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COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH: MAY, 2011 HIGHLIGHTING CAP RIVERSIDE'S SUCCESSES

National Community Action Month is observed each May by over 1,200 Community Action Agencies throughout the United States to highlight their role in helping low-income families achieve economic security. During national Community Action Month, Community Action agencies host a variety of events that help put a "face" on the families living in poverty and recognize the dedicated staff, volunteers and partners who are helping them achieve economic security.

Locally, Community Action Month was kicked off by a proclamation issued by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, declaring May, 2011 as Community Action Month in Riverside County.

CAP Riverside celebrated Community Action Month with many events. Program partners and volunteers were recognized throughout Riverside County, including Project B.L.I.S.S. (Building Links to Impact Self-Sufficiency) allies who volunteer their time to provide mentoring and support to low-income families striving to become self-sufficient. Also honored were Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer tax preparers who donate countless hours in preparing tax returns at no cost for low-income individuals and families.

A significant highlight of the month was a poverty simulation co-presented on May 19th by CAP Riverside, Catholic Charities San Bernardino/Riverside and Kansas Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The poverty simulation is a role-playing experience and an educational tool designed to increase awareness of the trials of poverty. It also is meant to open the eyes of those administering the programs aimed at helping the needy; to increase their sensitivity to and build compassion for the daily challenges of the poor. The simulation used in Riverside was originally designed by Missouri Community Action.



A Poverty Simulation was held on May 19 at Kansas Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church in partnership with Catholic Charities San Bernardino/Riverside. Over 100 persons participated in this Community Action Month event.

Participating community and faith-based organizational leaders, as well as elected officials and their representatives, volunteered to take on a hypothetical family situation and be put in the shoes of a very low-income individual. Additional volunteers helped play the roles of service providers. One participant, whose actual job is social service provider, commented, "I had become desensitized in my job. This exercise has brought me back to reality." Another participant remarked, "As time went on, our family all began working together. This was the most important lesson learned."

Although the symposium participants were able to leave their assigned life behind at lunchtime, they left grateful for what they have and reflective of how to provide change for the future.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jenice Haskin

Dear Reader:

I am so proud to chair the Community Action Commission. Community Action Month was a whirlwind of activity, and yet it is typical of every month at CAP Riverside. This is our opportunity to shine and let the community know what we have done to help people and change lives.



CAP Riverside has been featured at the Board of Supervisors twice in the past month. Vice Chairman Gene Walker was present to receive the proclamation from the Board that declared May as Community Action Month in Riverside County. That proclamation spoke of the Commission's role of overseeing CAP Riverside's mission to deliver high impact programs of wealth building, advocacy and quality of life services to implement the vision, which is to end poverty in Riverside County over the next 30 years. Our asset development programs are the key to bringing people permanently out of poverty.

On June 7, the Community Action Plan was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Below and on the next page of this Action Gram, you can see the information that was presented. Several of our program participants gave compelling testimony on how CAP Riverside has changed their lives. I was particularly proud of GREEN TEAMWorks member Frank Gonzales and Project B.L.I.S.S. graduate Alicia Urzua, whose words came straight from the heart.

I thank the Board for their approval of our CAP Plan, and for their constant and unwavering support of CAP Riverside. It was a pleasure to inform the Supervisors of how we are using the CAP Mobile, which was provided by their generosity. Together, we celebrate Community Action Month not just for one month, but all year long!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

María Y. Juárez, CCAP

Dear Reader:

It is my honor to write my first message as CAP Riverside's Executive Director. I am no stranger to CAP Riverside, as I had the privilege of serving as Assistant Director since 1998. I have been involved in all aspects of our award-winning agency, and I look forward to continuing our culture of excellence that has made CAP Riverside so successful.



