

## Día de Los Muertos



### SteppingUP's CAP students volunteered at the annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration

The celebration is a chance to remember and honor those who have passed with *altares* (altars) while celebrating the rich and colorful Latino culture. El Centro Cultural de Mexico and Calacas on 4th Street in Santa Ana sponsored the event and were looking for volunteers to help with the larger setup.

SteppingUP's Academic Advisors took the request to their students who immediately jumped at the chance to volunteer. Twenty-four SteppingUP participants worked all morning to make sure the festival was setup in time for the community to enjoy the festivities. The students were assigned to different tasks including unloading vehicles, directing traffic, folding programs and making decorations. When they were done, they wanted to do more. Instead of opting to go home after their morning shift was over, the students decided to stay and help people build their altars. SteppingUP students genuinely enjoy giving back to their communities and are always happy to help when the opportunity presents itself.

