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**\$100,000 Gift from Anand Legacy Foundation Strengthens Programs  
of Kern County Child Welfare System**

**BAKERSFIELD, CA—**The Kern County Department of Human Services (KCDHS) is thrilled to announce a transformative philanthropic investment from the Ajay Anand and the Anand Legacy Foundation to support newborns of mothers participating in programs administered by KCDHS.

This landmark contribution of \$100,000 represents a significant step toward breaking intergenerational cycles of poverty by fostering long-term stability and opportunity for the newborn children of mothers in eligible programs. Through this investment, the first 100 eligible children born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028, whose mothers are participants of select programs of the Kern County Child Welfare System administered by KCDHS will receive a one-time \$1,000 matching contribution from the Anand Legacy Foundation to their [Trump Savings Accounts](#). This generous donation ensures that eligible babies begin life with a meaningful financial foundation to create opportunities for a successful future.

**“The Kern County Department of Human Services is honored to accept this generous donation that will benefit children and families in our community by providing financial support, improve their well-being, and increase their future security and opportunities,” said Lito Morillo, Director of Kern County Department of Human Services.**

This contribution is part of the \$500,000 total commitment announced by the Anand Legacy Foundation on February 4, 2026, which has been dedicated to newborns of mothers enrolled in eligible rehabilitation programs across Kern County. The participation of KCDHS in this historic initiative will establish what is poised to become a precedent-setting model for California and the nation.

**“When a mother chooses recovery, she is making a courageous investment in her child’s future,” said Ajay Anand, Founder of Anand Legacy Foundation. “Our responsibility as a community is to meet that courage with opportunity by aligning maternal healing with early financial empowerment for their newborns. This initiative reinforces a powerful belief - when we invest in a mother’s healing, we must also invest in her child’s future. Together, we are combining compassion with action to ensure at-risk children begin life with a foundation strong enough for them to thrive.”**

**“We are taking a historic step right here in our own backyard with Trump Accounts and invest in America,” said Jeff Flores, Kern County Supervisor. “This initiative is a direct**

**investment in your child's future that grows as they do, ensuring every kid in our community has a fair shot at the American Dream."**

This project supports at-risk children in the Child Welfare System who have faced abuse or neglect, including those served through Family Reunification (FR), Court-Ordered Family Maintenance (FM), Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM), and Adoption/Legal Guardianship.

### **About Trump Accounts**

Trump Accounts are tax-deferred savings accounts for American children under 18 created by P.L. 119-21. Every eligible American child born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028, can receive a Trump Account. Each account will receive an initial \$1,000 government deposit invested in a broad stock market index. Parents are allowed to contribute up to \$5,000 per year, while employers may make an annual contribution of up to \$2,500 – which will not be counted as part of the employee's taxable income. Nonprofit organizations and local governments can also contribute to Trump Accounts of all children in a state or qualified geographic area. No money can be withdrawn before a child turns 18 years old.

### **About the Anand Legacy Foundation**

The Anand Legacy Foundation, led by Founder and CEO Ajay Anand, is a private public-benefit charitable foundation dedicated to advancing opportunity for at-risk youth and underserved communities. Through strategic investments in education, financial empowerment, and community-based initiatives, the Foundation works to cultivate future generations who will uplift their families and strengthen Kern County and communities beyond.

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