We have just celebrated Community Action Month, and it was a very busy time. It is appropriate that we celebrate the successes of CAP Riverside at a time when the basic funding of our programs, Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are in serious jeopardy due to the budget situation in Washington. We can afford to take a fair and equal cut in funding in order to help resolve the deficit, but the 50% cut that the President proposes for CSBG, or outright elimination, which has been suggested, would be devastating.

The entire Community Action network is organized in the fight to save CSBG and LIHEAP, but the most compelling arguments come from those whose lives are directly impacted, and in showing what the community would be like without Community Action. Now is the time to let your legislators in Washington know how their vote will affect the lives of the most vulnerable in their districts.

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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



GREEN TEAMWorks participant Frank Gonzalez testifies before the Board of Supervisors.

On June 7, 2011, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the 2012/2013 Community Action Plan following a public hearing in which several CAP Riverside program participants testified about their experience with CAP Riverside and how it has impacted their lives.

As a Community Action Agency, CAP Riverside is required by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to develop a 2-year Community Action Plan (CAP) to address the needs of low-income residents. A county-wide community needs assessment is conducted to gather feedback regarding poverty-related issues and available resources to address them. Low-income residents are surveyed to find out what they feel is important to them and their families. This feedback is supplemented with: engaging the public in conversations about the issues; analyzing inquiries received by and referrals made by staff; and using assessment and demographic data collected by other agencies and organizations.

In 2011, CAP Riverside distributed county-wide over 7,500 two-page surveys in English and Spanish. The focus of the survey was on how the economic downturn is currently affecting low-income people, service providers, and the community-at-large. The survey looked at respondents' strengths as well as challenges. Surveys were distributed to CAP Riverside customers/program participants and via partners and community programs that serve low-income residents, seniors, the disabled, veterans, and families with very young children. A total of 2,350 surveys were returned generating a 31% return rate.

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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN CONTINUED...



Alicia Urzua, Project B.L.I.S.S., testifies before the Board.

Results of the surveys and community feedback revealed the top three challenges to getting out of poverty: *Employment*: with recent budget cuts, residents are finding themselves without employment and unemployment benefits, fewer work hours, and fewer to no job training and placement opportunities. *Education*: past challenges have centered on affordability of postsecondary education. Today, people are concerned that they are being “locked out” of school by the decrease in entry slots and class offerings. Getting a degree is taking much longer for many people, especially the poor who rely on public higher education. *Social Services*: Budget cuts have reduced or eliminated many community services. People are frustrated with not having up-to-date community resource information. “Newly poor” residents do not know where to obtain information.

CAP Riverside is at the forefront of developing innovative and new solutions to address the needs of low-income residents.

Employment: To address the challenges of on-the-job training opportunities, CAP Riverside offers a Pre-Apprenticeship Program that matches high school students with very small employers for job mentoring and coaching. GREEN TEAMWorks is CAP Riverside green jobs initiative that partners emancipated foster youth with weatherization sub-contractors. CAP Riverside is exploring a GREEN TEAMWorks model for adults. CAP Riverside has a matched savings incentive program, Riverside County Individual Development Account (RivCo.IDA) for small business start-up, which serves as entrée into self-employment.

Education: CAP Riverside provides advocacy and public awareness for affordable and accessible education. There is a strong collaboration with the higher education systems, both at the community college and university levels. CAP Riverside also provides matched savings incentive programs to defray the cost of education.

Social Services: CAP Riverside takes a partnership approach to everything it does with its strong 450 member partnership network through which referrals and information are shared. The agency continues to expand its network by recruiting new partners.

CAP Riverside supports outreach for social services by expanding its presence in isolated and rural poverty pockets with the use of the CAP Mobile, maintenance of 4 satellite offices throughout the County (Blythe, Indio, Hemet, Coachella), and conducting regularly scheduled outreach days in rural, isolated areas of the county. Partnerships have expanded in the area of emergency services to provide disaster relief and support to victims of natural disasters, most recently the severe wet weather of December 2010. CAP Riverside also provides relief, outreach, education, and referrals during severe hot and cold weather through its network of 50 Cool and Warm Centers countywide. CAP Riverside is committed to helping keep resource information up-to-date by providing information to Riverside County 2-1-1, a vital centralized information countywide hotline.

