



## Community Action Month - Helping People...Changing Lives

### **M Street Navigation Center Anniversary**

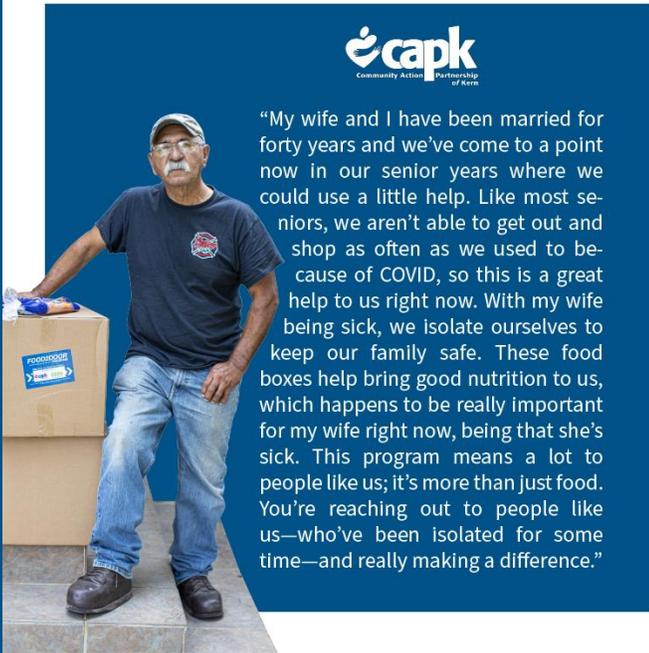


*"Take the time to really work on yourself. Don't be afraid to ask for help. The road to recovery and healing can be a challenge. But it feels amazing." - Former M Street Navigation Center Resident, Viviana Gonzalez*

**Kern County and Community Action Partnership of Kern celebrated the One Year Anniversary of the opening of the M Street Navigation Center on May 21. It was an honor for CAPK to stand with the partners, staff and volunteers who - working alongside homeless residents - reshaped lives for the better. Fifty-five people moved into permanent housing and 10 people graduated from job-training**

programs during those 12 months. Hundreds were sheltered and many took the first steps toward crafting new futures for themselves. We were blessed to have partners like Flood Ministries, CityServe, the Bakersfield, Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative, Kern County Behavioral Health, Kern Medical and others join us to celebrate the power of transformation.

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Kern County Food Bank faced serious challenges in 2020 as staff worked to provide healthy food to individuals and families - many of whom had never needed food assistance before. The Food Bank targeted help to those facing economic hardships from lost jobs and those dealing with health risks posed to on them by a simple trip to the grocery store. The Food Bank delivered 33 million pounds of food, along with safety and security, to thousands of people like Rudy and his wife.

Staff who work for CAPK create positive impacts on the lives of the people we serve every day. Jerry Meade, our Assistant Director of Head Start, talks about why it is an honor to come to work every day and labor to provide life-changing resources that can reshape our community as well. Check out his video story.



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