



Welcome to December!

Community Action Partnership of Kern hopes all our staff and community partners had a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

This week we're proud to share a Thanksgiving story - the first Thanksgiving at the M Street Navigation Center. A year ago 2900 M Street in downtown Bakersfield was a dirt lot and a dream, but months of construction and program building transformed it into a critical resource for the homeless in our community.

On Nov. 26 more than 60 residents at M Street were treated to a full Thanksgiving feast with the help of our partners at CityServe and the help of some pretty special volunteers. Thanks to CAPK's M Street Team who lead the effort and made it a memorable day.

Check out the photos from the event below and may you carry the spirit of service, Community Action and giving into the holiday season.



(l to r) Susan Tobias, CAPK CEO Jeremy Tobias, Senator Shannon Grove, Kern County Analyst Amanda Ruiz

and Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard, a member of CAPK's governing board, serve food to residents of the M Street Navigation Center on Thanksgiving.



Residents enjoy their Thanksgiving meal.



The First Thanksgiving *M Street Navigation Center*

Since the very first Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth this harvest gathering has been about celebrating survival, about friendship and about the promise of a brighter future. That's what the M Street Navigation Center offers to the men and women who share their lives with us - a chance to build the foundation for a future, to join in fellowship and celebrate every day as a victory. On Nov. 26 residents were able to enjoy turkey, green beans, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing and pies as part of their Thanksgiving feast.

We are very thankful to our holiday partners from Kern County, CityServe and Dignity Health Memorial and Mercy hospitals who made this day possible for M Street and its people.

