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CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Strengthening Communities



Whether it involved leading the drive almost 100 years ago to outlaw child labor in California or serving as mentors in the Boys and Men of Color program in Oakland, CTA has from the start, worked to strengthen the ties that bind our society.

Then again, how could we not? Our members know that education is woven into the very fabric of our nation. They recognize it is their responsibility to make sure each generation is prepared to take on the challenges of the future. As an organization, CTA simply reflects the values of its members, the same values that are at the heart of our communities.

CTA members know that true community outreach is not a onetime event; it is also a philosophy.

To that end, our members are serving in community engagement projects to close the achievement gap in Merced, hosting a “block party” to celebrate Read Across America in Bakersfield, providing backpacks full of school supplies for children in hard-hit Vallejo schools, leading parent workshops, and collecting canned goods for families in need. They have raised funds to purchase solar ovens for earthquake victims in Haiti, partnered with the California Endowment to expand access to affordable quality health care for underserved communities, led school-wide campaigns to curb child obesity, and worked with tribal leaders to encourage more Native American students to go on to college.

Having a broad view of community isn’t about borders or boundaries; it’s about being inclusive and forming relationships, partnerships and alliances with community members, organizations and groups to make things better. After all, it takes a community to build good schools and to ensure all members of society are treated with dignity and respect.

ses·qui·cen·ten·ni·al [ses-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl]
adjective 1. pertaining to or marking the completion of a period of 150 years. *noun* 2. a 150th anniversary or its celebration.



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