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COUNTY RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 12TH ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK MARCH 25 - 31

Los Angeles, CA (March 14, 2013) -- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors invites County residents to the 12th Annual L.A. County Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week cultural and educational activities March 25 – 31. Residents may also join County employees in the food drive conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. In addition to cultural events, the County’s employees will be volunteering their time in the community.

Residents are invited to donate food to the L.A. Regional Food Bank or participate in the Food Bank’s virtual food drive. To participate in the food drive, residents can drop food items from March 25 through 29 at the L.A. Regional Food Bank at 1734 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles. Drop off times are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information on the food drive, residents may call (323) 234-3030 x 194. Residents can also donate money to the L.A. Regional Food Bank’s virtual food drive from March 18 through April 1. To donate, visit www.lafoodbank.org/virtual-food-drive. For information on the virtual food drive, email esalazar@lafoodbank.org or call (323) 234-3030 x 174.

“Following Chavez’s example of service to others, we established the County’s Annual Cesar Chavez Community Service Week in 2002 to celebrate the legacy of this American Hero for his lifelong commitment to democracy, justice and service to others”, said Supervisor Gloria Molina, who founded the annual program.

“I can think of no better way for us to honor Cesar Chavez’s memory than to roll up our sleeves and go to work on behalf of our community,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas. “He understood, better than many, that real leadership is committed and consistent service.”

The legacy of Cesar Chavez is also showcased through educational materials that trace his life’s work within the California labor movement to his distinction as one of the world's most respected civil rights advocates. For more information regarding Cesar Chavez community events, contact your local library or visit www.colapublib.org/calendar/events.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARIES AND PARKS
PARTICIPATING IN CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
March 25 – 29, 2013

Public Libraries

Sunkist Library
840 North Puente Avenue, La Puente
(626) 960-2707
Children’s program on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 3:30pm

South El Monte Library
1430 North Central Avenue, South El Monte
(626) 443-4158
Children’s program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 10:30am

Carson Library
151 East Carson Street, Carson
(310) 830-0901
Special edition story-time on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 6:30pm

Graham Library
1900 E. Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles
(323) 582-2903
Family activity day on Thursday, March 29, 2013, 4:00pm

San Fernando Library
217 N. Maclay Avenue, San Fernando
(818) 365-6928
Children’s program on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 6:00pm
Family program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 2:00pm - South American Adventure Program with Georgette Baker (a celebration of Hispanic culture)

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower Street, Bellflower
(562) 925-5543
Family program on Thursday, March 27, 2013, 6:00pm

La Cañada Flintridge Library
4545 North Oakwood Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge
(818) 790-3330
Children's program on Saturday, March 30, 2013, 3:00pm
San Gabriel Library
500 South Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel
(626) 287-0761
Toddler story-time program on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:30am

Check the County Library website for additional events:
http://www.colapublib.org/calendar/events

Parks and Recreation

Obregon Park
4021 East First Street, Los Angeles
Cesar Chavez Arts and Crafts on March 27, 2013, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

City Terrance Park
1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles
Cesar Chavez Arts and Crafts on March 28, 2013, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Roosevelt Park
7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles
Bulletin board displays, arts and crafts, in the Senior Center, March 25-29, 2013, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also at Roosevelt
After-school programs, arts and crafts, word puzzles, history of Cesar Chavez, March 25-29, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Everett Martin Park
35548 North 92nd Street East, Littlerock
Cesar Chavez Family Day in the Park "A Grand New Day" entertainment, family picnics, Folklorico, dancing, and piñatas, March 30, 2013, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Val Verde Park
30300 West Arlington Road, Val Verde/Santa Clarita
Cesar Chavez Celebration, March 27, 2013, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

NOTE TO MEDIA:
For more information, contact (626) 350-4500 or visit www.colapublib.org/chavez

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