



DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

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

Donor Spotlight



Wendy Greenfield is a longtime dedicated Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) supporter. Born to a progressive family in New York, Wendy grew up with an awareness of the need for racial, social, and economic justice.

Wendy's early years of activism began in middle school when along with so many young people she participated in marches protesting United States participation in the Vietnam War. Her passion for social justice continued throughout her high school years as she actively volunteered with political campaigns in her community. While campaigning Wendy came across a flier describing the conditions in the grape vineyards, the workers' strike and their call for a boycott of California grapes. Wendy jumped into action and led her friends to their first picket at a local grocery store that was selling grapes. She dedicated the next three years of high school organizing and leading successful pickets to stop local grocery stores from selling grapes.

Wendy first heard Dolores Huerta speak at the Brooklyn grape boycott headquarters and was so inspired that in March 1971, she drove her sister Julie and two other volunteers across the country to Delano, California, to the United Farm Workers headquarters where they worked as part of the construction crew of the UFW Clinic at 40 Acres in Delano.

Wendy returned to New York in 1973 and was drawn back to the grape boycott where she worked closely with Dolores as an organizer in Manhattan. She experienced Dolores' respectful, encouraging and empowering leadership. "Dolores never expressed doubt in our ability to do our work or that the combined forces of farmworkers and volunteers would ultimately win the contracts we were fighting for. The attitude of '¡Sí se puede!' permeated the boycott office." Wendy remembers dancing along the sidewalks with that sense of empowerment. It was a life-changing experience.

Almost twenty years ago, Dolores told Wendy that she was going to start an organization for grassroots organizing. Wendy not only became one of DHF's first supporters, but also the first community organizer! To this day Wendy is still actively supporting, donating, and volunteering on local organizing campaigns with DHF. This year, she has participated in the 'Let's Green California!' campaign that DHF co-sponsored with the Romero Institute. She has reached out to community organizations to urge them to endorse SB 1230 which was signed into law by Governor Newsom in September 2022. This bill mandates all new vehicles sold in CA by 2030 be electric, with a goal of making CA a carbon neutral economy. The bill will also mandate electric charging infrastructure in low-income communities and fair labor standards for the workers who build them.

An ongoing initiative that Wendy is excited about, is the project to build the Dolores Huerta Peace and Justice Cultural Center in Bakersfield, CA providing the space to continue to train and empower grassroots leadership, while providing health education & outreach, youth leadership development, education equity, and environmental justice. Wendy is always happy to support the work of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and recognizes that no

movement can be built without the contribution of supporters like her. She encourages everyone to support them by joining our Social Justice Network or become a monthly supporter of Give2DHF.org.

Unhoused Community Care Package Kits



Tulare Liberated for Youth Empowerment (LYFE) organizers collaborated with Voices of the Central Valley (VOCV) to create care package kits for unhoused community members throughout Tulare, CA. VOCV and LYFE organizers worked together to educate youth members about the many and often compounding needs of the unhoused community; and how often challenges such as mental health and addictions are a direct result of becoming unhoused.

VOCV in partnership with the LYFE team created roughly 75 care package kits and distributed them directly to the unhoused living along the railroad tracks near the downtown area of Tulare. Many folks upon receiving their care kit immediately started to use items in the packages to help relieve symptoms they experience as a result of illnesses like Lupus, Covid-19, rashes, cuts, and bruises. Our youth have been moved by the experience and continue to work to support the needs of the unhoused in that area.

Unfortunately, unhoused community members recently reached out to VOCV partners to notify them that they were going to be raided by the Tulare police later that same week. According to the unhoused community members, police officers collected, destroyed, burned, and broke belongings of the unhoused. Many of the unhoused that were impacted by this raid were fortunate enough to be able to take their care package kits with them.

Get Out The Vote!



The Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) has wrapped up its "Vote 4 Fair Representation" Election Season! DHF Vecinos Unidos, youth and volunteers engaged in get-out-the-vote campaign efforts such as door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, human billboarding, candidate forums, and poll watching on election day for the California General Election. In partnership with Million Voters Project and California Calls, DHF volunteers reached thousands of contacts giving a voice to communities that for far too long have been left out of the conversation. We're grateful to our relentless team and dedicated volunteers. Rain or shine DHF has boots on the ground engaging the community in civic engagement and strengthening our democracy.

We are victorious in increasing participation in the electoral process and together, we've accomplished so much. The election is over, but we know that transformative change isn't just about critical moments, it's about a movement. You can grow this movement by supporting this work at Give2DHF.org.

**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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