

**BUILDING A
BRIGHTER
FUTURE
TOGETHER**

**WHAT'S YOUR
PROMISE?**

meet your 2019 campaign chair

DEAR **GOLDEN STATE EMPLOYEES:**

For more than 62 years, you and your fellow employees have given back to those in need through the Our Promise campaign. In that time, you have raised hundreds of millions of dollars for organizations doing exemplary work to build stronger communities.

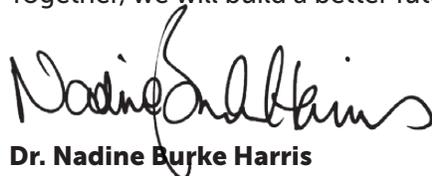
It is with great honor that I have the opportunity to represent such a wonderful group of committed California state employees as the 2019 Our Promise Chair. With over 290,000 state employees, we have a tremendous opportunity to make a collective impact on local communities across California with a gift through Our Promise. Together, we are making our state a better, and brighter place to call home.

Our work is far from over. I'm calling on you – my fellow state employees – to join me to make a commitment to continue supporting Our Promise as we build a brighter future for the Golden State.

A donation today means that local nonprofits can have a greater impact in your community and communities across this state. Through Our Promise, you have the opportunity to support a cause you are passionate about. As you'll see in the Nonprofit Guide there are more than 2,000 statewide organizations to select from that are supporting our children and schools through education, improving health and human services, and advancing environmental issues.

I thank you for your dedication to public service – you work every day to serve and strengthen communities across California. That's why I'm so heartened and inspired that so many of our colleagues have gone even further to advance the well-being of our communities by contributing through Our Promise. I challenge each of you to make an Our Promise pledge today. Start making a difference in your community for as little as \$5 per month or consider increasing your current gift by \$5 more per month to one or more of our nonprofit partners.

Together, we will build a better future and a California for All.



Dr. Nadine Burke Harris
California Surgeon General
2019 Our Promise Chair

**WHAT'S
YOUR
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LET'S GET
STARTED!**



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TOP REASONS TO GIVE THROUGH OUR PROMISE

- **IT'S EASY**

Be part of a community that's making an impact – start by simply filling out a pledge form.

- **IT'S CONVENIENT**

Payroll deduction makes it easier to give to your favorite nonprofit(s). Donations can be as little as \$5 per month.

- **IT'S TRUSTED**

You can rest easy knowing we do the legwork for you. Nonprofits must apply annually and meet stringent eligibility requirements to be certified and included in Our Promise.

RETIREES CAN CARE FOR CALIFORNIA, TOO!

As a retiree, you can continue donating to nonprofits through Our Promise! On the pledge form, simply fill out action ③ to authorize a monthly donation to be taken from your CalPERS retirement check. It's an easy way to continue your monthly donations to nonprofits that rely on your support.

get started today!

OurPromiseCA.org

join us in three easy steps



- 1 Start by asking yourself, "What am I passionate about?" Find one of the many nonprofits listed in the **Nonprofit Guide** (NPG), or search online at **OurPromiseCA.org/find-nonprofit**.



- 2 Fill out a pledge form indicating which nonprofit(s) you wish to support and how much you wish to contribute monthly. Your gift is tax-deductible.



- 3 Return your pledge form to your Department Campaign Chair. Your donation(s) will automatically be deducted from your paycheck each month starting in early 2020.



CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now making California a better place to live, work and play!

SEE WHAT INSPIRES OUR LEADERS TO GIVE THROUGH OUR PROMISE



“ Giving is a very personal decision. In my family, each member gives to organizations for which they feel most passionate. In 2018, the Our Promise Campaign raised nearly \$6 million. These resources will help improve the lives of others and that’s why I give. I encourage others to get involved and to be part of the Our Promise Campaign. ”

KAREN JOHNSON
CHIEF DEPUTY & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OPERATIONS FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA

“ Our Promise makes it easy to donate to the community nonprofits that help keep us healthier, safer and stronger. We’re proud to support this vital effort. ”

STEPHANIE CLENDENIN,
CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR
& **PAN AHLIN,** DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS

“ OSHPD is a proud participant in the annual Our Promise Campaign. I give every year and I encourage you to do so, too. ”

ROBERT DAVID, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

“ I strongly believe that the more you contribute to others, the more you get in return. Please consider joining me by contributing through Our Promise. There is no better way to help your community and the organizations helping those in need. Together, our contributions support a long and proud history of helping those in need of assistance. Our department continues to donate to the improvement of lives throughout California, and I would ask you consider joining me in this effort. ”

JENNIFER KENT, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

investing in our community



“At Food Literacy Center, our mission is to inspire kids to eat their vegetables. Through hands-on cooking and nutrition curriculum, at-risk kids build healthy habits. Elementary students learn to measure, chop, make recipes, and taste new fruits and vegetables. The Our Promise Campaign helps raise awareness and donations so we can continue to offer free food literacy classes to low-income kids. Last semester we inspired 800 students weekly!”

FOOD LITERACY CENTER

“Project Grow mobilizes volunteers to help restore disturbed habitat along the coast in Orange County, California, while learning about healthy ecosystems at the same time. Our Promise donations make it possible to buy supplies to grow native plants and remove invasive weeds to benefit native wildlife, train college students to become environmental leaders, and help participants develop a deeper connection to their community and their local wetlands.”

PROJECT GROW





"Families throughout California partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they call home. Homeowners help build and pay an affordable mortgage so they can achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance. Everyone deserves a decent place to live, and everyone who participates in the Our Promise Campaign makes that possible for others. Contributions leverage the support of thousands of volunteers who work to make affordable homeownership achievable."

