

## 2024 SUMMER MISSION MENTORSHIP

LifeLine CDC in Merced, California

## What to Expect

LifeLine CDC is a community based non-profit with a focus to empower impoverished neighborhoods to thrive. We are using a strength-based approach (Asset Based Community Development) to engage with community members, hear their stories, discover what we together care about and then work together to make it happen. You would get to experience working at both community centers which are in under-resourced areas, as community connectors. During the summer the focus is on our children and youth and doing field trips, a variety of activities and learning. We also have community gardens, work with a variety of community members and grow together. Our community centers are hubs for people to come, have conversations, and receive and give resources. There will be opportunities to be creative and use the unique gifts of the interns.

## **Qualities We are Looking For**

Energy and a passion to think outside the box.

Anticipated Cost \$5,600

## Mentor: Monika Grasley

The founding director of LifeLine CDC, Monika's heart for Asset Based Community Development work is recognizing that every person, no matter their life circumstances, has been created in the image of God and has gifts and abilities that are uniquely theirs. All of their staff have come through difficult life circumstances, but now use them to engage with community to empower impoverished neighborhoods to thrive. Their amazing stories inspire others to move forward.

