



## Community Action Month - Energy to Make a Difference

Energy is a part of everything we do at Community Action Partnership of Kern - from the passion and enthusiasm of the hundreds of teachers who deliver early childhood education to students every week to the economic energy provided to clients of the utility assistance and weatherization services provided by Wilfredo Cruz's Energy Program team. CAPK's mission is founded in our connections to the communities we serve. We succeed during Community Action Month, and all year long, because we are a part of the communities we serve.



*"Being able to be a part of the community you live in, to work in the community...at the end of the day its going to give back to where you live." - Wilfredo Cruz*

The COVID-19 Pandemic created hardship for thousands of Kern County residents who were forced to go from a habit of giving to a place of receiving. Laura has found support and reassurance in



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I've never gone through any kind of hardships until now, in the pandemic. Right now, things are hard for us. Getting food from the Food Bank might seem like a simple thing—I know it felt like a simple thing when I was just a volunteer—but now, as a client, I can tell you it's such a huge deal for so many people. It changed me, knowing that I don't have to worry about having food on the table for my family—that is the biggest blessing a person can have.

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healthy food provided through CAPK Food Bank distributions. With our roughly 150 partners, we deliver food to families and neighborhoods in every corner of Kern County.

**CAPK Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Tobias shared our story with the Kern County Board of Supervisors during Community Action Month. We deeply appreciate the proclamation and value the great work the County and our agency have done together during the past year of COVID-19 challenges and successes.**

