United Way 2015-2016 Community Partners

<u>Alliance for Community Transformations</u>: The Valley Crisis Center provides comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault services to Merced County.

<u>Bethel Community Church</u>: Maintains a food pantry so there is a source for emergency assistance to individuals and families to receive food assistance providing healthy, nourishing food.

<u>CASA</u>: The long term goals of the LIFE Program are to increase the number of foster youth graduating from high school, attending college or another form of higher education and increase the percentage of foster youth employed and involved in the community.

<u>Center of Vision Enhancement (COVE)</u>: Support and trains those dealing with blindness and low vision.

<u>Cerebral Palsy Association of Merced County</u>: Provide support for physically impaired and their families.

<u>Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.</u>: The YES program focuses on preparing Deaf and Hard of Hearing teens for transition from the K-12 school environment to life after graduation.

<u>Dos Palos Youth Crisis & Outreach</u>: Provides emergency food and food security to the residents of the most depressed areas of the state of California.

<u>Habitat for Humanity Westside Merced County</u>: Critical Home repair for families is the main priority for this year. This is a home preservation program that provides needed interior and exterior repairs for low-income homeowners, so that they may maintain a safe, decent and affordable place to live.

<u>Hinds Hospice Center for Grief & Healing and Angel Babies</u>: Provides compassionate care and support to serve the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs for those who have lost their loved ones.

<u>Merced Area Crime Stoppers</u>: Allows a person(s) who has knowledge of criminal activity to report that activity to authorities and eliminate any fear of reprisal by perpetrator of the crime by never identifying themselves to the program or any authorities.

<u>Merced County Food Bank (MCFB)</u>: The MCFB secures and supplies fresh, frozen, processed and commodity foods to all emergency food providers to serve more than 40,000 unique persons per month.

<u>Merced Symphony Association</u>: Provide music enrichment education with Children's Concerts in January 2016 at the historic Merced Theatre and at the Pacheco High School Theater (Los Banos).

<u>Sacred Rok Yosemite Youth Trips</u>: This year we propose to take 16-32 Merced County teens on a total of eight day trips and a camping trip to Yosemite National Park. They will learn to slow down and calm down, sitting by a river or taking a hike, and experience nature.

<u>Save Our Youth the Next Generations</u>: Help to improve California's public school learning for children, youths, young adults and parents in crisis through community-based learning for parents, teachers and health and human-service professionals to successfully work through their home, school, neighborhood and workplace networks.

<u>UC Merced Food Pantry</u>: The UCM Food Pantry program provides healthy food for students and income-eligible community members unable to make ends meet.