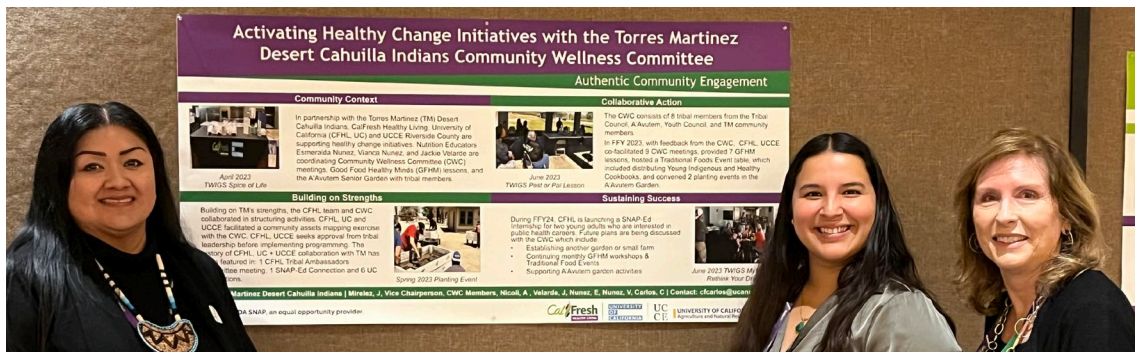


# Partnerships Receive Cooperative Extension National Health Equity Award



*Faith Morreo, Torres Martinez Tribal Ambassador, Esmeralda Nunez, CFHL, UCCE Riverside Community Nutrition Educator, and Andra Nicoli, CFHL, UC Strategic Initiatives*

## CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL), UCCE Riverside, CFHL, UC Davis & the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Community Wellness Committee Partnership is honored with the first National Cooperative Extension Health Equity Award.

A team of peer evaluators recently named the CalFresh Healthy Living, UCCE Riverside Team as the recipient of the 2024 National Cooperative Extension Priester Health Equity Award to be presented at the National Health Outreach and Engagement Conference, May 13-15 in Greenville, South Carolina.

**The Jeanne M. Priester Extension Health Awards recognize extraordinary programs & professionals that are modeling next generation work in the area of health & well-being.**

**CFHL, UCCE Riverside Supervisor Claudia Carlos** has steadfastly led the Coachella Valley team of **Community Nutrition Educators Esmeralda Nunez, Vianca Nunez, and Jackie Velarde** whose dedication, facilitation skills and active engagement with tribal community members is forging lasting relationships.



*2023 Spring Planting Event with Torres Martinez Community Members*



**UCCE Riverside County Farm Advisor Philip Waisen**, through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant titled ACORNS, pairs lesson activities with farm and nutritional health webinars. **UCCE Riverside Master Gardener Brad Hardison** offers garden support, resources, and education.



Philip Waisen, UCCE Riverside Farm Advisor, Claudia Carlos, CFHL, UCCE Riverside Supervisor, Esmeralda Nunez and Vianca Nunez, CFHL, UCCE Community Nutrition Educators

**Tribal Council Vice Chairman Joseph Mirelez and Community Wellness Committee** members anchor health education initiative activities in local tradition and events, when possible, to generate sustained effectiveness.

**CalFresh Healthy Living, University of California, Davis (UC Davis) Strategic Initiatives Andra Nicoli** has facilitated the development and advancement of health initiative programming which includes nutrition, garden, and physical activity education with the Torres Martinez community since 2013 with **Dr. Chutima Ganthavorn, Emeritus, UCCE Riverside County**. The overarching goal is to foster greater health and wellbeing through activities which engage the population with culturally relevant materials and work to advance the restoration of traditional food systems.

Congratulations Priester Award recipients and partners!

