



CHAVEZ SERVICE-LEARNING INSTITUTE HELD IN MIAMI

Miami, FL – The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, in conjunction with Miami-Dade Public Schools, the Florida Alliance for Student Service, and Community Higher Education School Partnership hosted the Cesar Chavez Service-Learning Institute from Oct. 25-27 at Temple Israel of Greater Miami.

The three-day institute consisted of three Educating the Heart Workshops that provided teachers, administrators, students, community members, and parents with the skills, tools, and resources necessary to develop school and community-based service-learning programs that exemplify the values and principles of Cesar Chavez.

Julie Chavez Rodriguez and Francisca Montoya, the Foundation's Programs Director and Arizona Regional Director, respectively, conducted the workshops.

Forty-five educators participated in the first workshop. The workshop provided them with an in-depth understanding of service-learning, the innovative teaching and learning approach that integrates service with academic study to enrich learning, promote service to the community, and provide character education. In addition, they learned how to establish connections between Chavez values and local community issues. They also began planning a Chavez service-learning program in their community.

The second day consisted of a "Train the Trainers" workshop for those interested in equipping other members of their community with specific skills and strategies to plan and develop their own Chavez Service-Learning Training Program.



From left to right: Beverly Roetz, Julie Chavez Rodriguez, Kathy Hersh, Ramona Frischman, and Donnell Haile

Forty-two individuals participated in the intensive workshop, which centered on facilitation do's and don'ts, as well as how to identify viable partners and resources in their community.

On the third day, 185 high school students and their teachers participated in a "Youth Leadership" workshop. They were exposed to the historical development of Cesar as a community leader and engaged in leadership development activities to enhance their own leadership potential.

For more information about Educating the Heart Workshops, please contact Julie Chavez Rodriguez by E-mail at jrodriguez@cecfmail.org or visit <http://chavezfoundation.org/Default.aspx?pi=120>.