



Holiday Spending

Sandi Truman, Program Manager for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) wants to remind everyone to be careful in their holiday spending.

She states, "Taxpayers may not be getting money back as in previous years. In fact, more than 30 million taxpayers are expected to owe in 2019."

Instead of filling the Christmas stocking, it may be worth putting a little extra in the piggy bank.



I want to wish you all the most happy of Holiday Seasons!

- Jeremy T. Tobias, Chief Executive Officer

Our lives are all a whirlwind of holiday preparations and the beautiful spirit of the season as we rush to close out a year of personal and professional success with joyous celebration.

The spirit of giving we all celebrate at this time of year is a reality for the Community Action Partnership of Kern, our partners and supporters the whole year long.

We're looking forward to 2019 as we prepare to advance our strategic plans for the future, explore expansion of our Food Bank facility, grow Early Head Start and invest in all our programs

Thank you all for the hard work you've done this year to support our staff and clients as they work to stay healthy, educate their families, keep the heat on, feed themselves and build a better, more self-sufficient life.

I hope the next few weeks are full of joy, warmth, family and blessings for all of you.

Happy Holidays!!



Fighting Hunger During the Holidays

KGET's Annual Holiday Food Drive was a success! More than 12,000 pounds of food and \$3,400 in monetary donations were collected and will be used to fight hunger in Kern County this holiday season.

Three Kern County Agencies Receive Generous Donation

California Water Service presented three generous donations to the CAPK Food Bank, Golden Empire Gleaners and the Bakersfield Homeless Center on November 20th.

Thank you to the Cal Water team for their efforts to end hunger and homelessness in our community!



Final Head Start Policy Council Meeting



The Head Policy Council held their last meeting of the year in late October. Before conducting policy council business, members and their families enjoyed a meal at The Mark. Yolanda Gonzales Director of Head Start/State Child Development and CAPK CEO Jeremy Tobias were on hand to thank outgoing policy council members and welcome incoming leaders.

Kern County Fair Board Recognized for Philanthropy



CAPK presented an award to the Kern County Fair Board for its dedication and service to our Food Bank. Every year the Kern County Fair provides one day for families and individuals to swap four cans of food for one free admission to the fair. Thanks to this year's Feed the Need event the Food Bank collected more than 48,000 lbs. of food in one day! We appreciate your generosity and support!

Fun Fall Festivities

The children at Head Start, Friendship House Community Center and Shafter Youth Center had fun dressing up and playing games during the fall/harvest festivities.



CalCAPA Conference

Community Action Partnership of Kern staff and board members recently attended the California Community Action Partnership Association (CalCAPA) 2018 Annual Conference in Sonoma County, California. The conference offered workshops and discussions to help CAP agencies all over the country improve services to those in need.



North State Food Bank Helps Those Affected by Camp Fire

Our sister agency, the Community Action Agency of Butte County, was on the front lines – responding to the need for food and supplies to aid those impacted by the devastating Camp Fire that destroyed the community of Paradise. The agency's North State Food Bank helped to serve the needs of the refugees from the fire.



Please consider visiting their website, and donating to help those evacuated from Paradise and other communities impacted by the Camp Fire.