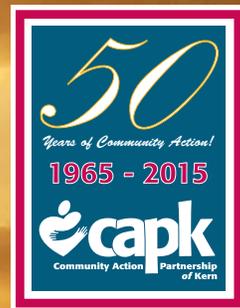


The CAPK Times EXTRA



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An Invitation from Our Executive Director

This Extra Issue of *The CAPK Times Newsletter* is an invitation for you to become a partner in community action by supporting **Community Action Partnership of Kern's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Humanitarian Awards Banquet & Fundraiser** at 6 p.m. on May 7, at the Marriott at the Convention Center in Downtown Bakersfield.



enough to tap into the opportunities our great nation offers us owe it to the less fortunate, as well as to future generations, to find solutions and ideas that will help them tap into success.

Half a century is a long time to be in the poverty-fighting business. **In the pages that follow, you will see a timeline of CAPK's milestones in the good fight.** We hope you will get excited with us as you learn about what we've been able to accomplish with your support, and come along with us on our next 50-year journey.

See you on May 7 at the Bakersfield Marriott for CAPK's Golden Anniversary Celebration.

On the back of this newsletter is information about how you can join us as a sponsor or attendee. But why, you might ask, would you want to partner with us?

As Kern County's poverty-fighting agency, **CAPK, one of the largest Community Action Agencies in America**, is leading the charge in helping to engage individuals and families into the American dream, leading them towards a life of self-reliance and opportunity at a time when poverty and income disparity are becoming bigger and bigger concerns nationally.

CAPK is unique as a nonprofit in that it reaches the entire county of Kern with programs as diverse as Head Start/State Child Development; Migrant Childcare; Women, Infants & Children Nutrition; CAPK Food Bank; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance; HIV Testing & Prevention; Energy Program; Friendship House Community Center; Shafter Youth Center; East Kern Family Resource Center; and 2-1-1 Kern County Information & Referral.

By giving to CAPK, you impact the lives of one out of every nine residents in California's third largest county. We all have a stake in fighting poverty locally. Those of us who are successful



It's also Head Start's 50th Birthday this year! And to celebrate, Head Start/State Child Development Administrative Analyst Chase Rangel filmed and produced a cute tribute from some of our smallest clients at Stine, Martha J. Morgan, and Fairview centers, which together serve 273 children. Happy Birthday Head Start!

Click above to watch the video.

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK): How we have evolved and what we have accomplished.

May 7, 1965

Established as Community Action Program Committee of Kern County, Inc. (CAPC), as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.



December 1975

CAPK's Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program was launched, serving a few hundred participants monthly.



February 1989

Agency total assets: \$2 million; Total revenues: \$5 million. Staff headcount: 200

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

June 21, 1967

Changed its name to the Kern County Economic Opportunity Corporation (KCEOC).



August 1983

WIC monthly caseload: 1,200.

December 1, 1999

Head Start Program children received the first meals prepared at CAPK's new Central Kitchen, formerly an Olive Garden Restaurant the agency purchased and turned to a commercial kitchen.



October 1995

The agency opened its 40th Head Start Center at 1900 E. California Ave. It was the first time the agency owned the building and the property outright. It now owns eight Head Start/Early Head Start facilities.



September 1982

The KCEOC Food Bank was founded with seed money from the Greater Bakersfield Council of Churches. It currently boasts a network of some 110 partnering distribution and pantry locations.



1993

Purchased the Family Health Center, an existing clinic in central Bakersfield. Later sold the center to a local healthcare provider, and it continues to serve low-income community members.



October 1996

Launched the Kern County HelpLine, a precursor to 2-1-1. Hours were 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F. Two info and referral staff and one supervisor fielded 440 calls the first month of operation. Further down in this timeline, you will see how much 2-1-1 has grown. CAPK continues to be the only Community Action Agency in California to manage a 2-1-1 program.

October 4, 2002

Name changed to Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). The governing board was downsized to a federally mandated tripartite body of 15 directors: 5 representing elected officials; 5 from the low-income sector; and 5 from the private sector/community.



2003

Assumed financial responsibility for the struggling Friendship House Community Center. Purchased Oasis Child Education Development Center in Ridgecrest.

2002

Purchased the current Administration Building at Business Park North as the Head Start Administration Offices. Cost: \$1.7 million.

Mid-2003

The rebuilt 20,000 sq. ft. Food Bank Warehouse and adjoining Office Complex was opened. Cost: \$1.1 million, funded through grants and donations.



