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New Santa Paula Youth Center Opens!

CAUSE leaders have been working for years to get more youth programs in Santa Paula, since we began pushing for Measure T sales tax funding to be used to create positive opportunities for young people in our community. CAUSE youth organized a town hall, collected hundreds of surveys, and helped the city create a Youth Council so local young people would have a say in what types of programs they wanted to see in their community. Students shared that they wanted the city to invest in mental health services like youth counseling and therapy, create an internship program that connects youth to job and mentorship opportunities, and to create a teen drop in center that

will be a dedicated safe space for young people to participate in fun activities. After years of youth organizing and advocating, the city agreed to convert the old Las Piedras Park police storefront into a new youth center that will be a hub of youth programs, mental health services, internship opportunities and more! Youth leader Nathan Ramos Rodriguez spoke at the ribbon cutting where he highlighted that this center wouldn't have been created if it wasn't for the all the youth who fought to make this dream come to life!



CAUSE in the Capitol

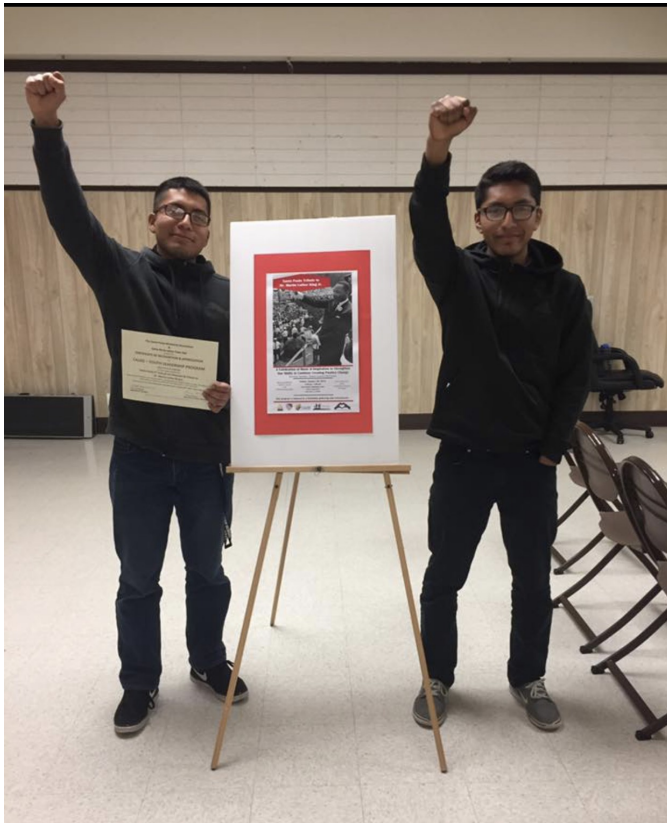
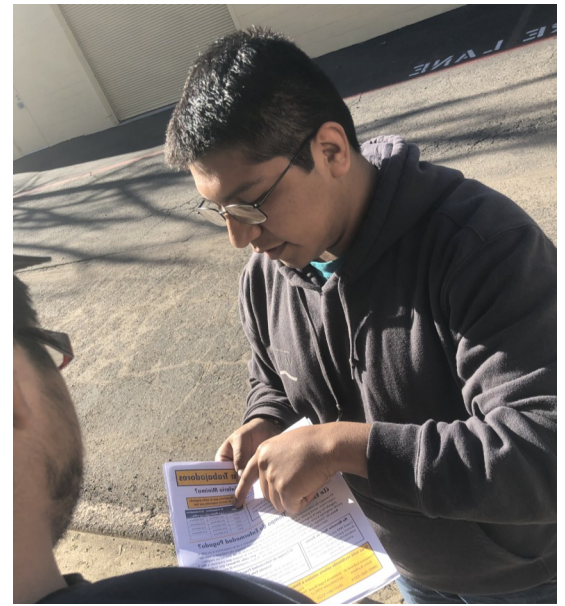
This year dozens of CAUSE leaders traveled to Sacramento to meet with our state legislators and advocate for immigrant rights and environmental justice. We lobbied for legislation that would allow millions of undocumented immigrant adults in California to get healthcare through MediCal to promote a healthier and stronger community. Youth leader Pedro Robles also testified at a legislative hearing for SB 160, where he discussed the impacts the Tomas Fire had on our immigrant communities and that disaster planning should include the needs of everyone!

CAUSE's Mission is to build grassroots power to realize social, economic and environmental justice for the people of the Central Coast region through policy research, leadership development, organizing, and advocacy.

CAUSE's Vision is that together we can create a global community where we all contribute to, and benefit from, a sustainable economy that is just, prosperous and environmentally healthy.

Overtime Canvassing

Farmworkers deserve the same rights as any other worker but have always been excluded from equal rights to overtime pay. That finally starts to change this year thanks to legislation CAUSE worked hard to help pass. This year, field workers get the right to extra overtime pay when they work more than 9.5 hours in a day and more than 55 hours in the week. Every year the amount of hours that you have to work to receive overtime pay will be lowered for half an hour, eventually reaching 8 hours a day or 40 per week in the year 2022. This will happen at the same time as the minimum wage goes up. This year, for companies with 25 or less workers, the minimum wage is \$11.00 an hour, and for companies with 26 or more workers it is \$12.00 an hour. CAUSE youth knocked on doors in Santa Paula neighborhoods and spoke to farmworkers to help inform the community about the new rights for workers.



CAUSE Youth Leaders fundraising at the Santa Paula Martin Luther King Jr. Day event for the CAUSE summer youth internship program.

Cesar Chavez March

CAUSE youth leaders organized a Cesar Chavez Day march where we invited community members to march down Santa Paula Street to honor our local farmworkers, support their ongoing struggles, and remember the legacy of Cesar Chavez and Delores Huerta as champions of workers rights and economic justice!



Get Involved!

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