

DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

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

SUPPORT THE DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION PEACE & JUSTICE CULTURAL CENTER!

2021 is here! It is incumbent upon us to take the hard lessons we learned in 2020 and create meaningful and critical organizing opportunities. Now more than ever we are compelled to educate folks on the fundamentals of democracy and stress the importance of strong and capable leadership. The events of 2020 and January 6th, 2021 have shown that these issues are truly a matter of life and death.

We've seen the destructive and toxic nature of white supremacy. In addition to community organizing to harness people power, we believe education equity can help cure this ugly disease that is tearing apart our civil society. All children must be taught the contributions of immigrants and people of color have made to this nation's rich fabric. This will give pride and dignity to young people of color and abolish the false sense of superiority that many white children are taught. This is the work we will continue to focus on.

We are excited to announce our capital campaign to build a home for this important work. DHF plans to construct The Dolores Huerta Peace & Justice Cultural Center, a multicultural community center complex in downtown Bakersfield, California. This state-of-the-art campus and headquarters will include a comprehensive child development facility, art gallery, outdoor amphitheater and a community organizing training academy.

The campus will provide a permanent location to honor the historic civil rights legacy of local leaders and the contributions of the many immigrants, communities of color, and poor whites who worked the land, enriched the culture and built the infrastructure of the great San Joaquin Valley.

We invite you to partner with us in creating a beacon of hope that will establish a movement building and social justice education hub and serve our communities for generations to come. For more information, or to donate, please visit:

<https://doloreshuerta.org/dolores-huerta-peace-and-justice-cultural-center-capital-campaign/>



DHF Antelope Valley Vecinos joined ACLU & Livingstone Cathedral to provide hygiene necessities, clothing and food to our unhoused neighbors in the AV over the holidays.

VECINOS UNIDOS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT





Erica Talavera is a parent leader from Parlier. She is a mother of two, an eight month year old and a teenager. She was recruited into the local *Vecinos Unidos* Education Committee in 2019. When Eric first began attending meetings with her newborn, she seemed shy and reserved.

As time progressed, she gained confidence and leadership skills becoming our local media liaison for DHF's *Vecinos Unidos* group. She spoke about education issues during the pandemic, especially the importance of having a healthy and accessible nutrition plan for school districts. Her leadership blossomed. Soon organizing and distributing much needed food to communities in need. She did this at three local food banks organized by the Dolores Huerta Foundation *Vecinos Unidos*.

She also organized a crisis food delivery program from April 2020 through November of 2020. She assisted fellow *Vecinos* members in bridging the technical divide to attend leadership meetings remotely with other organizers to address issues like access to pandemic EBT food assistance and supported parents in completing online applications. During our Get Out the Vote efforts she was the top caller and neighborhood captain for the campaign in Parlier.



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