

## Dolores Huerta Receives Certificate of Recognition

We are humbled and honored to accept the Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Founder & President Dolores Huerta from the California Department of Education in appreciation and celebration of Dolores' unwavering and lifelong devotion to improving the lives of migrant workers and the LGBTQ+ community, while advocating for civil and women's rights. We will continue to lead our organization with those values and methods to champion for underserved and misrepresented communities through our grassroots organizing work. Pictured to the right is DHF's Executive Director (& Dolores' youngest daughter) Camila Chávez.

## Youth Spring into Action

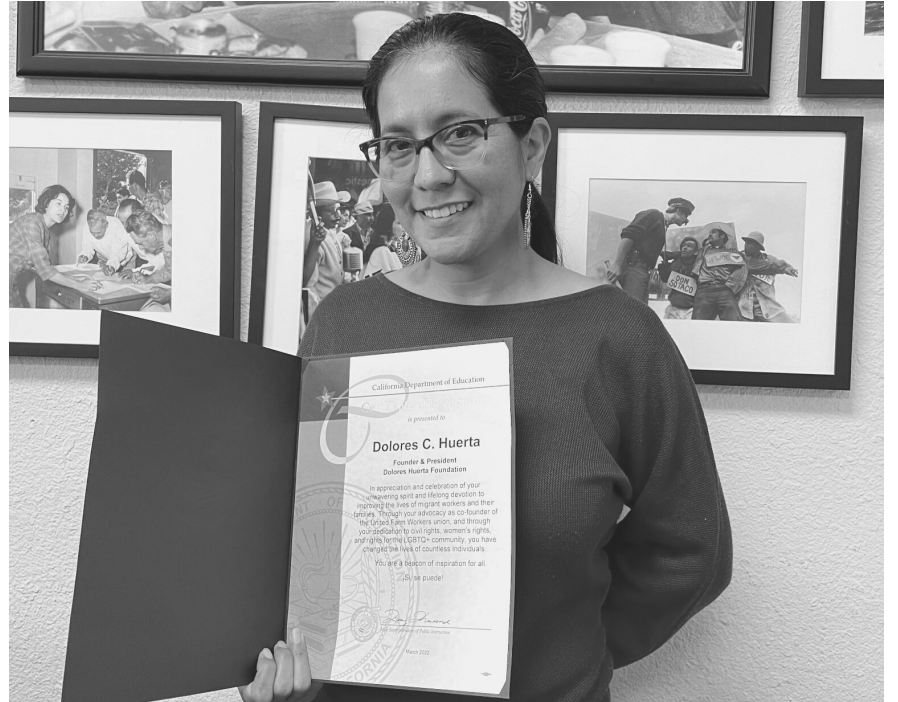


The Dolores Huerta Foundation Youth Program "Liberated for Youth Empowerment" (LYFE) concluded their youth retreat with a total of 98 members in attendance. Two sessions were provided, in-person and virtually, to allow students who were unable to participate in person to get the lessons, activities and team building exercises that are crucial to their development and growth in the program. Each session consisted of learning about the School-to-Prison Pipeline, Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP), various activities such as sports, trivia, a scavenger hunt, and creating art with a social justice and political advocacy lens. DHF Youth Organizers shared the importance of the Pipeline concept and LCAP to allow students to be aware of the systemic pushout of black & brown kids and how they can make recommendations for LCAP that can prevent such discriminatory practices from happening in their school district. Throughout each activity, youth members had the opportunity to work with each other to build on their team working skills, communication and trust with one another. DHF Youth member Katherine, (she/her/hers) Age 16, said, "I was able to meet youth I haven't seen before, it helped reunite youth who have been on zoom for so long. During the end of the retreat, we had a picnic, painting, listening to music and other youths were playing soccer. It felt like I was at a picnic with my friends or family." The youth program aims to increase civic engagement participation among low-income, disenfranchised youth and their families to reduce racial and socio-economic disparities through evidence-based practices. Some of these methods include retreats, whereas afterwards the youth come out refreshed and ready to spring into action. Currently their focus is LGBTQIA+ Rights and the elections. As they continue to navigate through their program some youth members are excited about upcoming events. Emma (she/her/hers) Age 12 says, "I am looking forward to the Pride Prom in June!" To learn more about their upcoming events or efforts, please visit [doloreshuerta.org/youthprogram](http://doloreshuerta.org/youthprogram)

## May Day March



In honor of May Day the Dolores Huerta Foundation, in collaboration with SEIU, United Farm Workers and other community organizations, marched the streets of Fresno & Tulare standing in solidarity with Workers & Immigrants around the world. May Day is not recognized as a holiday in the United States, however, DHF will continue to honor and commemorate the efforts and victories of blue collar workers, their struggles and plight for rights and living wages.



## Get Out The Vote!



As a community organization, the Dolores Huerta Foundation hosted numerous door-to-door canvassing, Candidate Forums and voter engagement outreach throughout the Central Valley, Antelope Valley & Los Angeles County to encourage voters to power to the polls. During these events, community members, youth and Vecinos Unidos members had the opportunity to ask questions, get to know their candidates and learn about the importance of their vote. Some folks even joined these efforts as a "Democracy Defender" by volunteering to get the vote out to their neighbors! Now is the time to exercise your power to vote. The California Primary Elections is June 7th. Find your nearest polling place, check your status or track your ballot by scanning the following codes.



## CANCEL COVID-19



DHF's COVID-19 Education & Safety Team continues to inform community members and provide options for professionally administered vaccines. As of May, we are proud to report that we've co-hosted 90 Vaccine Clinics where a total of 7,407 vaccines were administered! Together we can overcome the pandemic. Call 661-383-2588 or visit [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) to find your nearest clinic today.