

¡Bienvenidos!

Cesar Chavez was a labor leader who dedicated his life to improving the standard of living, wages and working conditions of farm workers. Chavez was a labor organizer, civil rights crusader and a war veteran who joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served in the Western Pacific at the end of WWII. Founder of the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers Union (UFW), Chavez's tireless commitment opened untold doors for disenfranchised migrants and workers.

Although he died in 1993, his spirit still lives. One way to celebrate his life and legacy is through the **Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning**. This program is geared toward K-12 students who, through academic instruction and community service projects, will learn the importance of service to others and the difference they truly can make.

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn introduced the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning to Illinois. During the week of March 31 (Chavez's birthday), schools may participate in this innovative program to encourage community service by our young people while serving as an educational tool for school history, social studies, environmental and art classes.

Students across Illinois will learn the importance of community service by addressing hunger issues, volunteering at nursing homes, cleaning up parks and planting gardens.



¡Si Se Puede!

The mission of the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning is to instill an ethic of service and civic responsibility in our young people.

This educational program takes place in three parts: pre-service, service and project reflection.

Students are taught the values of Cesar Chavez and how his leadership changed the lives of thousands of migrant farm workers. Based on student's awareness of Chavez's life, they are encouraged to look within their own community and emulate his work, addressing present-day community issues. The final step of the program is project reflection, which allows students to discuss what they've learned and share their community service

experience with their school.



Students learn and perform how Chavez defended migrant workers' rights through peaceful demonstrations

Students reflect on their completed community projects



Participating Schools

- ❖ Bloom Trail High School, Chicago Heights
- ❖ Children's Ctr. of Berwyn/Cicero, Cicero
- ❖ Carver Military High School, Chicago
- ❖ Curie High School, Chicago
- ❖ Clemente High School, Chicago
- ❖ DuSable High School, Chicago
- ❖ Eisenhower High School, Blue Island
- ❖ Highland Pk. Middle & H.S., Highland Pk
- ❖ Hope College Prep High School, Chicago
- ❖ Jefferson Middle School, Waukegan
- ❖ Jones College Prep High School, Chicago
- ❖ Juarez High School, Chicago
- ❖ Juarez Community Academy, Chicago
- ❖ Kelvyn Park High School, Chicago
- ❖ Lane Technical High School, Chicago
- ❖ Millennium School, Homewood
- ❖ Morton College, Cicero
- ❖ Morton East High School, Cicero
- ❖ Northlake Middle School, Northlake
- ❖ Orozco Elementary, Chicago
- ❖ Phoenix Military Academy, Chicago
- ❖ Plato Academy, Chicago
- ❖ Prosser Career Academy, Chicago
- ❖ Proviso West High School, Hillside
- ❖ Rich South High School, Richton Park
- ❖ Roosevelt Middle School, River Forest
- ❖ Senn High School, Chicago
- ❖ St. Francis Xavier, La Grange
- ❖ Washington High School, Chicago
- ❖ Wells Prep, Chicago
- ❖ Wheeling High School, Wheeling
- ❖ White Oak Academy, East St. Louis
- ❖ Unity Middle School, Cicero
- ❖ University of Illinois Extension, Matteson

Participating Agencies

- ❖ Illinois Department of Public Health
- ❖ Illinois Department of Human Services
- ❖ Berwyn Cicero Council on Aging
- ❖ Project HOPE, University Park
- ❖ HILSEA
- ❖ LULAC

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

- Cesar E. Chavez



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The banner features a close-up of a yellow corn cob with green husks on the left side. The background is a vibrant blue with a wavy, water-like texture. The text "Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the banner.

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