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Dear Friends and Supporters:

We would like to invite you to join tens of thousands of people across the country in the Cesar Chavez Campaign by stepping up for social justice in your community. Chavez Day, a holiday in eight states (AZ, CA, CO, MI, NM, TX, UT, WI) and dozens of cities and counties throughout the nation, marks the kick off for the Chavez Campaign providing an opportunity for all students to honor the legacy of Cesar Chavez by getting involved in their communities.

As natural and man-made catastrophes like the economy, the high school dropout, and environmental degradation continue to impact our communities, it is critical now more than ever for young people to become actively involved in bringing about social justice, peace, and environmental sustainability. What better way to continue Cesar's legacy than to empower young people to address social justice issues in their own communities.

With the help of amazing educators and social justice advocates, we have created an age-appropriate, standards-based toolkit to assist you in the exciting work of planning and organizing a Chavez Campaign project. We hope it is a helpful resource!

Don't forget to share your successes and experiences with us through student letters, photos, and other forms of student and participant reflections that we can post on our website and include in our newsletter. We'll be sure to send you a poster and book on Chavez as a small token of our appreciation for your efforts.

Thank you in advance for continuing Cesar's legacy of social justice and non-violence. We look forward to working with you on the Chavez Campaign 2009!

Together, Sí SE PUEDE!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen F. Chavez".

Helen F. Chavez  
Founder