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SPOTLIGHT

Cesar Chavez Day: Si Se Puede! It Can Be Done!



March 31, 2008
**CESAR CHAVEZ DAY
OF SERVICE AND LEARNING**

On this important day, we will honor one man's commitment to non-violent collective action.

Cesar Chavez' leadership and activism led to the improvement of working conditions for farm laborers, and eventually brought about social, political, and economic justice for successive generations.

In this regard, Chavez continued the path established by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation encourages you to initiate or join community activities that celebrate Cesar's life and sustain the values he so passionately embodied.

Cesar Chavez Day is an official holiday in several U.S. states and cities and a noted day of remembrance throughout the country.

RESOURCES

Embracing Diversity to Achieve Engagement

To commemorate the work of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Cesar Chavez, we are highlighting material related to inclusion, tolerance, and civic engagement.

[LENDING LIBRARY](#)

[Lunch Date](#)

A well-to-do white woman is forced to confront her prejudice while stranded in a train station. Excellent video for discussion or training. (10 minutes)

[Managing Volunteer Diversity: A Rainbow of Opportunities](#)

Articles and lessons on commonalities that cross cultural lines. Addresses how to recruit, retain, and recognize volunteers. Provides information on working with people of different races, ages, disabilities, and ethnic backgrounds, and restructuring an organization to meet diversity needs.

[Voluntarism, Community Life, and the American Ethic](#)

Why people volunteer and the factors that motivate them. Addresses how local organizations create community, and how voluntary participation fosters moral development in volunteers.

[ONLINE LEARNING CENTER](#)

Visit the Online Learning Center to access many free and easy-to-use online courses authored by Corporation-funded training and technical assistance providers.

[Communicating with People with Disabilities](#) (NSIP)

[Moving Volunteers from Service to Civic](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USDA Food Stamp Program Outreach Grants



[USDA's Food and Nutrition Service](#) (FNS) announces the funding of up to \$1 million in competitive grant funds through the Food Stamp Program.

The goal is to implement and study effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low-income people who are not currently participating in the program about the nutrition benefits of the program, eligibility rules, and how to apply.

The maximum grant is \$75,000. Deadline is February 19, 2008.

Visit the [FNS Nutrition Assistance Programs](#) website, or send an e-mail to [Leslie Byrd](#).

Grants to Help Teach Tolerance



[Tolerance.org](#) invites pre-K-12 classroom teachers to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to support projects



At the Chavez Foundation website, you'll find toolkits for elementary, middle, and high school teachers along with other resources, including model service-learning projects that incorporate history, dramatic arts, civics, and writing.

For more information, please visit the [Cesar E. Chavez Foundation](#) site.

[Engagement](#) (Hands On Network)

[Working with Diverse Volunteers](#) (Hands On Network)

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES COLLECTION

[Going beyond simulations to promote education about people with disabilities](#)

[Helping members become culturally sensitive by offering quality diversity training](#)

[Creating a roadmap to civic engagement](#)

designed to:

- Reduce prejudice among youth
- Improve intergroup relations in schools
- Support educator professional development in these areas

There is no deadline for these grant proposals. For complete information, visit the [Tolerance.org](#) website.

Featured T/TA Provider

[The Leadership Practice: a partnership of Public Allies and the ABCD Institute at Northwestern University](#)

T/TA Focus: Community Engagement and Strengthening
Milwaukee, WI

Enhancing the integration of community assets in the delivery of social services; promoting the active involvement of citizens in the life of a community to foster the common good; designing accelerated learning environments which utilize collaborative thinking and innovative technologies to deliver sustainable solutions.

Online Learning Center

[Online Courses](#)

Free e-courses on a wide variety of topics are designed specifically to help strengthen national service programs.

Newest course: [Strengthening Your Organization, Your Community, and Your Projects](#), created cooperatively by the Leadership Practice (Public Allies and the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute at Northwestern University), the Corporation for National and Community Service, and ETR Associates.

Featured Resource

[E-mail Discussion Lists](#)

Want to discuss a common interest, seek or post information, or share ideas and resources?

Subscribe to an [e-mail discussion forum](#) focused on a topic of interest to you. Send and receive relevant messages through the list server to and from all other subscribers.

Topic examples: AmeriCorps, tribes, disaster, disability, seniors, re-entry, VISTA, and much more.

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