

Inland Empire Committee in Support of Salinas Farm Worker Center

613 N. Northcape Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773

We are reaching out to you to ask for your support of the United Farm Workers in its efforts to build a "Salinas Farm Worker Center" in the Salinas Valley which was a dream of Cesar Chavez. We are a group, named the Inland Empire Committee in Support of the Salinas Farmworker Center, who is comprised of individuals that have been members or supported the UFW over the years.

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In the 1970's the Salinas Valley saw the largest farm worker strike in U.S. history resulting in the jailing of Cesar Chavez for two weeks but ultimately winning higher wages for grape and lettuce farm workers. In 1997, 30,000 marched in that area for strawberry workers and there are today 65,000 farm worker families in the Salinas area. The new Farm Worker Center would allow farm workers to meet, learn and receive vital services, such as immigration legal services and Know Your Rights information provided by the UFW Foundation. Now, farm workers themselves have contributed to buy a building in downtown Salinas.

As part of our contribution to support this effort, we are holding a FUNDRAISER TARDEADA on Sunday, October 15 (beginning at 2 PM) at the home of Jerry Ryan (410 Lemonwood Ave. in Redlands, CA). Our special guests will be Arturo Rodriguez, national president of the UFW and UFW co-founder and civil rights leader Dolores Huerta. The cost for the dinner is \$35 for single and \$50 for a couple. Please RSVP to Rose Calderon by October 1 at calderon.rose@gmail.com and send your checks (only cash or checks will be accepted), made out in the name of the United Farm Workers to ATT: Rose Calderon, 613 N. Northcape Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773. You can also send a donation to this same address even if you cannot attend. Attached is a Salinas Farm Worker Center Contribution Form if you wish to donate more. For a tree of justice, a leaf is \$350 and a rock or fruit is \$500. For those contributing to the Tree of Justice or the Black Eagle Honor Wall for this event, the cost of the dinner will be included. For information, call Jerry Ryan at 909-816-1187 or Jose Calderon at 909-952-1640.

Sincerely,

Committee Members in Support of Salinas Farmworker Center