

Farmworker Justice Los Angeles Awards



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A Word from FJ CEO, Ron Estrada

Where would we be without farmworkers? Each and every one of us in this country relies on those who labor in the fields, yet the struggles farmworkers face do not receive nearly enough attention.

Our mission remains as vital as it was when the organization began over 40 years ago. We aim to confront the public health crisis, respond to climate change by advocating for policies that will mediate the effects of pesticide usage, fight against racism and discrimination, and reform the nation's food system all with the goal of building a stronger Farmworker Justice with support from people like you.

Thank you for your support, which has allowed us to continue to advocate for the health and labor protections of farmworkers, their communities, and the food they harvest every year that keeps our country strong and allows us to have food on our tables.



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EVENT PROGRAM



6:00 Welcome and reception

7:00 Program begins

8:30 End of program



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PepsiCo's products rely on crops delivered by thousands of vital agricultural workers. That is why we are proud to support Farmworker Justice who for the past 40 years have worked to improve the lives of and empower migrant and seasonal farmworkers.





California Community Foundation salutes
Farmworker Justice for working to improve
the living and working conditions of
migrant and seasonal farmworkers.



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Devon Franklin

Named by Variety as one of the "Top 10 Producers to Watch" and by Oprah as "a different kind of Spiritual Teacher," DeVon Franklin is a Hollywood Producer and New York Times bestselling author blazing his own unique trail with an unwavering commitment to uplifting the human spirit through entertainment.

DeVon serves as President and CEO of Franklin Entertainment, a dynamic production company in conjunction with Paramount Pictures and CBS TV Studios. He's the driving force behind some of Hollywood's most successful inspirational films including BREAKTHROUGH and MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN, as well as the hit television series KINGDOM BUSINESS for BET, and the soon to be released movie FLAMIN' HOT for Disney. DeVon also serves as a guest relationship expert on the current season of MARRIED AT FIRST SIGHT, and has stepped in front of the camera for his first major film role in the upcoming Lionsgate feature film, JESUS REVOLUTION.

In addition to his work as a producer, DeVon is the author of multiple bestselling books such as THE SUCCESS COMMANDMENTS and his new Audible Original IT TAKES A WOMAN, which is a deeply personal look into the tragedy that transformed his family's life forever.

DeVon serves the greater Hollywood community at large as Vice-President of the Board of Governors for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences and is a graduate of the University of Southern California and lives in Los Angeles.



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Enrique Castillo

Enrique Castillo was born and raised in Calexico, CA. Enrique worked the agricultural fields in the Imperial Valley alongside his father on weekends and holidays. During the summer months, his family migrated north to continue working in the produce industry, and worked in the fields well into his sophomore year in college.

In 1978 Enrique made the move to Hollywood and was cast in the hit play Zoot Suit, also created and directed by Luis Valdez, where he played the lead role of Henry opposite Edward James Olmos. Since then he has appeared in over 60 television shows and feature films.

Enrique work spans theater, music, television, film, and literature. As an author, Enrique's debut novel, The Dead of Summer a suspense crime thriller takes place along the US/Mexico border in the Imperial Valley. The novel is available on Amazon as well as a Kindle version. He has also penned several feature films. Currently, he is in development of his feature For Lorenzo, the story of two Tejanos Civil War Heroes who fought for the Union Army.

Enrique will soon be seen in the feature The Green Ghost, as well as in the films In Other Words, Homebound, Love Kills and Beatriz at Dinner where he stars opposite Salma Hayek. He is currently producing and co-directing the documentary Ugly Little Monkeys about the student Mariachi movement in the U.S.



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Shura Wallin

January 2012 marks the seventh anniversary of the Green Valley/Sahuarita Samaritans. As a co-founder of that humanitarian group, Shura Wallin clearly remembers how it started.

A few months after moving from California to Green Valley in 2000, Shura got involved with Humane Borders, and a couple of years later joined the weekly desert Searches conducted by the Tucson Samaritans. At the first Border Issues Fair, hosted by the Good Shepherd Church in January 2005, several Green Valley residents signed up to volunteer for the organization. Both the Church's Pastor, Randy Mayer, and Shura felt that it was time to form a separate group that would patrol the many migrant trails that crisscross the desert south of Green Valley on both sides of the I-19 corridor.

Now, Shura is devoting 30 to 40 hours a week to her volunteer humanitarian work. A significant percentage of that time is currently spent in Nogales, Sonora where the Samaritans assist migrants deported from the U.S. Once a week, they join the Jesuit priests and the Sisters of the Eucharist who run a shelter called El Comedor, established by the Kino Border Initiative.

"I was dancing with joy. That is why I will continue to do this work as best as I can, as long as I live here. When I look into the faces of the migrants we encounter, my heart begins to sink. When I see a smile across their faces, it is worth every moment of despair I have felt."



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Teresa Romero

The first Latina and first immigrant woman to become president of a national union in the United States. Formerly the union's No. 2 officer as secretary-treasurer, she has years of experience overseeing the complex financial management, administrative, staff recruitment, personnel, fundraising, IT and social media operations of a far-flung organization involved in field organizing, contract bargaining and administration, legislative and legal affairs, and far-reaching international initiatives. Romero worked closely with elected UFW leaders as chair of the union's audit and finance committee. She ran fundraising efforts that collected \$1 million to build the UFW's new state-of-the-art 10,294-square foot facility in Salinas serving the largest concentration of unionized farm workers in the nation.

Teresa Romero is an immigrant from Mexico who is proud of her U.S. citizenship and Mexican and Zapotecan heritage. As President of the United Farm Workers she has been in discussions with the Mexican government to help put emphasis on the dairy and agricultural industries that refuse to hire woman. She is dedicated to change that type of atmosphere and create a system to apply in both the U.S. and Mexico to hire woman while also helping create an environment in which woman are no longer enduring verbal, mental and sexual abuse. Teresa is aware and humbled by the fact that many farmworker women see themselves in her. She's helping pave the way and empowering women. Si Se Puede!



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