



FLAGSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW AND BUILD MOMENTUM IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz. – Under the leadership of our Arizona Regional Director, our flagship program, the National Youth Leadership Initiative, continues to grow and build momentum in Arizona. Since our expansion to Arizona in December 2003, more than 500 youth throughout Phoenix and Yuma have been engaged in the program, which works with K-12 Educating the Heart Schools, in predominantly low-income communities, to combat academic and civic disengagement by exposing young people to the life, values, and legacy of Cesar Chavez and engaging them in service-learning.

The Foundation is working to integrate the National Youth Leadership Initiative into every school district in the state. During the months of March and April 80 elementary and high school teachers in the greater Phoenix-area participated in two, day-long Educating the Heart training sessions, which focused on Cesar Chavez and service-learning.

In addition, a training was held for middle school students. Moreover, a group of 500 students from the Roosevelt School District took part in the annual Chavez Unity Celebration at Barrios Unidos Park. The students received instruction on the Chavez Service-Learning curriculum and competed in an art and essay contest.



Ultimately, our goal is to empower a new generation of youth to become active citizens and community leaders.

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