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#### **Capitol Region JusticeCorps to Honor the Legacy of César Chávez**

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

On March 31, 2011, Californians will celebrate the 10th annual César Chávez Day of Service and Learning.

Known locally as the Capitol Region JusticeCorps Program, students from University of California, Davis and Sacramento State University have been serving at the Self-Help Centers of the Placer, **Sacramento** and Yolo County Superior Courts and the University of California, Davis Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic in Woodland since late September.

On this Saturday April 2, in honor of his life and legacy, JusticeCorps will join a park clean up event hosted by the City of Sacramento and its partner, Volunteer Center of Sacramento.

The event starts at 8 a.m. at Fishman's Lake Park located at the corner of Po River Way and Scordia Way in North Sacramento. The event is scheduled to run until approximately 1 p.m. Volunteers will be treated to a light breakfast and lunchtime refreshments. To kick off the event, JusticeCorps members will briefly discuss the legacy of César Chávez.

Cleanup activities include picking up litter, removing invasive plant species, weeding planter beds, caring for young and established trees, and pruning shrubs. A few non-park activities have been planned as well. For example, volunteers will be asked to put together hygiene kits to donate to charities, community information packages and dog/cat toys.

Near the conclusion of the event, members will participate in a group discussion about how their volunteer work relates to the legacy of César Chávez. For JusticeCorps members, the service event will further connect them to the community.

Justice Corps members have made a commitment to serve a minimum of 300 hours at one of the program service sites and volunteer in the community on Martin Luther King Jr and César Chávez Days of Service. Upon completion of the 2010-2011 program year, students will earn a \$1000 education award from AmeriCorps. The Sacramento, Placer and Yolo Superior Courts and the UCD Family Law clinics benefit from these students who assist the public as they come to court, in addition the community benefits from JusticeCorps' commitment to community volunteerism.