

UUSD Social Justice Committee

2010-2011 FOCUS: Immigration Reform

GOALS:

- Offer education to the 4 Corners community on
 - immigration history,
 - law,
 - human impact,
 - economics issues,
 - enforcement and
 - local issues

- Utilize a variety of approaches including:
 - newspaper articles and letters to the editor,
 - speakers,
 - radio,
 - forums,
 - films,
 - TV,
 - blogs,
 - contact with government representatives,
 - presence at political forums,
 - offer information in English and Spanish when possible,
 - discussion with friends/family/coworkers,
 - work with other organizations,
 - partner with Common Reading Experience.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ❖ Dave Rich presented forum on “**Modern Day Slavery**”
- ❖ **Vicki Coe and Eddie Soto** attended Committee Meeting to offer their perspectives on our how our committee might proceed
- ❖ Showed “**Crossing Arizona**” twice, followed by discussion and open to the community
- ❖ Held a **brainstorming session attended by 17 community members** involved in immigration issues...from this meeting developed our goals

- ❖ Met individually with representatives of **Companeros, FLC CRE, Durango Herald and the Unity Project**
- ❖ The Durango Herald ran “**Living in the Shadows**”, a 4 days series on immigration
- ❖ **3 letters to the editor** from our group were published
- ❖ **Jen Smyers**, from Church World Services, gave a presentation on Immigration and Spirituality and a workshop on immigration activism at UUFD as well as a presentation on the need for immigration reform at the Durango Recreation Center. Spanish translation was provided at all venues by a volunteer from the Unity Project.
- ❖ **DCAT** Recorded and will televise Jen Smyers presentations
- ❖ **DVD** of Jen’s presentations available for individuals and organizations
- ❖ **Know Your Rights** – Hosted Compañeros’ program to inform immigrants of their rights at UUFD.
- ❖ **Colorado ASSET-** Currently we are working with HEAA (Higher Education Access Alliance) to allow undocumented high school graduates pay in-state tuition for college.
- ❖ **Coalition of Caring Communities** – A member of our committee attends the monthly CCC meetings.