

## REMEMBER THEM: CHAMPIONS FOR HUMANITY

The *Remember Them: Champions for Humanity* educational monument will be an inspiring, larger-than-life bronze sculpture depicting 25 culturally diverse role models who have made significant contributions toward global peace, freedom and human rights over the past 150 years. Slated for completion in 2011, the full-size educational monument will be installed in a new park in a busy downtown Oakland neighborhood, and promises to draw tens of thousands of students annually from Oakland and the Bay Area. Measuring 52 feet long and 25 feet high, this will be the largest bronze monument in the western United States.

A bold new vision for education and community development:

- Young people become inspired by the life lessons of humanitarians of differing ethnicity, gender, religion, race, sexual orientation, and nationality.
- Each relates to a different humanitarian, in whom they see themselves in some way.
- Learning about these humanitarians then helps young people of today to overcome their own challenges to become leaders themselves.
- Our youth see hope and promise in their future, and a path toward making positive change in their world.
- Young people and adults move beyond mere “tolerance” and toward the full embrace of diversity.

*“Remember Them will become as iconic as the Golden Gate Bridge.”*

**Ken McNeely**  
President. AT&T California

Based in Oakland, CA, *Remember Them: Champions for Humanity* is a multi-faceted educational initiative to inspire the public – particularly young people – to deepen their personal commitment to humanitarian values and actions in their own lives and communities.

- *Remember Them* has several key educational elements in addition to the monument:
- A high-school curriculum has been developed with the MLK Institute at Stanford University. This curriculum incorporates service learning, and has students examine their own interests in human rights, diversity, peace, and social justice. The Oakland Unified School District piloted this curriculum in 2009 which will be accessible at no cost at [www.remember-them.org](http://www.remember-them.org).
- The *Remember Them* Apprenticeship Program partners with the YMCA of the East Bay to engage youth in humanitarian research and art exploration.
- The *Remember Them* website will be a repository for free downloads of curricular materials and newly-created content on the humanitarians on the educational monument, for those unable to see it in person.
- Future phases include a K-8 curriculum, traveling exhibit and a PBS documentary.

*Remember Them* encourages us to not only explore the lives of humanitarians honored on the monument and in the curriculum, but also challenges us to make our contributions to causes within our own communities and beyond.

It is this ethic that drives our mission to complete a \$7.9 million campaign to build the educational monument and launch key curricular materials in public schools throughout the Bay Area.

*Remember Them* utilizes the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit fiscal sponsor for all phases of this project.