For More Information: A copy of the 2012 / 2013 Community Action Plan can be downloaded from the web at www.capriverside.org or reviewed at the CAP Riverside office at 2038 Iowa Avenue, Suite B-102, Riverside, CA 92507. For more information, contact the CAP Riverside Planning Division at 951-955-4900, 800-511-1111, or TTY, 951-955-5126. Questions may be sent via email to info@capriverside.org.

Did You Know?

Of the people responding to the Community Assessment Survey:

- 62% do not feel that their families are better off than they were two years ago.
- 79% feel that their family’s income is not enough to meet their needs and have some left over.
- 52% do not have enough money or resources to buy food to last through the month.
- 82% cannot get a cash loan whenever they need it.
- 63% feel that education after high school is not affordable.
- 64% do not know where to go for help.
- 71% feel that their neighborhood is safe enough for their children to play outside.
- 65% feel that they can send their children to safe after school programs.

The Face of Poverty in Riverside County:

- 1 out of every 7 people in the County is struggling to meet basic needs and falling short;
- 1 out of every 5 children under the age of 18 lives in a poverty household;
- 1 out of every 14 seniors (age 65 and older) lives in a poverty household;
- 1 out of every 5 single-female headed household live in poverty;
- Riverside County continues to have the highest unemployment rate (14.1%) among California’s 58 counties.
- CAP Riverside has seen the demand for anti-poverty services increase 700% since the economic crisis of 2008.

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COMMUNITY ACTION HONOREES

Volunteers are the life-blood of CAP Riverside. In 2010, volunteers contributed 46,268 hours of time, which is valued at \$964,688.



Jerry Trussell and Larry Edmundson are honored as Mediators of the Year by CAP Riverside Executive Director Maria Juarez and Fourth District Supervisor John Benoit.

CAP Riverside's Volunteers of the Year, Lori Lamb of Springboard (IDA Program) and Mike Castaneda of Thermal Chamber of Commerce (Cool/Warm Centers), are honored at the Board of Supervisors.



East County Project B.L.I.S.S. Allies are honored by Community Action Commissioners Deborah Franklin and Bill Claire and CAP Riverside staff in Banning on May 17th.

West County Project B.L.I.S.S. Allies are honored by Community Action Commissioner Art Garcia and CAP Riverside staff in Riverside on May 18th.



CAP RIVERSIDE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA) COMPLETES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Community Action's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program concluded free income tax preparation assistance at 11 sites throughout Riverside County on April 16th. Volunteers served nearly 8,000 hours preparing 2,642 tax returns for low-income families during the regular tax season, a 36% increase over last year's tax season. Tax return preparation assistance resulted in more than \$4.1 million in refunds returned to the community. In all, more than 140 volunteers were honored for their efforts during recognition ceremonies hosted by collaborative partners in Palm Desert and the City of Riverside.

Free tax preparation sites were busy to the very end of tax season assisting taxpayers filing returns to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credits and Making Work Pay credits. Volunteer recruitment for the upcoming 2012 tax season will begin in October. For more information or the location of a free tax preparation assistance site near you, please call Riverside County 2-1-1 or 1-800-511-1110.



Helping People

MY ADVENTURE IN ANZA

By Janet K. Hough, CCAP

Anza, nestled in the mountains of southern Riverside County off State Highway 371, was originally named Cahuilla Valley after one of the Native American tribes who live there. In 1926 the valley was renamed Anza Valley in honor of Juan Bautista de Anza who discovered the area in 1774.

