A model program for helping the homeless

Kim Carter, founder of Time for Change Foundation, is passionate about changing lives

Community “activator” and “CNN Hero” Kim Carter knows a thing or two about successful organizations that end the cycle of homelessness.

She is founder and executive director of Time for Change Foundation in San Bernardino, a nonprofit assisting homeless women and children in finding permanent housing and achieving self-sufficiency. She’s in the business of changing lives.

She has a passion for it, and people are noticing.

In 2015, she was thrust into the international spotlight when CNN announced Kim as a “CNN Hero” for her efforts to help others.

Her Time for Change Foundation, founded in 2002, offers shelter services to homeless women and their children in home-style environments.

The nonprofit addresses issues of homelessness, drug addiction and incarceration to heal women, families and communities.

Since its inception, Time for Change has helped more than 800 women.

The rate of recidivism is 0 percent.

Last week, a CNN crew was back to take a deeper look at Time for Change Foundation and the people who make it work.

“We were blessed with CNN when they came out again to look at what we do and it warranted them coming back a second time,” Kim said.

“It’s another opportunity to let people know we need help — it’s always a delight to share our story.”

CNN selected three honorees from past CNN Heroes to tell their stories in another format — most likely a documentary on what makes the homeless program so unique; how it is so innovative; and what it does that other shelters don’t do, said Kim, who is a motivational speaker and a certified public accountant.

Phyllis Scott, Time for Change case manager and supervisor, said CNN was interested in their clients’ stories and in the case managers and supervisors.