



San Fernando Cesar Chavez Memorial Unveiled

San Fernando, Calif. – The City of San Fernando unveiled one of the most significant public-art projects dedicated to the memory of Cesar Chavez in October of this year.

The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation realizes the importance of such initiatives, which provide a powerful vehicle through which to educate and inspire people to carry on and begin incorporating into their own lives Cesar's core values and timeless vision for a better world.

The San Fernando Cesar E. Chavez Memorial consists of four separate art pieces reflecting the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm workers struggle. The memorial includes a fountain in the shape of the UFW's Aztec-inspired eagle, a 6-foot bronze sculpture of Cesar, a sculpture of ten farm workers representing the marchers who arrived at the State Capitol after 340-mile march on April 24, 1966 and a 100 foot mural by local artist Ignacio Gomez. The mural depicts important events in Cesar's life, including a photo of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy supporting Cesar at a mass where he broke his fast.

Hundreds of supporters, including local elected officials, were present at the dedication of the San Fernando Cesar E. Chavez Memorial. Several were recognized for their role in the project's creation and implementation.



Photo by Marco Antonio Torres

The memorial was unveiled by Chair of the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation's Board of Directors Paul F. Chavez. The dedication also included live entertainment and food.

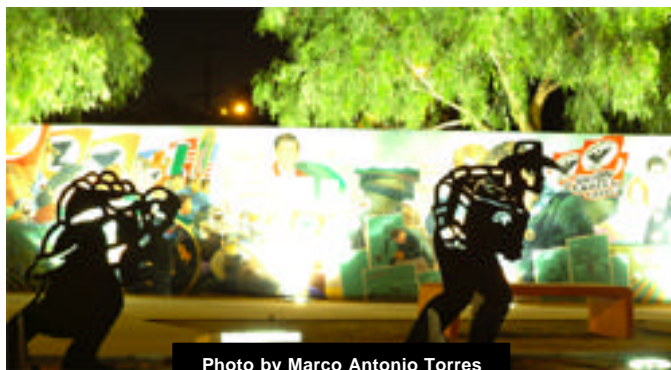


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Major funding for the memorial was provided by the City of San Fernando and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). In addition, the Friends of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial raised funds for the project.

For more information about the San Fernando Cesar E. Chavez Memorial, please visit <http://www.ci.san-fernando.ca.us/> or contact Ron Ruiz, assistant to the city administrator, by phone at (818) 898-1201.

To view more photos, please visit http://www.pbase.com/torres21/chavez_memorial.