The valley, dubbed "The Hill" by residents and neighbors, was officially recognized as part of Riverside County in 1893. Anza is remote and isolated. It is one community that defies urbanization, yet struggles with some of the same issues found in our larger, more urban areas – the economy has had an adverse impact on businesses, local unemployment is high, youth have limited resources to keep them occupied and out of trouble, and seniors have limited access to health resources.

But there is a flip side to being a small, tight-knit community: everyone knows everyone and their needs, there is a fierce pride of community ownership, and folks are very supportive, resourceful and resilient.



Anza community leaders celebrate completion of CAP Academy capacity building classes at the Old School House in Minor Park

CAP Riverside recently held two special CAP Academy workshops in Anza. The purpose was to bridge the isolation gap and introduce some new skills building opportunities for community leaders. Twelve folks took two days out of their schedules to learn about Basic Grant Writing Techniques, Board Development, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, and Building Strategic Plans for their community groups.

From my standpoint, as workshop presenter, it was a BIG success. Their discussions were lively, their questions were focused on practical application, and they willingly participated in homework assignments that strengthened their organizational skills. Everyone participated because they saw an opportunity not only to

build their own skills but to use their newly acquired skills to strengthen their community well-being. Bravo Anza – you now have leaders armed with new ideas, knowledge, and renewed motivation.

I like to describe "Community success" as a composite of passion, persistence, and partnerships". Anza has it all!

A special "thank you" to Supervisor Jeff Stone for providing scholarship monies for the training opportunities, as did residents Robyn Garrison, Greg Burnett, and Community Action Commissioner Marlin Harrison.

CAP Academy courses are being offered through October, 2011 in both Riverside and Indio. The Academy courses are designed to give representatives of community and faith-based organizations, and community members-at-large, the chance to learn basic capacity building and grant development skills. Participants receive a manual and a CD of forms. Similar programs offered through colleges and foundations can cost several hundreds of dollars, but CAP Riverside provides these important community development skills at a very low cost.

For a schedule and list of Academy classes, please contact CAP Riverside at (800) 511-1110 or check the website, www.capriverside.org

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

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In addition, the CAP Mobile, a CAP office on wheels, was busy travelling to various community resource fairs in Anza, Rubidoux and La Quinta, distributing information and providing direct access to CAP Riverside services. CAP Riverside also participated in the Southwest Veterans' Business Resource Center's Small Business Summit, providing free tax preparation for veterans and hosted the Greater Riverside Transportation Now meeting, which focuses on the public transportation needs of low-income residents in Riverside County.

The CAP Mobile in Anza



Changing Lives

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP FLOURISHES AT LOUIE'S NURSERY

Louie's Nursery has been located in the Woodcrest community of Riverside County since the 1970s. They have been a business partner with CAP Riverside's Pre-Apprenticeship Program since 2009. Owner Juanita Barajas and her daughter, Mary Kannor, take their role of youth mentoring very seriously. They have given many local teens their first job experience.



Pre-Apprenticeship Program Manager Lyn Garcia, Scott Barnes and Juanita Barajas of Louie's Nursery

Youth who have the privilege of training under them learn to become responsible young adults through hard work and dedication. They learn professional work habits and how to give good customer service. When there are no customers to serve, Ms. Barajas expects

her young employees to stay busy. "There are always weeds to pull and plants to water."

Scott Barnes, a Pre-Apprenticeship Program graduate, understands all about hard work in all kinds of climate. Scott was the 2009 program participant at Louie's Nursery. After he completed the program in February of 2010, Ms. Barajas offered him a permanent part-time job with hours that allowed him to attend college. Since then, Scott has earned several wage increases and bonuses, based on his performance and value to the nursery.

Without a doubt, Ms. Barajas and Ms. Kannor demonstrate a strong community commitment in their willingness to invest in the lives of youth. This is evidenced by their former employees coming back in later years just to keep in touch and to thank them for the opportunity they had. CAP Riverside wishes to acknowledge and thank Juanita Barajas and Mary Kannor.

