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Online Service Opportunities



Please visit our website at www.volunteercenter.org. This website lists all the current service opportunities available through Orange County and allows you to sign up for them within a few minutes!

Quick Links...

Greetings!

Welcome to our online newsletter!

Volunteer Center Orange County is pleased to offer its spring online newsletter. We look forward in continuing to offer a resource of quality service-learning information.

Commitment to a Movement: Service-Learning at Andersen Elementary



By Jeff Qualey *Fourth grade Teacher at Andersen Elementary*

Andersen Elementary School studied Union organizer Cesar Chavez during the month of March. It is important to teach students about Cesar Chavez's life and accomplishments. He was a Californian civil rights hero and his life supports the

curriculum standards. He was instrumental in improving and changing California's agricultural and immigrant history, improving their lives and working conditions. [Learn more about Andersen Elementary's commitment to service-learning by clicking here](#)

Watch the video here: [Digging in on Cesar Chavez Day](#)

2008 California Service Learning Leadership Institute: Bringing Learning to Life

By Bette Weinberg *Service-Learning Regional Lead*

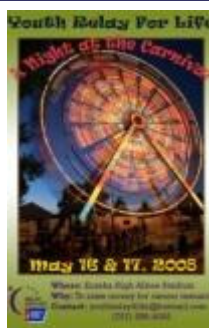
The 2008 Service-Learning Leadership Institute in San Jose was a huge success. Everyone in

- [Youth Service California](#)
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- [National Service Learning Clearing House](#)
- [National Youth Leadership](#)
- [Center for Civic Education](#)
- [Generation Earth-Tree People](#)
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attendance was rejuvenated and stimulated by being with so many educators who are working to engage their students, their schools and their districts in implementing service-learning. We heard amazing speakers, attended workshops by leaders in the world of service-learning and listened to engaged students who are making service-learning happen in their communities. To view the entire article, please click [here](#)

[Click here](#) to view Nelda Brown's Keynote Address
[Click here](#) to hear Joe Kahne's Keynote Address

A Community of Caring: Eureka High School



By Karan Wadhawan
 AmeriCorps*VISTA

The Service-Learning Institute was not only a venue for some great workshops; it brought promising young individuals from around the region to tell their stories about service-learning. Eureka High School in Humboldt County has developed innovative service-

learning projects that they have successfully initiated and implemented. For example, an ingenious high school senior, Trevor David has created a Youth Relay for Life. He developed the idea on the premise that high school students and middle-school students should be actively involved in raising awareness towards cancer, and that they need not wait to enter college, in order to become actively involved. Trevor's unique idea resonates with one of the goal's of service-learning; youth are implementing their own ideas in order to raise youth civic engagement in their own communities.

If you would like to find out more about Youth Relay for Life, please contact Trevor David at youthrelay4life@hotmail.com.

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The key to keeping teens in school: Service-Learning tackles high dropout rates and civic disengagement

By John Bridgeland *The Christian Science Monitor*,
 April 15, 2008 edition

Washington - Every day 7 thousand high school

students drop out of school - and the American high school graduation rate hasn't budged for almost three decades. In an effort to jump-start those rates, General Colin Powell recently announced the development of 100 dropout prevention summits across the US. [Click here to read more](#)

Grant Information

May Grants

[Butler Cooley Excellence in Teaching Awards](#)
[Kinder Morgan Education Foundation Grants](#)
[Earth Island Brower Youth Awards](#)

June Grants

[K-12 Grants for Immigration Education from the American Law Immigration Foundation](#)
[NEA's Learning and Leadership Grants](#)

Service Learning Calendar

April 25-27 - [Global & National Youth Service](#)

April 27-May 3 - [National Volunteer Week](#)

May 3 - [Join Hands Day](#)

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