

Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield

Beverly Camp



Beverly Camp has a heart of abundant compassion and generosity. She lives daily by the words of Mother Teresa, “Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.” Beverly’s dedication to serve and love unconditionally has enabled the hungry and hurting to be fed, clothed, educated, and healed. Her

unending commitment to improve the lives of others has brought hope and restoration to the hopeless.

Six years ago Monsignor Craig Harrison called upon Beverly to help breathe life into the building of Catholic Charities in Bakersfield. It was then that the inaugural Harvest of Hope came to be, Catholic Charities’ annual fundraiser that supports the nonprofit to serve low-income families in crisis situations. Since then, she has been instrumental in raising \$1.7 million, so that Catholic Charities could thrive to feed, educate, and love on the Kern County community.

In 2014, Beverly was appointed to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities at the request of Most Reverend Armando Ochoa and then again, reappointed in 2017. In recognition of her hard work and dedication, in May 2017, Catholic Charities proudly named the Career & Education Center after her, a program she was instrumental in establishing. Today, the Beverly Camp Career & Education Center offers clients the ability to further their education, build new skills, and create success for life.

Beverly’s servant’s heart touches numerous community arenas. She has served on a multitude of committees at her beloved parish, St. Francis of Assisi, as well as supported many other organizations financially alongside her husband, Jim Camp of S.A. Camp Companies, including the S.A. Camp Grossman Burn Unit at Memorial Hospital, and the S.A. Camp Robotic Surgical Center at Mercy Hospital. Beverly also serves as a member of the Catherine

McAuley Society, a philanthropic group through Friends of Mercy.

Beverly’s caring and tireless efforts have undoubtedly made Kern County a better place. The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognized Beverly with its “Community Service Award” in February 2017. In April 2018, Community Action Partnership of Kern awarded Beverly and Jim jointly the “Humanitarian of the Year Award.”

Beverly was born and raised in Queens, NY, baptized at St Francis of Assisi church in Queens, and continues her Christian journey here in Bakersfield at St Francis of Assisi Parish. The only thing in her life that trumps her charity work is her faith, family, and friends. Beverly loves to entertain; one of her true passions in life is cooking for others. Coming from a large Italian family, she says, “food and gathering at the table equals love.” They still all have dinner together every Sunday after church.

Beverly is happily married to the love of her life, Jim Camp. She takes great pride in her role of mother to her three sons: Bruce, 34 this year, works as the assistant principal of Aspen View Academy in Denver, CO; Kurt, 31, has returned to Bakersfield to work in the family business at S.A. Camp Co, as a sales engineer; and, Scott, 27, lives in Prescott, AZ working as a case manager for Sequel Youth and Family Services. Beverly says with gratitude, “My life is blessed, and with my God, and my family, I can do anything.”

