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**Community Services Employment Training  
Celebrates 45 Years of Community Action**

[Tulare County, CA] In celebration of Community Action month, CSET is showcasing its impact to the community through social media by highlighting participant success stories, impactful figures, and honoring our employees of the year. Annually, CSET serves more than 11,000 local families and individuals through a variety of services including job training, financial strengthening, housing and utility assistance, and family services. CSET played a large role in the COVID-19 relief efforts, assisting nearly 300 families with rental assistance and delivering meals monthly to more than 2000 homebound seniors.

“The dedication and resolve of Community Action was proven last year as we continued to meet our community’s needs,” stated Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, CSET’s Executive Director. “Whether it was hosting a drive-through job fair, conducting online counseling with families, or delivering meals to homebound seniors, CSET staff and partners were there to meet the need.”

Community Action Agencies were created in 1964 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty. CSET is a member of the National Community Action Partnership and the Community Action Network. More than a thousand agencies nationwide are celebrating May as Community Action Month and are working daily to create opportunities, transform lives of individuals and improve communities.

Community Services Employment Training (CSET) is celebrating 45 years of Community Action in Tulare County. CSET has been the Community Action Agency for Tulare County since 1986. CSET’s mission is to inspire youth, families, and communities to achieve self-reliance through innovative pathways and collaboration. To learn more about CSET’s services and impact in Tulare County, please visit [www.cset.org](http://www.cset.org) or call (559) 732-4194.

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