

Wells Fargo Bank Makes \$10,000 Donation to Help Hungry Kids In the Inland Empire



Representatives from Wells Fargo Bank present a check for \$10,000 to CAPSBC at their June 15, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting. Show from left to right are: Ernesto Arredondo, Jr., (Community Banking President, Vice-President, Inland Empire Community Bank, Wells Fargo); Patricia L Nickols, (Chief Executive Officer CAPSBC); Nancy Ruth White, (President, CAPSBC Board of Directors); Mary Fawke, (Vice President, Area Manager, Wells Fargo California Business Banking Group, Southern California Division); Jamie Varner, (Vice President, Business Development Consultant, Wells Fargo); Jorge S. Berumen, (Vice President, Community Banking District Manager, San Bernardino Market, Wells Fargo).



Volunteers from Wells Fargo Bank stuff backpacks at the CAPSBC warehouse.

San Bernardino, CA (July 9, 2010) - The **Kidz Fuel - Snack Pack** program has recently received a large cash donation from **Wells Fargo Bank** on June 15, 2010. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) which administers the program assisting low-income kids in the Inland Empire. Also on June 30, over 40 volunteers from Wells Fargo Bank came to the CAPSBC Food Bank warehouse to stuff backpacks full of food the program. Because of Wells Fargo's contribution, many children will no longer have to go hungry on the weekends.

At the volunteer day event, a representative from Emmerton Elementary School came to speak to CAPSBC and Wells Fargo about the importance of their efforts and how hunger has a tremendous impact on a child's ability to learn. A large "Thank You" note from Emmerton students was presented to CAPSBC.

Ernesto Arredondo, Vice President of Inland Empire Wells Fargo Bank stated, "We at Wells Fargo Bank would like to thank Community Action Partnership for giving us this opportunity to participate in this great program. What better way can we serve our community than by helping our children with food and their education? It's the right thing to do and it's a step in the right direction towards improving the lives of the people in San Bernardino."

Kidz Fuel – Snack Pack currently serves 356 low-income students providing them with a backpack stuffed full of nutritious food every Friday for 25 weeks during the school year. The program operates at 13 school sites within the San Bernardino City Unified School District including Emmerton Elementary, San Bernardino High School, Rio Vista Elementary School, Davidson

Elementary School, Arroyo Valley High School, Hunt Elementary School, Anton Elementary School, Lankershim Elementary School, E. Neal Roberts Elementary School, Highland Pacific Elementary School, and San Bernardino City Unified School District's Family Resource Center.



A "Note of Thanks: from the children of Emmerton Elementary School is present to CAPSBC. Show from left to right are: Karen Duns, (Parent Volunteer/Library Assistant Emmerton Elementary, San Bernardino City Unified School District); Ernesto Arredondo, Jr., (Community Banking President, Vice-President, Inland Empire Community Bank, Wells Fargo); Jamie Varner, (Vice President Business Development Consultant, Wells Fargo); Mary Fawke, (Vice President, Area Manager, Wells Fargo California Business Banking Group, Southern California Division); and Bruce D. Gordon, (Senior Vice-President, Inland Empire Regional Manager, Wells Fargo, California Business Banking Group, Southern California Division).

agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC, provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Weatherization, Home Energy Assistance, Family Development, Assets for Independence/Individual Development Accounts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems and the CAPSBC Food Bank. For more information about Community Action Partnership and it's programs call (909) 723-1514 or visit us on the web at www.capsbc.org

CAPSBC will re-start this program again this fall for 425 students. Funding to re-launch the program was obtained through a Community Services Block Grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and from Wells Fargo's donation. CAPSBC welcomes any additional donations and contributions to the program as these schools still have a greater need than can be accommodated, even with the program expansion planned for 2010.

Any businesses or individuals interested in supporting this program, or donating backpacks, can call CAPSBC at (909) 723-1593. Anyone interested in volunteering to help assemble and deliver backpacks may also contact either Helping Hands at (951) 544-8672 or Project Life Impact at (909) 388-1700. High school students are encouraged to volunteer.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. As one of the largest non-profit human services