

## **Hopes for the Future of Chula Vista**

*Stacey Kurz*

In the community of West Chula Vista, Stacey Kurz, a senior project coordinator for Chula Vista found that one of the highlights of the community would be the growing diversity within the area. Chula Vista is the second largest community within the San Diego metropolitan area, housing 243,916 people. Because it's a growing community, one of the things that Stacey hopes for is to create and build on that diversity by expanding and making the culture even bigger than it already is. Stacey believes that more diversity will attract more people to live and join the community expanding the range of West Chula Vista citizens.

There is also a need for a more suitable communication system within the area. This is one of the major needs so that concerns within the community can be better addressed and discussed both quicker and more efficiently. Improving this would be beneficial for the people as well. Helping the people have a better understanding on what's going on and what's happening in the community will give citizens more awareness on upcoming projects. It's also a way to reach out to the community for help on any additional projects.

Another need for the future would be to create more art. Creating more art would give Chula Vista an even bigger personality than it already has and will create an artistic culture for the community. Not only would this be a way to get more artists engaged in their own community, but it will also draw the eyes of more people outside of West Chula Vista.

One project that was put in motion and was starting to be acted upon was helping to activate healthy living in the area. This was created by Stacey and would help better the citizens health within Chula Vista. In the project she coordinated with Castle Park Middle School to help make the area a healthier community. Through creating a healthier Chula Vista is still a progress, Stacey hopes that from these actions being taken there will be a significant change within the community.

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