

Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield

Kate Eucce



Kate Eucce has a heart of compassion, dedication, and perseverance to improve the lives of those on the Alzheimer's journey. On a daily basis, she gives selflessly to ensure that her clients, caregivers, staff and our community continue to thrive while doing their part on the journey.

Kate became the Chief Executive Officer for Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County (ADAKC) in April 2007. Her in-depth experience in the non-profit sector for over seventeen years, spanning positions of administrator, interim executive director, director of finances, and director of operations, is well utilized each day at ADAKC. Utilizing her mind for business and leadership skills, Kate quickly set ADAKC on its road to success. She developed a sound business plan that included financial stability, employee retention, community capacity building and philanthropy. Kate launched a very successful capital campaign raising over \$3 million. As a result of her diligence and determination to improve the lives of those on the Alzheimer's journey, ADAKC is now thriving. Continuing in her epic style, she is currently working on securing ADAKC's financial sustainability by establishing an endowment. Kate is very committed to ensuring that ADAKC maintains a solid foundation and continues to flourish beyond her years with the organization.

Everyday Kate witnesses the challenges families face as they struggle with parents, spouses, or friends stricken by this devastating disease. Kate knows firsthand what it's like to deal with Alzheimer's affecting her loved ones. Kate has made it her lifelong commitment to ensure that families are not alone on this journey. Kate has focused her ability to make a difference in our community by providing services that support the whole individual; mind, body, and

spirit. This brings the beacon of hope that caregivers and individuals with the disease need and deserve.

As a well respected leader and advocate in the community, Kate tirelessly supports causes close to her heart, such as, JJ's Legacy, CASA of Kern County, Small Miracles Foundation, Christmas for Seniors of Kern County, and Children's Miracle Network. Kate is the honored recipient of multiple awards including Beautiful Bakersfield Award for Health, Non-Profit of the Year, and North of the River Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded Kern County's Favorite Charity-Kern Gives.

Kate was born and raised in Bakersfield. She is married to Steve Eucce, a man who not only supports Kate 100%, but, is her "go to" guy. They have five grown children and four special grandchildren.

It is Kate's promise that when caregivers reach out to ADAKC for respite care, educational classes and/or support groups, they will not only find many hands waiting to grab hold and keep them from sinking, but friends that will soon be family. Her motto is, "We are Families Helping Families."