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Unveiling of El Paso County Healing Garden

Tuesday August 3, 2021 - On August 3, 2019 the community of El Paso was forever changed by a senseless, terrible and painful event. 23 lives were taken that day and many were injured. The pain that was felt in El Paso and across our Border echoed throughout the Nation as we all continue to mourn the beautiful lives that were taken. Dolores Huerta will be joining the community of El Paso for the unveiling of the El Paso County Healing Garden.

When the community's trauma reached its crescendo with August 3, 2019's racially motivated shooting, El Pasoans were already fatigued after rallying together to provide humanitarian aid to an influx of migrants from Central America. The community would go on to record the nation's highest daily case count during the COVID-19 pandemic. The trauma sustained by this community was only overpowered by the strength of their unity. The El Paso County Healing Garden is a step in the healing process for all those who have lost a loved one. Dolores Huerta, Founder and president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation shared, ***"This Garden enshrines the 23 Mexican and Mexican-American martyrs. We must make a living legacy with a commitment to healing, nonviolent actions that will eliminate the racism that took their lives."***

The Healing Garden was created by Judge Samaniego for all El Pasoans and visitors to honor those we lost and to use this space as a place for quiet contemplation and meditation. The Judge wanted to really initiate a movement where the entire community can unite, remember and begin to heal. El Paso is the epicenter of this transformational movement. We have the power to make a meaningful and positive impact throughout the Nation and prevent tragedies such as these from taking place again.

About DHF

The Dolores Huerta Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to inspire and organize communities to build volunteer organizations called Vecinos Unidos chapters empowered to pursue social justice. Vecinos Unidos members develop their community organizing, civic engagement, and leadership skills by working on policy advocacy on issues such as health, environment, education, and youth development in their communities.

Learn more about the Dolores Huerta Foundation at www.doloreshuerta.org.

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