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## **FARMWORKER FOUNDATION AND NAPA VALLEY GRAPEGROWERS FUND MOBILE HEALTH UNIT THROUGH ST. HELENA HOSPITAL**

**NAPA, CA (July 22, 2020)** – The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation (FWF) and Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) announce a partnership with St. Helena Hospital Foundation (SHHF) to increase access to COVID-19 screening for farmworkers. NVG and FWF have jointly funded supplying and staffing a mobile health unit, capable of traveling to vineyard sites and testing up to 100 vineyard workers per day. These funds have secured an initial order of 3,000 pilots tests to be made available throughout harvest to vineyard workers.

“The St. Helena Hospital Foundation established the Mobile Health Unit to provide accessible medical resources to the community. We’ve worked on the project for over a year and to see it used in this way, to provide COVID-19 testing support for our agricultural workforce through the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Farmworker Foundation, I couldn’t be more proud,” said Karen Cakebread, Director for the NVG and SHHF, who helped launch the mobile testing effort, “It is exciting that the synergy between the organizations came together at a time when our community needs creative solutions and quick action to support our work force.”

Since the pandemic was declared in March, the FWF and NVG have dedicated **over \$200,000** to provide comprehensive safety resources in Spanish and English, social distancing vineyard signs, cloth face masks

to over 10,000 farmworkers, and recently launched a statewide bilingual community education campaign via the FWF COVID-19 Task Force. Providing critical access to testing is an important piece to ensure the continued health and wellbeing of Napa's farmworkers. With the Mobile Health Unit launched, NVG and FWF continue to develop plans for increasing testing capabilities and opportunities in the community, to prevent COVID-19 and keep workers safe.

For information on the FWF COVID-19 Task Force, please refer to [www.napagrowers.org](http://www.napagrowers.org)

To speak with an NVG or FWF representative regarding the mobile testing van, please email [info@napagrowers.org](mailto:info@napagrowers.org)

### **About the Napa Valley Grapegrowers**

The Napa Valley Grapegrowers is a non-profit trade organization that has played a vital role in strengthening Napa Valley's reputation as a world-class viticultural region for 45 years. Its mission is to preserve and promote Napa Valley's world-class vineyards. NVG represents 726 Napa County grape growers and associated businesses. Visit [Napa Valley Grapegrowers](http://www.napavalleygrapegrowers.com) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

### **About the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation**

Founded by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers in 2011, the mission of the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is to support and promote Napa Valley's vineyard workers through education and professional development. The Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation is the only one of its kind in the United States, providing educational opportunities, advanced training programs, leadership and management classes, English literacy programs, and much more. To date, the Farmworker Foundation has offered education and professional development opportunities to more than 21,000 vineyard workers and their families. Visit [Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation](http://www.napavalleyfarmworkerfoundation.org) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)