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INSPIRING AND ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES TO BUILD VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS EMPOWERED TO PURSUE SOCIAL JUSTICE.

## CAMILA CHAVEZ: CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Camila Chavez is Executive Director and co-founder (with her mother Dolores Huerta) of the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF). Her excellent leadership style has earned her the respect and admiration of her staff and colleagues. She is often referred to as “the best boss ever.” The ideals of non-violence, selfless motivation and personal responsibility were instilled in Camila by her parents Dolores Huerta and Richard Chávez and her Uncle Cesar E. Chavez. Camila was raised at the UFW Headquarters in La Paz located in Keene, California in Kern County.

As a student at Mills College in Oakland she served as a campaign coordinator for the campaign to save Affirmative Action in California. After graduating, Camila worked in public health promoting Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and other health coverage programs for low-income and undocumented families in San Francisco and Alameda Counties.

In 2003, Camila returned to the Central Valley to work with Dolores Huerta to establish the Dolores Huerta Foundation, headquartered in Bakersfield, California in Kern County. Under her leadership DHF and Vecinos Unidos® (Neighbors United) have grown to twelve chapters in Fresno, Tulare, Kern and parts of the Antelope Valley. These communities have made gains in education equity and increased political representation. DHF has secured millions of dollars for neighborhood improvements. Using the “house meeting” organizing model, Vecinos Unidos® (Neighbors United) chapters have expanded to twelve chapters and three DHF Youth chapters dedicated to organizing and working on campaigns to improve the quality of life in their communities. In 16 years since its inception, Camila has grown the organization to a budget of \$5 million dollars with over 40 employees. Camila currently resides in the mountains of Kern County in a cabin built by her father, where she, her spouse, their two children and a multitude of animals make every effort to live sustainably growing much of their own vegetarian food supply. Like her mother, she loves to dance, read and travel to places in the great outdoors. She received the Humanitarian Award in 2019 from Community Action Partnership of Kern and sits on the following boards: Central Valley Partnership, Inner City Struggle, Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, and the CA Planned Parenthood Education Fund.



**“It is our responsibility to take advantage of every opportunity to develop leadership, in ourselves and our communities, by building consensus around a common set of principles, values and priorities. It is the process of pursuing a life of principle where we are able to ensure human rights.” - Camila Chavez**

## CALL TO ACTION FOR VICTIMS OF SOLAR PANEL FRAUD

Please contact your elected officials and tell them to “Support SB 757!” to establish a solar panel consumer protection and restitution fund Go to <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>.


If you are a victim of poor or fraudulent solar panel installation by contractors please contact the Contractors State License Board at (800) 321-2752 or at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).



## SUPPORT FOR THOSE STRUGGLING TO MAKE UTILITY PAYMENTS

DHF encourages community members who are behind more than \$500 and up to \$1000 in their utility bills to access relief programs through their utility company or contact the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/dacag).



 **Founder & President Dolores Huerta receiving her first #COVID-19 vaccine courtesy of Dr. Joaquin Arambula, in Del Rey, CA. The #Vaccine is safe, effective, and prevents serious illness. Flex your defense when it is your turn! For information on regional vaccination events, please visit [www.doloreshuerta.org](http://www.doloreshuerta.org)**

## DOLORES HUERTA DAY RESOLUTION APPROVED

On February 18th, 2021 the DHF Education Team hosted a regional call with 33 Vecino Unidos® leaders. They discussed the importance of promoting legislation which was passed in California stating that “On [or around] Dolores Huerta Day [April 10th], all public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to conduct exercises remembering the life of Dolores Huerta, recognizing her accomplishments, and familiarizing pupils with the contributions she made to this state.” Our Parlier Vecinos Unidos® Chapter scheduled meetings with principals of the Parlier Unified School District. Nine other Vecinos Unidos® Education Committees are creating calls to action across the Central Valley promoting the Dolores Huerta Day Board Resolution. Our first resolution passed at the Lamont Elementary School District on March 9, 2021.



**Top row (left to right): Norma Sandoval (Vecina) , Ashley De La Rosa (DHF Education Policy Director), Lourdes Oliva (DHF Education Program Associate)**  
**Second Row: Mrs. Rodriguez Benavides Principal, Mrs. Caulfield J.C Martinez Elementary Principal, and Brenda Rojas (DHF Vecina)**  
**Last row: Erika Talaveras (DHF Vecina)**



**For more information on how you can join the Vecinos Unidos® contact 1-833-564-6343 or 1-833-JOIN-DHF**

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