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**CALIFORNIAVOLUNTEERS AWARDS SECOND WAVE OF GRANTS TO ESTABLISH
AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE CLUBS IN HONOR OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ**

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Sacramento – In celebration of Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, CaliforniaVolunteers announced the second wave of grants awarded this year to establish afterschool service clubs in middle schools across the state.

“These afterschool service clubs honor the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez by demonstrating the value of connecting with our communities,” said Karen Baker, executive director of CaliforniaVolunteers. “Through teaching kids the value of giving back to their communities, we are planting the seed for a lifetime of service.”

In partnership with Youth Service California, this year CaliforniaVolunteers awarded more than \$2 million in grants for the establishment of 72 afterschool service clubs in Title 1 middle schools across the state.

“The afterschool clubs are an inspiring way for students to learn about the life and values of Cesar Chavez, and to experience the fact that—like Chavez—they can make a difference in the world,” said Mark Batenburg, executive director of Youth Service California.

San Diego Unified School District will receive up to **\$251,600** to establish afterschool service clubs at Alexander Graham Bell, Monroe Clark, Jean Farb, Horace Mann, George W. Marston, Roosevelt International Baccalaureate, William Howard Taft and Wilson middle schools.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools will receive up to **\$188,700** to establish afterschool service clubs at Sequoia, Emerson, Washington, Edison, Di Giorgio and Sunset middle schools.

Ravenswood City School District will receive up to **\$125,800** to establish afterschool service clubs at Cesar Chavez, Belle Haven, Costaño and James Flood Magnet middle schools.

Fresno County Office of Education will receive up to **\$125,796** to establish afterschool service clubs at Tehipite, Scandinavian, El Capital and McCabe middle schools.

Sweetwater Union High School District will receive up to **\$125,576** to establish afterschool service clubs at Castle Park, Chula Vista, Granger Junior and National City middle schools.

Hemet Unified School District will receive up to **\$110,312** to establish afterschool service clubs at Acacia, Santa Fe, Diamond Valley and Dartmouth middle schools.

Tracy Unified School District will receive up to **\$31,450** to establish an afterschool service club at Monte Vista Middle School.

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The Cesar Chavez Day holiday was established in 2000 to honor the life and legacy of labor leader Cesar E. Chavez. CaliforniaVolunteers administers the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning program which includes the grants for service clubs, curricula development to integrate lessons regarding Chavez's life into school day and after school activities and the construction of playgrounds by volunteers in communities across the state.

CaliforniaVolunteers

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state agency that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering. Through the innovative Web site, CaliforniaVolunteers.org, individuals and families can search for volunteer opportunities throughout the state that match their interests. Today, there are over 25,000 volunteer opportunities available throughout California involving the arts, education, animals, disaster preparedness, the environment and other areas of interest. For more information visit: www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

Youth Service California

Youth Service California was founded on the belief that youth service positively impacts a young person's academic and civic potential and strengthens the community. Youth Service California is committed to fostering the growth and effectiveness of youth service and service-learning in California and provides information and other resources to policymakers, community-based organizations, the press and educators. For more information visit: www.yscal.org.

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