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WIC OFFICE GETS A FACELIFT

Local Artist Donates his talents by painting a new mural at an East Bakersfield WIC Office

Bakersfield, CA— The Community Action Partnership of Kern Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is proud to permanently showcase the work of a talented local artist in one of its offices in East Bakersfield. Community member Steve Lemminn has volunteered to paint a large mural on the walls of the WIC office at 6019 E. Niles Street, as well as donate all of the supplies he will be using.

Lemminn was connected to WIC through Cal State Bakersfield, where WIC staff inquired about artists who would be interested in creating a mural to give the dull walls a new life, while showcasing the spirit of the WIC program. The mural Lemminn is creating features a mother with her baby, surrounded by several children from a variety of cultures, reflecting WIC's welcoming environment for women and children of all backgrounds.

"We are extremely happy that Steve has volunteered to paint this mural for WIC," stated Beth Tolley, Program Manager. "WIC's primary focus is to nourish the bodies of women and children, but we are always excited to provide an opportunity to nourish their minds- and this mural will do just that."

Lemminn will be painting today and tomorrow at the site, with plans to finish the mural by Friday, March 4. For more information or to see the artist in action, please contact Beth Tolley at (661) 327-3074.

Community Action Partnership of Kern is a private, non-profit corporation created in 1965 to combat poverty in Kern County. Community Action Partnership of Kern improves the quality of life for over 130,000 Kern County residents annually. The Community Action Partnership serves Kern County by providing an integrated network of services including 2-1-1 Helpline, Energy Bill Assistance, Family Health Center, the Food Bank, Head Start, HIV testing and prevention, the Shafter Youth Center, the Friendship House, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Weatherization and WIC.

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