



Community Action Partnership of Kern

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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT FOOD BANK WAREHOUSE

December 14th at 3:00 pm to celebrate the new renovations and upgrades at CAPK Food Bank

BAKERSFIELD, CA – DECEMBER 13, 2010 – The Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, December, 14th at 3:00 pm to celebrate the new renovations and upgrades at CAPK Food Bank. In the past few months, the Food Bank's warehouse has undergone a series of upgrades to meet increased hunger demands and better serve the residents of Kern County. Mayor Harvey Hall will be on hand to cut the ribbon and congratulate the Food Bank staff and volunteers on their hard work.

The Food Bank has finished installing a new 45' x 25' x 18' refrigerator that significantly increases the warehouse's cold storage space. New awnings have also been added to shelter clients from the Bakersfield heat. Other upgrades include the installation of pallet racks and new logoed food bins, signage, and outreach materials. Also, as part of the United Way's Day of Caring, volunteers from Advance Beverage Company spent a Saturday painting the Food Bank's offices and conference room. The Food Bank also hopes to raise funds to install a new freezer unit.

Funding for these projects has been provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and private donations. The Food Bank warehouse stores food for the network of 109 food distribution sites that serve locations throughout all of Kern County.

WHAT: Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

WHEN: Tuesday, December, 14th

WHERE: 1807 Feliz Dr. Bakersfield

TIME: 3:00 PM

About The Community Action Partnership of Kern Food Bank

The Community Action Partnership of Kern's Food Bank, the third largest food bank in California, provides emergency food assistance through private and public donations. The food bank participates in the following programs: Emergency Food Assistance, Senior Brown Bag, Snack Attack, Donate Don't Dump, Back Pack Buddies, Providers Day and Fosters Day.

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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