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# Newsletter – Spring 2021

## Home Sweet Home

### We are Homeowners!

To our Casa Esperanza family, we hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. 2021 has been quite the year so far and we want to fill you in on these last few months. We are very proud to announce that we are officially homeowners! Over the next few months, we will be updating you as we work towards making this house a home through clean ups, renovations, and TLC. Please look out for these announcements on our social media and website.

## Ways to Help

### Join Welcome Home Circle and Sponsor Home Improvements

Help us transform our home by joining our “Welcome Home Circle”. You can join WHC by making a monthly donation of \$30 or more or an annual donation of \$1,000 or more. To donate, please visit our website at <https://www.esperanzabakersfield.org/donate/> to learn more about what’s included if you join WHC and what your donation will contribute towards.

If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring home improvements, please contact Dave Packer at [dpacker@davepackerhomes.com](mailto:dpacker@davepackerhomes.com).



## Volunteering

### Clean Up Day

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we were thrilled to have several volunteers from our community help clean up our recently purchase home. We were able to tear out all of the carpet and clear out several items in record time. Thank you to the 30+ volunteers that rose to the occasion including students from Centennial High! To volunteer or learn more about our endowment, please visit our website at <https://www.esperanzabakersfield.org/how-can-you-help/> or email us at [info@esperanzabakersfield.org](mailto:info@esperanzabakersfield.org).



## Give Big Kern Update

### Thank You for Making 2021 An Historical Year!

May 4<sup>th</sup> was Give Big Kern day and thanks to your generosity we raised \$34,345! We were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 129 participating non-profit organizations. Thanks to our matching donors your donations were doubled and will go towards our home renovations. B-I-I-I-G thanks for ALL your support.

## Meet and Greet and Board Member Addition

### Taco Thursday with our Advisory Council and Board of Directors

After over a year of Zoom board meetings and several virtual engagements we finally got the gang back together! On May 13<sup>th</sup> we gathered safely to meet with our Advisory Council and Board of Directors, many of whom had not had the chance to meet in person. Thank you to Dave Packer, Custom Home Builder, for sharing his gorgeous model home in Highgate for a lovely setting. Lastly, please join us in welcoming Lucinda Macias as the latest Board member to join our team. Lucinda’s experience working with homeless shelters across Houston, TX will bring invaluable expertise to our Board. Welcome Lucinda!