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BOARD MATCH OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE 2024



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Central Coast Energy Services

Watsonville, CA

<https://energyservices.org/home>

CEO: Dennis Osmer
Board Chair: Bruce Greenstein

Who We Are

Central Coast Energy Services, Inc. strives to improve household safety, health, and economic security within our communities. CCES fosters community health and well-being by providing energy conservation, consumer education & advocacy, home improvement, utility assistance, job training, and other services to people in need. At CCES we promote an environment of safety, hard work, teamwork, and high-quality services.

Dennis Osmer	Central Coast Energy Services	Dennis.Osmer@energyservices.org	CEO
Patrice Jackson-Roduner	Central Coast Energy Services		CFO



Elkhorn Slough Foundation

Salinas, CA

<https://elkhornslough.org/foundation/>

Executive Director: Laura Solorio (She/Her)
Board Chair: Bruce Welden

Who We Are

Elkhorn Slough Foundation (ESF) is a nonprofit land trust founded in 1982 to conserve and restore Elkhorn Slough and its watershed.

We restore habitat, protect native species, improve water quality, support healthy farms and ranches, and nurture connections between people and nature. We also partner closely with both state and federal governments to support the Elkhorn Slough Reserve.

Laura Solorio Elkhorn Slough Foundation Lmsolorio9@gmail.com Board Member



Epicenter of Monterey

Salinas, CA

<https://epicentermonterey.org/>

Executive Director: Richelle Santoya

Who We Are

The Epicenter was launched through a partnership of Monterey County Child Welfare Services and VOICES (Voice Our Independent Choices for Emancipation Support). VOICES is the first youth-designed and youth-led program in the nation for transition-age foster youth. After successfully replicating its program in Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties, VOICES was invited by Monterey County Child Welfare Services in 2013 to launch a VOICES-like program in Salinas.

Richelle Santoya Epicenter of Monterey richelle@epicentermonterey.org Executive Director



Farm Discovery at Live Earth

Watsonville, CA

<https://farmdiscovery.org/>

Executive Director: Jessica Ridgeway (She/Her)

Who We Are

Farm Discovery at Live Earth is a nonprofit organization working in the Pajaro Valley community to empower youth and families to build and sustain healthy food, farming, social and natural systems. Our home, [Live Earth Farm](#), is a 150-acre patchwork of working organic farm, riparian corridor, oak and redwood forest in the Pajaro Valley of Santa Cruz County, California.

Jessica Ridgeway Farm Discovery at Live Earth director@farmdiscovery.org Executive Director



Foundation
Monterey County Free Libraries

Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries

Monterey, CA

<https://fmcfl.org/>

Executive Director: Juliet Pool
Board Chair: Nancy Harray

Who We Are

The Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries (FMCFL) is an independent 501(c)(3) formed to help fund the programs of the 17 Monterey County Free Libraries, including those located in the most rural sections of our county. Funding from FMCFL helps make library programs possible, from early childhood literacy support and homework centers and adult reading, book drives, online tutoring, and technology centers.

Juliet Pool	FMCFL	Juliet@fmcfl.org	Executive Director
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Housing Resource Center

Salinas, CA

<https://www.hrcmontereycounty.org/>

Executive Director: Alexa Johnson
Board Chair: Lisa Berkely PhD

Who We Are

The mission of the Housing Resource Center (HRC) of Monterey County is to provide a continuum of housing resources for homeless prevention and affordable housing opportunities. HRC fosters community stability, stronger communities, and personal economic empowerment through education, advocacy, counseling, and services.

Alexa Johnson	Housing Resource Center	alexaj@hrcmc.org	Executive Director
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Independent Transportation Network Monterey County

Salinas, CA

<https://www.itnmontereycounty.org/>

Executive Director: Jessica McKillip
Board Chair: Nancy Harray

Who We Are

ITNMontereyCounty's mission is to provide a community supported, reasonably priced, and customer oriented dignified transportation service for seniors and adults with visual impairment, maintaining independence by allowing individuals to stay connected to family, friends, community, and the local economy.

Jessica McKillip	ITN Monterey County	jessica.mckillip@itnmont ereycounty.org	Executive Director
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Interfaith Outreach of Carmel

Carmel, CA

<https://www.joininghandsbenefitshops.org/>

President: Barbara Dickason

Who We Are

Interfaith Outreach of Carmel is an organization of faith communities dedicated to extending a helping hand of service and reducing homelessness within Monterey County.

Barbara Dickason Interfaith Outreach Carmel interfaithoutreachcarmel@gmail.com President



Kernes Adaptive Aquatics

Monterey, CA

<https://kernespool.org/>

Executive Director: Lynn Young
Board Chair: Peter Bolton

Who We Are

In 1973, when founder Edith Perry heated up her backyard pool to teach children with disabilities to swim, she never imagined that Kernes Adaptive Aquatics would continue to help thousands of people gain strength and mobility for 50 years. Today our beautiful ADA pool, named in honor of Edith's mother, provides people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to swim, exercise or just relax in comforting warm water.

Lynn Young	Kernes Adaptive Aquatics	office@kernespool.org	Executive Director
Peter Bolton	Kernes Adaptive Aquatics	389jpg@gmail.com	Board Member



LFC-Loaves, Fishes & Computers

Salinas, CA

<https://www.lfctech.org/>

Director: Ally Wenzel
Board Chair: Stephen T. Lieberman

Who We Are

LFC enables individuals to reach their full potential by providing low-cost computers and computer literacy classes to local low-income families and individuals.

