufacturing  
 Corporation  
 James and Coralein “Coke” Hallowell  
 Eva Hammond  
 Mike Hamzy and Anne Speake  
 Jacqueline Henry-Larmond  
 David Hill and Dee Lacy  
 David Hodge  
 Hodges Electric, Inc.  
 Sergio and Carmen Ilic  
 Jenna Johal  
 Richard Johanson\*  
 John Ventresca Company  
 Larry and Victoria Johnson  
 Jeffrey and Marianne E. Jones  
 Rodney and Kathleen Kebo  
 Randy and Kathy Keiser  
 Neil Lakestani  
 Sharon Lamb  
 Peggy Lang  
 Claude Laval, III  
 LazyOne Richmond Apparel Group  
 William and Kim Lee  
 Legacy Construction  
 Dennis and Anne Lewis  
 Kendra Lopez  
 Leslie McOmber  
 Mediterranean Grill Café  
 Mid Valley Financial Services  
 Emil and Ratan Milevoj  
 James and Judith “Judy” Miller  
 Deborah Moffett  
 Robert and Christine “Chris” Mook  
 Mountain Mike’s Pizza  
 Douglas and Cynthia Myovich  
 Nelson’s Ace Hardware  
 North Fresno Lions Club  
 Kelly and Martha O’Boylan  
 Olam Americas  
 Kevin and Beatrice “Bea” Olsen  
 Maxie Parks and Lovern  
 Mason-Parks  
 Pearson Realty  
 Joseph and Laura Perez  
 Promesa Behavioral Health  
 Luke and Michelle Quaccia  
 Jerry Radinoff and Paula Siegel  
 Patrick Ramirez and Bonnie Her  
 Timothy and Deborah Riordan

James and Patricia “Tricia” Robillard  
 Daniel Rowley  
 David Rushing  
 San Joaquin College of Law  
 Santen Incorporated  
 Briana Seltzer  
 Shop N Go  
 Alan and Kathleen Shows  
 SJ Valley Properties, Inc.  
 Lozano Smith  
 Starbucks Foundation:  
 Neighborhood Grants Fund  
 Bill and Mary Stegall  
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# How to Help

## Your Impact

You have the power to play a part in ending domestic violence and creating a safer community for our kids. At the Marjaree Mason Center, your donations and support provide so much more than a safe place to stay for families escaping dangerous situations. Your tax-deductible gift allows us to provide invaluable resources to survivors and their children like counseling, legal advocacy, education and more. You can give the gift of healing, hope and a chance at a brighter tomorrow.

## Many Ways to Give

The Marjaree Mason Center also receives much of its financial support from private and public grants as well as from family foundations additionally, the Center accepts:

- gifts of stock
- IRA
- many other forms of appreciated assets

If you wish to learn more about how to establish such a relationship with Marjaree Mason Center, please contact MMC's Director of Development **Charity Susnick** at [charity@mmcenter.org](mailto:charity@mmcenter.org) or **(559) 487-1313**.



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*Marjaree Mason Center's*

*39th annual*

## TOP TEN EVENT

Wednesday, October 12th

11:00am - 1:00pm\*

**THE SAVE MART CENTER**

*\*Time Subject to Change*

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*The 39th Annual Top Ten Professional Women and Leading Business Awards, a prestigious awards ceremony honoring local professionals, will bring together over 1,500 attendees with the goal of honoring outstanding individuals in our community while also raising awareness of domestic violence.*

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Meet Our 2022 Keynote Speaker

## AUTHOR, Stephanie Land

Stephanie Land's best-selling debut memoir ***Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*** shares her resilience throughout her experience navigating poverty as a single mother escaping domestic violence while enduring the physical, economic, and social brutality that domestic workers face.

The memoir inspired Netflix's Golden Globe and Emmy-nominated series, **MAID**, starring Margaret Qualley, Andie McDowell, Nick Robinson and Anika Noni Rose. With Land as an executive producer on the show, it is ***one of Netflix's most-watched series ever, reaching over 67 million households in its first month and over 469 million hours viewed.***

Her writing about economic and social justice, domestic abuse, chronic illness, and motherhood have been published by The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, The Atlantic, and The New York Review of Books, among many other outlets.





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