



## Community Action Month - Leaders and Helpers

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Community Action Partnership of Kern succeeds because we have more than 900 employees who are committed to creating opportunities for individuals and families to improve their lives. Laurie Hughey, Homeless Services Program Manager, is one of those employees. She and her team work hard to make sure Kern County's most vulnerable people have a path to housing, hope, employment and a proud future.

**"I believe in helping and supporting people who are less fortunate, helping them to become empowered so they can make better decisions regarding their life, their life paths, family and friends. That's the reason why I chose to work for CAPK."**



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The Bakersfield City Council and the County of Kern offered their support to CAPK by declaring May as Community Action Month here. We are deeply grateful for the strong partnerships that elected officials who represent Kern County from the neighborhood to the Congressional level have built with CAPK. Community Action is about working together to build better communities for everyone in Kern County and these partnerships are a big part of how we make that happen.



Many Community Action programs, like the CAPK Food Bank, rely on volunteers to achieve their mission. Jasmine helped the Food Bank deliver 33 million pounds of food, an estimated 27 million meals, to Kern County residents in 2020.

Her pride comes from her personal story. CAPK honors here and we want to thank all our hundreds of volunteers for making a difference every day!



“ I remember being small and coming to a food bank with my mom, having to go to distributions to look for food—it was hard, but now being able to help a family get food for their next meal, it’s an awesome feeling. I love that I’m able to see the amount of food that goes out to the community. I love that I feel like I’m giving back. It makes me feel great. It’s a good feeling to know there are people out here who need help and I’m able to give a little bit of myself to get them the help they need.