Pre-Apprenticeship is a workplace-mentoring program that matches high school youth in their junior or senior year with small businesses in their communities. Students learn new marketable job skills and receive a stipend for a maximum of 520 hours at the prevailing minimum wage. There is a matched savings component; the student saves \$100, and it is matched by \$100 from the employer and \$100 from CAP Riverside at completion of the program.

PROJECT L.E.A.D. CELEBRATES GRADUATES



Project L.E.A.D. (Linking Advocacy, Education and Development) volunteer graduates celebrate at the Riverside YMCA on June 1.

Community Action Partnership of Riverside (CAP Riverside) and the YMCA of Riverside have celebrated another year of success with Project L.E.A.D. (Linking Advocacy, Education and Development). Project L.E.A.D trains mentor/tutors to serve in after-school programs at 9 local middle schools in Riverside County. This year, 16 Project LEAD graduates earned a \$1200 educational award to help finance college expenses for themselves or a family member.

Riverside City Councilman and Community Action Commissioner Rusty Bailey and CAP Riverside's Youth Programs Coordinator, Lyn Garcia, presented certificates of appreciation to the graduates at this year's luncheon. Participants expressed how the opportunity of working with youth has enriched their lives. A number of them are pursuing a career in teaching or social services and see this experience as valuable preparation for the future.

ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING

CAP Riverside and its partners have reached out to low-income families that were impacted by the severe weather that struck in December, and are struggling with their basic needs, such as food, clothing and rental assistance. The Galilee Center referred a family that was in crisis. They received assistance under CAP Riverside's Emergency Disaster Relief Project.



"We live in Thermal California. We got behind on our rent payment because my husband did not work for several weeks due to the inclement weather in December that affected the crops in the Coachella Valley. My husband received a call letting him know that Community Action had approved our rental assistance application. My husband and I were very happy because we were afraid we would get evicted and would not have a place to live. My husband is working more hours now and we have security to keep on living. Thank you, Community Action Partnership and Galilee Center for your help and support. You really care for people in need."

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AROUND THE NATION, STATE AND COUNTY

NATION



MARIA Y. JUAREZ ELECTED TO NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Maria Y. Juarez, CCAP, Executive Director of CAP Riverside, has been elected to the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) Board of Directors. She represents Region IX, which consists of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and the Trust Territories (Micronesia, Guam, and American Samoa) There are ten regions, which are federally designated.



NCAP is the trade association that supports over 1,200 Community Action agencies nationwide. In order to help CAAs meet ever-changing community needs, NCAP sponsors an annual convention, publishes a quarterly magazine (The Promise), provides training and technical assistance opportunities, and a weekly electronic newsletter. NCAP sponsors a national certification program for individual CAAs ("Pathways to Excellence," based on the Baldrige standards) and a rigorous training program for individual Community Action leaders ("Certified Community Action Professional," CCAP). Most recently, the federal Office of Community Services in the Department of Health & Human Services designated NCAP as the lead national non-profit for two working groups: Jobs & Job Creation and Community Economic Development.

Juarez was elected at the annual meeting of the Region IX Association, of which she serves as President. She replaces Tom Tenorio (Community Action Agency of Butte County), who moved to the NCAP executive committee, serving as treasurer. Along with Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg (CAP San Luis Obispo County) who is NCAP secretary, California now has three representatives on the NCAP board.

STATE

JOHN WAGNER APPOINTED AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

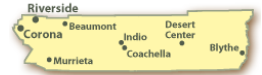


The Brown Administration named John Wagner Acting Director of the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in April 2011. For the four years previous to this appointment, he served as Director of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

In that position, he oversaw programs affecting over 3 million of California's most vulnerable residents, including foster children and youth, children and families receiving aid through CalWORKs, adults and elderly in licensed community care facilities, and aged, disabled, and blind recipients requiring assistance from In-Home Supportive Services or Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP).