Tax Season 2006

CAPK's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program completed a modest 129 returns for Tax Year 2005. Just six years later, the program began averaging upwards of 4,000 returns per year.

March 2010

Maximum headcount in the agency's history: 850. Federal sequestration cuts followed, reducing staff headcount without compromising service delivery.

October 2008

Grand Opening of Desert Willow Apartments, a 15-unit housing project for disabled persons in Ridgecrest. CAPK later transferred ownership to a local non-profit.

August 2011

Opened the rebuilt Friendship House Community Center in Southeast Bakersfield, thanks to \$3.25 million in grants procured from the City of Bakersfield and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

December 2003

Shafter Youth Center (SYC) established thanks to a \$1.3M grant from the California Youth Authority, a \$249,000 match, plus one acre of land from the City of Shafter.

July 2013

Began operating the East Kern Family Resource Center in Mojave to serve the desert and Tehachapi Mountain communities, especially families with children at risk of abuse & neglect, or needing early childhood development services.



September 2014

Launched the Kern Food Policy Council website, www.kernfoodpolicy.org.

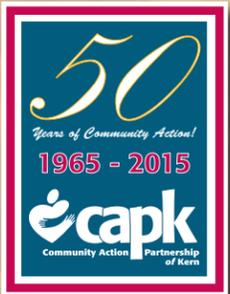


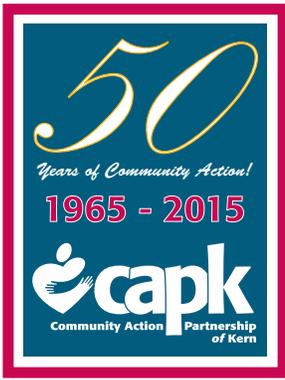
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Monthly 2-1-1 call volume: upwards of 8,000 calls, thanks to 24/7 operation and a staff of 13, 10 of whom are English/Spanish bilingual. 2-1-1 Kern is just one of seven California 2-1-1s to have received national accreditation from the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS).

May 7, 2015

CAPK turns 50!





Community Action Partnership of Kern turns 50! Join us as a sponsor or attendee at our Humanitarian Awards Banquet.

Humanitarian of the Year:
President and Founder of
Grimm Family Education Foundation
Barbara Grimm Marshall

Community Partner of the Year:
Valley Faith Fellowship

Keynote Speaker:
Kern County Superior Court Judge
The Honorable Jose R. Benavides

Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 6 pm
Bakersfield Marriott
801 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA

Platinum \$20,000

- Public Recognition; display of corporate banner at banquet
- 2 page color ad in program and exclusive logo placement on cover, and other event materials
- Reserved seating for 16
- Recognition on CAPK's website and Facebook

Gold \$10,000

- Public Recognition
- 1 page color ad in program; prominent logo placement on event materials
- Reserved seating for 16
- Recognition on CAPK's website and Facebook

Silver \$5,000

- 1/2 page color ad in program; placement of logo on event materials
- Reserved seating for 8
- Recognition on CAPK's website and Facebook

Bronze \$2,500

- 1/4 page color ad in program; placement of logo on event materials
- Reserved seating for 8
- Recognition on CAPK's website and Facebook

Table Sponsor \$1,000 per table

- Reserved seating for 8
- Table sponsor signage
- 1/8 page ad in program

Single Event Tickets: \$80

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From the Editor **You've Come a Long Way, CAPK!**



When Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) was established as the Community Action Program Committee of Kern County, Inc. (CAPC) on May 7, 1965, the governing board, according to CAPC's Articles of Incorporation, consisted of 32 members representing the county, city and school board; private agencies; business in general and the "oil industry, agriculture and labor" sectors specifically; minority groups including, by name, the Latino civil rights group, Community Service Organization; the NAACP, "Filipinos," and "Other"; and clients.

At the time, in that tumultuous Civil Rights era of our nation's history, it was probably necessary to define the participation of various groups and minorities from the community at that level of detail to ensure plurality and balanced representation in true Community Action in Kern County.

Today, CAPK celebrates diversity and equal opportunity in our workforce, client base and partnerships, while responding to the special needs of protected individuals and groups; and our 15-member governing board equally represents the private, public and low-income sectors of the community.

Birthing in the struggle for civil and economic rights for America's most vulnerable citizens, CAPK and its sister Community Action Agencies across the country are indelibly—and proudly—tied to our nation's history. We've come a long way and we need to thank you because we couldn't have gotten this far without you—the community we serve. The proof: *You*, our "**Community**," are the first word in our name.

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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