Ally Wenzel Loaves, Fishes & Computers ally@lfctech.org Director



NAMI Monterey County

Salinas, CA

<https://namimonterey.org/>

Executive Director: Colleen Beye
Board Chair: Joe Livernois

Who We Are

NAMI Monterey County is a grassroots nonprofit designed to support family members and others who have loved ones suffering from a mental illness. We offer programs for families and consumers, advocate on behalf of those with mental illnesses, and hold a variety of educational workshops and programs throughout Monterey County. We are affiliated with NAMI California and NAMI National.

Colleen Beye Nami Monterey County cbeye@namimonterey.org Board Member



O'Neill Sea Odyssey

Santa Cruz, CA

<https://www.oneillseaodyssey.org/>

Executive Director: Tracey Weiss

Board Chair: Tim O'Neill

Who We Are

The mission of O'Neill Sea Odyssey is to provide a hands-on educational experience to encourage the protection and preservation of our living sea and communities.

O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization founded in 1996 by wetsuit innovator and surfer Jack O'Neill. A living classroom was created on board a 65-foot catamaran sailing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. OSO offers a three-hour program where 4th through 6th-grade and special education students from schools throughout Central California receive hands-on lessons in marine biology, marine ecology, and navigation. The program is conducted onboard the Team O'Neill catamaran with follow-up lessons at the shoreside Jack O'Neill and Harry Hind Education Center at Santa Cruz Harbor.

Tracey Weiss

O'Neill Sea Odyssey

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Board Member



Read to Me Project

Monterey, CA

<https://readtomeproject.org/>

Executive Director: Julia Foster
Board Chair: Charlie L. Ursburn

Who We Are

Read to Me Project helps under-served children achieve kindergarten readiness and a lifetime of literacy by empowering school age brothers and sisters to read to their young siblings at home. We also raise public awareness about the literacy crisis and the need for language development and pre-reading skills during a child's first five years of life.

Julia Foster Read to Me Project julia@readtomeproject.org Executive Director



Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations

Salinas, CA

<https://www.salinasvalleypride.com/>

Board Chair: Eric Mora

Who We Are

Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations creates spaces for LGBTQ+ people through social events, community partnerships and a scholarship program with the goal of making the Salinas Valley a more inclusive place to live, work and visit.

Eric Mora Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations eam296@cornell.edu Board Chair



Valley Health Associates

Salinas, CA

<https://www.valleyhealthassociates.com/>

Executive Director: La Tonya Glover, MSW
Board Chair: Harold Kahn, Ed.D.

Who We Are

Valley Health Associates is a premier provider of outpatient chemical dependency programs within Monterey County. Valley Health Associates strives to be fiscally sound, well managed, and compliant with all pertinent regulations and standards. We maintain positive relationships with our governmental and judicial partners and diligently strive to offer services that will enhance the lives of those we serve. The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at Valley Health Associates is licensed, accredited, and operates following all applicable federal, state, and local regulatory guidelines. The Valley Health Associates' Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program is fully accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

La Tonya Glover, MSW Valley Health Associates lglover@valleyhealthassociates.com Executive Director



Wonder Wood Ranch (WWR)

Salinas, CA

<http://www.wonderwoodranch.org/>

Contact: Marlo Schalesky

Who We Are

Wonder Wood Ranch (WWR) brings hope and healing to trauma-impacted youth in Monterey County through the demonstrated power of equine therapy. The inspiration for the ranch came from a transformative experience when a group of gang-impacted youth rode horses and experienced joy and optimism for their future. Since then, WWR has been providing a safe haven for kids from abusive, trafficked, or incarcerated backgrounds, creating personalized therapy programs built on the basic principles of Equine Therapy. Through the guidance of their compassionate staff, the ranch continues to be a place where youth can laugh, ride, and envision a brighter future where they are welcomed as contributing members of their community.

Marlo Schalesky Wonder Wood Ranch (WWR) marlo@wonderwoodranch.com Executive Director



Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL)

Salinas, CA

<https://www.yosal.org/>

Contact: Berniz House

Who We Are

YOSAL is a non-profit organization committed to social change in our youth and communities through the inspiration, discipline, and performance of classical and ensemble music.

YOSAL provides students with engaging, music-focused classes throughout the week. Members receive their own instrument, perform in recitals and concerts, and participate in off-campus field trips and activities. Students develop strong relationships with peers and teachers and establish a tight-knit community in which they continue to grow throughout their childhood. Through the discipline, persistence, and patience required to learn a musical instrument, YOSAL members obtain the skills needed to excel in school as well as their future careers. YOSAL members receive year-round group lessons, full orchestra, and mentorship opportunities. Students are required to attend classes 3 days per week. Tuition is free.

Berniz House	Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL)	bhouse@yosal.org	Development & Community Outreach Manager
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Youth Arts Collective

Youth Arts Collective

Monterey, CA

<https://www.yacstudios.org>

Executive Director: Jesse Juarez
Board Chair: Darcie Fohrman

Who We Are

Our mission is to inspire creativity, kindness, and confidence in our youth through artistic expression and mutual respect. Do art. Be kind.

Darcie Fohrman	Youth Arts Collective	darcie4man@me.com	Co-Chair
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