COUNTY

CENSUS SHOWS RIVERSIDE COUNTY IS FASTEST GROWING IN THE STATE



Riverside County grew faster than any other county in California over the past decade, adding more residents than Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties combined, according to U.S. Census figures released Tuesday.

The 644,254 new residents represent a 41.7 percent growth rate in Riverside County, fourth in California.

"The numbers confirm what we've known all along," Board of Supervisors Chairman Bob Buster said. "Our population is soaring, which creates a huge demand for services when our revenue has been slashed significantly because of the recession."

The numbers released Tuesday for Riverside County were 2.3 percent higher than the state Department of Finance had projected. Population is a key consideration in funding for many state and federal programs.

"These numbers and the resulting demand for services means Riverside County must fight for every dollar at a time when state and federal officials are trying to cut back," county Executive Officer Bill Luna said. "We must ensure our residents are not shortchanged."

The census numbers also will be used in the redistricting process, which already is under way in Riverside County. By law, census numbers are used each decade to redraw the boundaries for Board of Supervisors' districts. Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts are also being redrawn by an independent commission, which was authorized by the state's voters.

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CALENDAR

July

- 04: Closed, Independence Day
- 05: IDA: Income Tax and EITC, Riverside (6p.)
- 06: IDA: Orientation, Riverside (6p.)
- 07: Academy: Leading From Within, Riverside (9a.-4:30p.)
- 12: IDA: Income Tax and EITC, Coachella (6p.)
- 12: Academy: Becoming a Non-Profit in Your Community, Riverside (9a.-1p.)
- 13: IDA: Orientation, Coachella (6p.)
- 19: IDA: Financing Your First Home, Riverside (6p.)
- 19: Academy: Program Designs, Outcomes and Logic Models, Riverside (9a.-4:30p.)
- 21: Academy: Board Development, Riverside (9a.-1p.)
- 21: Commission Meeting, Banning (6p.)
- 23: Academy: Volunteer Programs, Riverside (9a.-4:30p.)
- 26: IDA: Financing Your First Home, Coachella (6p.)
- 26: Academy: Writing Grants for Public Monies, Indio (9a.-4:30p.)

August

- 02: IDA: Planning and Goal Setting, Riverside (6p.)
- 03: IDA: Orientation, Riverside (6p.)
- 09: IDA: Planning and Goal Setting, Coachella (6p.)
- 10: IDA: Orientation, Coachella (6p.)
- 16: Academy: Fiscal Control, Indio (9a.-1p.)
- 16: IDA: Holiday Survival Planning, Riverside (6p.)
- 18: Academy: Strategic Planning, Riverside (9a.-4:30p.)
- 21: Commission Meeting Dark in August
- 23-26: National Community Action Partnership Convention, San Francisco
- 23: IDA: Holiday Survival Planning, Coachella (6p.)
- 30: Academy: Marketing, Outreach & Web Design, Indio (9a.-1p.)

September

- 01: Academy: Fiscal Control, Riverside (9a.-1p.)
- 05: Closed, Labor Day
- 06: IDA: Investment Products and Options, Riverside (6p.)
- 07: IDA: Orientation, Riverside (6p.)
- 08: Academy: Introduction to Fund Development, Riverside (9a.-4:30p.)
- 13: Academy: Contracts Management, Indio (9a.-1p.)
- 13: IDA: Investment Products and Options, Coachella (6p.)
- 14: IDA: Orientation, Coachella (6p.)
- 15: Academy: Marketing, Outreach & Web Design, Riverside (9a.-1p.)
- 17: Commission Retreat
- 20: Academy: Contracts Management, Riverside (9a.-1p.)
- 20: IDA: Retirement Planning, Riverside (6p.)
- 22: Academy: Introduction to Fund Development, Indio (9a.-4:30p.)
- 27: IDA: Retirement Planning, Coachella (6p.)

Please note that all Workshops are subject to change. To verify, please contact CAP Riverside at (951) 955-4900.

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