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Covenant CARENET Program Receives \$10,000 Grant from United Way Kern County

Through Covenant CARENET, Covenant Community Services provides goods and services to foster children returning home to their families. The mission of CARENET is providing services and resources to foster children returning to their families and youth leaving the foster care system equipping them for successful transitions. CARENET is a partnership with the Kern County Department of Human Services and the Juvenile Court system. This program is supported by the donations of our community and through a grant received from United Way of Kern County, which will enable an increase of services provided to the community.

CARENET is an outreach program serving children and families by providing resources to insure that a simple resource lack is not a reason for children to remain in an out-of-home placement. CARENET provides goods and services to children and families to build success. CARENET consists of an individual or a group of people in the community who use their talents and resources to help a child and family in need. Plumbers, office workers, retired individuals, families, people with trucks, electricians, business owners, and other friendly people in the community can make a difference in the lives of families. CARENET is a community network designed to build families and enable success. Covenant collects new and gently used household furniture including beds, sofas and dining tables, which are distributed to the families in need. Covenant also recruits people from the community with specific skill sets (i.e. plumbing, electrical) who will volunteer time to assist families in need. The community can help by calling 661-326-8304 to donate items or volunteer time. Donation means so much to families who are desperately trying to heal. With the help of people in our community, CARENET can meet the needs of hurting and hopeless children and families.

Contact Covenant Community Services 661/326-8304 for more information or visit <http://www.covenantcs.net/>

Covenant Community Services is a faith-based, nonprofit organization serving the public through various social services including: foster care placement, transitional housing, mentoring, mental health and family preservation services.

About United Way of Kern County: United Way of Kern County is committed to improving people's lives and the community by mobilizing and integrating resources for health and human services issues in Kern County. UWKC focuses on four priority Areas of Impact: Tools for Financial Stability, Preparing Children for Success, Safety Net for Basic Human Needs and Community Linkage. With specific strategies and objectives in these Areas of Impact, United Way and its partners are producing lasting community-level change on issues that matter most to Kern County. For more information, please visit www.uwkern.org