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**OSCAR NIGHT RED CARPET GALA EVENT  
AT THE PADRE HOTEL  
NOVEMBER 2, 2018, AT 7:00 PM**

Bakersfield, California – The Housing and Opportunity Foundation of Kern is celebrating its **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dreaming Beyond the Stars Gala Event: A Night at the Oscars**, benefitting low income families in Kern County in gaining financial independence on November 2, 2018, from 7-11p.m., at the Padre Hotel.

With a Hollywood Oscar Night theme, the fundraiser promises gala-goers an unforgettable night: red carpet entry, exclusive wines and champagne, hors d'oeuvres, live performers, silent auction, raffle prizes, dancing and much more. Attendees will literally feel like they're Oscar guests celebrating the night. The terrace will be transformed into old Hollywood. There will be a dessert room inspired by Katherine Hepburn, and a Bakersfield Life room to emulate the famous Vanity Fair Ball gowned with impersonators, photos and caricature artist. Of course, the Oscars wouldn't be the same without the Governors Ball themed room and the Titanic themed room honoring legendary movies with the most Oscars won.

At the same time, the night is dedicated to raising funds for needy families who are pursuing self-sufficiency. We anticipate the Kern County community will step up once again and demonstrate our heart for helping those in need.

Tickets are \$125 per person and will include a selection of exquisite foods, drinks, and entertainment. All proceeds will be utilized towards direct services to fulfill basic needs, enhance educational/career building programs, and increase asset building and homeownership opportunities. Join us in this charitable event that guarantees a night rich in splendor and diversion.

We hope to have your support this year as we further our mission of empowering families to become self-sufficient. Event tickets are now available at [www.kernopportunityfoundation.org](http://www.kernopportunityfoundation.org). For additional information and/or for sponsorship opportunities call Naomi Elijah at (661) 631-8500, ext. 1410.

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