SAN DIEGO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



"Our Promise has been an incredible support for Loaves & Fishes, both for the donations that support our guests and for the awareness it creates in the community. In 2018 alone Our Promise helped Loaves & Fishes provide 90,633 breakfasts, 141,286 lunches, 37,688 showers, and more. Further, Our Promise gives us the chance to highlight our sixteen survival services programs, and show that we are much more than a meal."

SACRAMENTO LOAVES & FISHES

"We love participating in the Our Promise Campaign and getting our programs out in front of thousands of state employees. Your donations help ensure that local United Ways can improve people's lives by mobilizing and integrating resources. This helps people overcome the obstacles that they may face on a daily basis."

UNITED WAY



"The Our Promise Campaign gives WEAVE the ability to connect with longtime, loyal supporters while welcoming new donors. Our Promise creates an opportunity to educate, inform, and celebrate simultaneously. Our Promise not only helps us support those who experience sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking, but it also helps to build partnerships, ultimately allowing us to serve our clients in more effective, efficient ways."

WEAVE



see how your donation makes a difference



CARING FOR CALIFORNIA. CARING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.
CARING FOR THE NONPROFITS THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER.

\$5 provides a child a safe environment for **HIV testing**, with counseling and education for the whole family.

KEEP A CHILD ALIVE

\$100 funds one hour of innovative **breast cancer research**.

DR. SUSAN LOVE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

A gift of \$300 **saves lives** by training more than 20 members of the community on essential CPR skills.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

\$40/month helps prepare a childhood cancer survivor for **life after cancer**.

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY, INC. (CHILDREN'S CANCER ASSISTANCE FUND)



\$50 provides **summer learning loss prevention**

or after-school activities for our Club members.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF KERN COUNTY

An investment of \$100 can provide art supplies that help a youth gain **healing therapy** through our Expressive Arts program that provides a creative outlet to help them overcome trauma.

EDGEWOOD CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

\$15 will help provide one free **braille children's book** to a child who is blind.

BRILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC.

A donation of \$12/month provides one child with **a book each month** for a year.

UNITED WAY CALIFORNIA CAPITAL REGION



CHILDREN & EDUCATION



THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY PARTICIPATING NONPROFITS.

\$50 provides **household supplies** for a young person moving into their own apartment.

WIND YOUTH SERVICES

For each \$1 donation, we are able to provide **13 meals** for food insecure people in your community.

FOOD FINDERS, INC.

\$25 provides one hour of potentially life-saving **crisis counseling** on our 24-hour Hotline.

NEXT DOOR SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

\$300 will help provide suits to women and men for **job interviews**.

COURAGEOUS WOMEN ASSOCIATION

\$500 is the average cost to purchase **personal essentials** for our clients for one month (50 clients x \$10).

YOLO COMMUNITY CARE CONTINUUM

\$132 pays for a night at our **confidential shelter** for an adult or child fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

\$250 provides a night of **emergency shelter and a meal** for 12 youth.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES



HUMAN SERVICES

Your \$50 gift will ensure that someone with HIV/AIDS is successfully placed with a qualified and compassionate **attorney** to help resolve their legal issues.

AIDS LEGAL REFERRAL PANEL OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

\$15/pay period pays for **legal representation** for a survivor needing a domestic violence restraining order.

WEAVE

\$100 covers the cost of four boxes of **diapers** for a teen mom struggling to stay in school and provide for her baby.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL



\$25 buys **15 nutritious meals** served to your neighbors who are hungry.

COMMITTEE ON THE SHELTERLESS

ANIMALS

A gift of \$150 = **dog food** for three months.

NORCAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER RESCUE INC.

\$150 covers the cost of a shelter **adoption fee**.

PETS FOR VETS, INC.

\$500 covers **water quality** and bacteria monitoring at one testing site for a year ensuring a healthy environment for wildlife.

MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM



CIVIL RIGHTS



SNAP, SHARE, SOCIALIZE

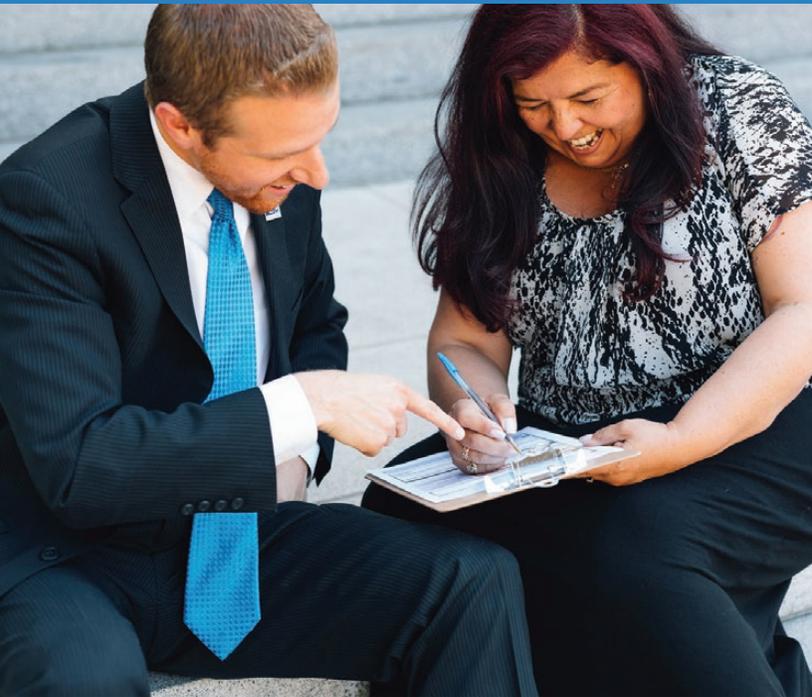
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