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day worker center of mountain view



RELIABLE WORKERS, READY TO SERVE



New Home

Thanks to you, our dream came true: we have our own home! More than 300 people attended the Open House on Nov. 18, a sign of the community's overwhelming welcome. Best of all, we moved in debt-free, thanks to you and your donations, the extremely hard work of our Capital Campaign Committee, and the gifts we received from many individuals, foundations and the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Palo Alto, as well as Santa Clara County. Together we built it!

We'd love to see you. Call or visit during our **new hours**:

**113 Escuela Avenue
(650) 903-4102
Monday – Saturday, 7 AM – 5 PM**

❧ ¡Muchas Gracias! ❧

Thank you so much for being our friend and supporter.

It has been an amazing year, and together we achieved an incredible accomplishment and milestone for the community: the Day Worker Center has its own home! I hope you can visit us soon.

— Maria Marroquin, Executive Director

IMPROVING LIVES

From our new home, the Day Worker Center continues to shine a brilliant light. Fulfilling our mission, the Center connects day workers and employers with dignity, in a safe and supportive environment.

* We are blessed with a multitude of volunteers from all walks of life who teach ESL, computer and other job skills, organic gardening, sewing, and arts and crafts. These generous souls have contributed more than 8,235 hours this year! High school and university students also give their time. They support us in countless ways, and learn about the Center in the process.

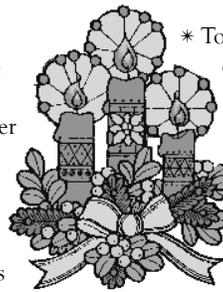
* Workers waiting for jobs – around 93 a day – learn English, first aid, job site safety, and computer, and other skills.

* Hearty, nutritious meals are prepared each day by workers for other workers while they wait for jobs. For some, it is their only hot sustenance of the day.

* To help keep workers healthy, free medical care is available weekly through Gardner Mobile Medical Clinic. The Center also arranges free dental care, eye care, and legal services for the workers.

* The word continues to spread about our reliable, honest workers. More than 430 new employers hired workers from the Center this year, and we matched workers with employers for more than 6,230 jobs.

Because of the Day Worker Center, people find jobs, support their families, build better lives.



Ooh, Baby!

Fingers and crochet hooks fly as women at the Day Worker Center create downy, soothing blankets for premies in the Neonatal Unit at Stanford's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital — 60 so far!

These "Spider Girls," as Maria affectionately calls them, weave wondrous webs with their crochet hooks and fingers.

Yarn donations for the project are greatly appreciated.

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Victoria Verde: A Bounteous Harvest

In this “green” project of the Day Worker Center, everyone is victorious! Funded by the Presbyterian Committee Self-Development of People, the program has several components. First, workers learn “green,” organic gardening techniques from Master Gardener volunteers, which grows the laborers’ valuable skills and job opportunities. Then teams of gardeners and workers are linked with seniors, who volunteer their unused land. The team uses organic methods

to prepare the land and plant vegetables. Once-fallow land is transformed into a burgeoning organic garden.

Even people not directly involved in the project win. Your neighborhood has less vacant land, and the environment gains more oxygen-producing plants – and everything is produced by “green” gardening. It’s an all-around victory!

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

DONATE TO THE DAY WORKER CENTER AND WE’LL PUT YOUR MONEY TO GOOD USE. HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW WE STRETCH YOUR DOLLARS.

\$20

buys meals for 100 day workers *for one day!*

\$60

buys materials for the ESL volunteer teachers *for two weeks!*

\$100

keeps the Center’s doors open and lights on *for an entire week!*

MAIL YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHECK IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, OR DONATE BY PAYPAL AT OUR WEBSITE.



DAY WORKERS GIVE BACK

The Center’s laborers give innumerable hours of their own time to benefit the community because they care about people and the environment.

* **They care about people.** Workers and volunteers donate an astounding 60 pints of blood a year on average when we host drives for the Stanford Blood Center. Each pint saves as many as three lives. And that’s blood from the heart. Explains executive



director Maria Marroquin, “When you have nothing else to give, you give of yourself.”

* **They know everyone counts.** Working with the Census Bureau, workers encouraged their neighbors to complete forms, ensuring a higher rate of participation in the 2010 Census.

* **They know their help is needed.** Repairing houses for low-income people through the Building Together Peninsula program, workers find a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment.



* **They care about education.** As special event set-up and clean-up pros, the Day Worker Center laborers are of great assistance to local schools and cities for their events.

* **They care about the environment.** In cooperation with Mountain View Trees, workers planted saplings in

front of the Buddhist temple on Shoreline. At our new home, they prepared the soil, planted trees and bushes, and continue to maintain the grounds. In “Clean Sweep,” teams of laborers toil to gather trash, sprucing up streets of Mountain View and Los Altos. This monthly program is part of National Service Campaign through with the National Day Labor Organizing Network in which day laborers across the nation perform services for their communities.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Our ecumenical philosophy is richly rewarding. Schools and religious organizations strongly support our mission and often request a speaker from the Day Worker Center so that they might learn more about our valuable work in the community.



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