

Dolores Huerta

Dolores Huerta is a labor and civil rights activist who founded the National Farmworkers Association in 1962 in partnership with fellow activist Cesar Chavez. The organization was later called the United Farm Workers of America (UFW).

Huerta directed the 1965 UFW Delano, Calif., grape strike, a national boycott that resulted in a three-year collective bargaining agreement in 1970 between the California table grape industry and the UFW.

Huerta has lobbied for many California and federal laws, and received numerous awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights from President Bill Clinton in 1998, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in 2012. Huerta is president of the non-profit Dolores Huerta Foundation, founded in 2002 to promote grassroots community organizing.



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