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## Wells Fargo invests in Tulare County communities

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In 2016, Wells Fargo invested more than \$2.5 million in the Central Valley.

Of that, \$144,750 went to local nonprofits in Tulare County including:

- Self Help Enterprises: \$18,750
- United Way Tulare: \$15,000
- Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.: \$55,000
- Tulare Hospital Foundation: \$10,000
- Visalia Emergency Aid Council:\$11,500

In addition, Tulare County Wells Fargo employees contributed \$14,700 and volunteered 936 hours to causes their are passionate about.

“Giving back to our community is part of our DNA. Together, the South Valley and Central Valley markets strive to make the San Joaquin Valley a stronger, thriving region,” said South Valley Area President Alice Juarez and Central Valley Area President Sandy Raco in a joint statement. “Whether we’re contributing financial resources or our teams are lending helping hands to vital nonprofits and schools, we are proud to help make a difference in our neighbors’ quality of life here in the Valley.”

Total contributions per county:

- Fresno County: \$1,321,850
- Kern County: \$475,630
- Kings County: \$5,800
- Madera County: \$132,500
- Merced County: \$99,500
- San Joaquin County: \$220,500
- Stanislaus County: \$149,000
- Tulare County: \$144,750

Nationally, the bank donated \$281.3 million to 14,900 nonprofits that support various programs.

Gabriela Mello, the senior community relations consultant said a shared vision with the community helps build a stronger future.

“It’s important for us to ensure we have a good pull in the community,” she said.

Future philanthropy programs in Tulare County will highlight capacity buildings, housing, job and business development.

“It’s important we invest in those communities we live, work and play in,” said Alice Juarez, South Valley region market president. “Our community needs support to thrive.”