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## **CAPK Talks Food Insecurity and Children**

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Community Action Partnership of Kern had a great conversation with elected leaders and community partners last week about food insecurity and its impacts in Kern County as we celebrated the expansion of our CAPK Food Bank. And our programs made a big splash in Shafter at Dia Del Ninos! We're also excited to spend the Month of May celebrating Community Action Month and CAPK's 57th year serving Kern County. But first, we want to invite low-income residents of Metropolitan Bakersfield and Southern Kern County to apply for a position on the CAPK Governing Board. You can be a part of leading CAPK and our communities to a brighter future.

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**Join the CAPK Board!!**

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# RECRUITMENT IS OPEN!

## CAPK BOARD MEMBERS

- 2 available positions
- Join a group of passionate individuals
- Guide the path to how CAPK services are implemented and carried out

## APPLY NOW

<https://bit.ly/3rVmhd3>

Applications due by  
May 2nd, 2021



Leaders with a passion to make a difference who want to help our communities address the conditions of poverty and help people build self-sufficient lives in Kern County are invited to apply for nomination to the CAPK Governing Board. Help Community Action Partnership of Kern fulfill its mission to confront the causes and effects of poverty. Elections for two seats on our 15 member board - representing low-income residents in Metropolitan Bakersfield and South Kern - are being held in May. If you would like to join the CAPK Board learn more by clicking on the links below or visiting [capk.org](http://capk.org).

[Download Metro Bakersfield Information Sheet](#)

[Download South Kern Information Sheet](#)

[CAPK Board Application](#)

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On April 20 Congressman David Valadao joined CAPK Governing Board members, Foundation leaders, and community partners to talk about food insecurity in Kern County and the impact that the expansion of the CAPK Food Bank will make on efforts to help feed the hungry. CAPK CEO Jeremy Tobias thanked Congressman Valadao for helping secure \$3 million for the project which, along with funding from the city of Bakersfield, the County of Kern, the State of California, business partners and average citizens, will allow CAPK to triple the size of the current 20,000 square foot facility. Thanks to Connie Totten from New Life Church, CAPK Foundation President Kevin Burton, CAPK Board President Fred Plane, Dana Brennen of Grimmway Farms and Kern County Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan for participating in this robust discussion.

[View a Video of the Discussion Here](#)

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## Shafter Dia Del Ninos

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Community Action had a blast in Shafter on April 21 as that community celebrated their Dia Del Nino Festival. Our Shafter Youth Center led the way and our Energy, Rental Assistance, VITA, CalFresh Healthy Living and 211 programs were out there to share in the fun and connect families with support and assistance as Shafter celebrated their youngest residents with face-painting, music, food, games and more. Thanks Shafter for being a great partner in Community Action.



CAPK Energy brought the power to Dia Del Ninos



CalFresh drew the crowds with nutrition news!



Rental Assistance linked families to housing help

