

# day worker center of mountain view



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## The Center has extended hours!



Maria and the sign to give notice of pending changes to our schedule.

The Center has extended hours! Changes in our conditional use permit were approved. We can now remain

open until 9pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for educational purposes. For hiring workers, we will continue to close at 5pm. We are also able to hold Sunday garage sales four times per year.

During the day it is often difficult for workers to take advantage of opportunities and trainings since going to work is their first priority. Most people do not work in the evenings, however. We have already started a biweekly evening computer class, taught by Sergio, a volunteer.

With these hours we'd also like to hold more community events, such as movie screenings. In March we

screened A Better Life, a movie that features a day worker and his son. The workers saw their experiences reflected in the movie, and community members saw another side of the day worker experience. The discussion that followed was eye opening. We want to host more events like this!

## Volunteer appreciation

Without volunteers, the Center would fall apart. They teach ESL, manage our databases, maintain the website, take on graphic design projects, and much more. With only 2 full time and 2 part time staff members, the only way we do everything we do is through the generosity and dedication of volunteers.

In order to honor all their hard work, on May 20<sup>th</sup> the Center held a long overdue Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue in Rengstorff Park. Mi Pueblo donated food, and Country Gourmet,

Hobee's, Pier 39, Laser Quest, Clocktower Coffee, and Yoogl Yogurt all donated raffle items. We are very thankful for their support.

Volunteers received cards and small gifts of traditional Mexican cookies, and Maria and three other workers danced ballet folklorico and sang. We also barbecued of course and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the workers.

Thank you, volunteers! We are deeply grateful to you.



One of our wonderful ESL teachers and the daughter of one of the workers.



The entertainment: Maria and three workers.

## Our Mission

The Center's mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment to connect day workers and employers. In addition, the Center strives to empower day workers and improve their socio-economic condition through fair employment, education, job skills training, and community service. The Center also supports advocacy efforts on issues that affect day workers.

## News briefs

### Immigration Reform March

On May 1<sup>st</sup> participants gathered in Rengstorff Park to march against Secure Communities and for immigration reform and against Secure Communities. Over 150 people marched from the park to Showers Ave, then down El Camino to Castro Street and finishing at City Hall. The march was organized by St. Joseph's Church, the Day Worker Center of Mountain View, and Community in Action.



## Upcoming events

Ongoing, 5:30pm - Evening computer classes

June 5 & 6, 2pm - NDLO training

July 4, 10:30am - Los Altos Glorious 4th

July 6, 6pm - Los Altos First Friday

July 14 & 15, 10am - Los Altos Art & Wine Festival

### Video Training

Thanks to a grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the hard work of Elliot and Julio, five workers and one staff member took a two day video training taught by Julio at the MidPeninsula Media Center. They learned both how to take video and use iMovie for editing. Check out their first video at [youtube.com/user/dayworkercentermv](http://youtube.com/user/dayworkercentermv)



### Castilleja Fundraiser

Students from Castilleja High School worked hard to organize a Dance Showcase and Fundraiser for the DWC, which was held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Local dance teams performed in addition to Maria and a few of the workers. Workers also exhibited their skills in knitting, crocheting, painting, shoe-making, and jewelry-making, and sold items they had made. In total the amount fundraised was over \$1600. Thank you Hannah, Sarah, and Joseph for organizing a wonderful evening!



### Microsoft Computer Lab

We are extremely grateful to the people at Microsoft, who have very generously donated six laptops, a printer, headphones, Windows 7 and Microsoft Office, and Rosetta Stone software to the Center. This equipment will form our new Microsoft Computer Lab, and opens up many opportunities for the workers: computer classes, independent English study, looking for jobs, and staying in touch with family.



## Job development



Filming the commercial.

In March a group of dedicated volunteers began to meet on Fridays with the goal of bringing more jobs to the Center. At the beginning of April, we hired one of the group members, Jasmine, as our job developer. Jasmine began volunteering at the Center in November of last year, and has helped with

blogging classes, taught ESL, tutored children, and more.

Now as our job developer, she leads and coordinates all the projects the group has brainstormed. Two volunteers, Vanessa and William, help her get everything done. Most recently she has been working with KMVT to produce three commercials, which have already started airing on KMVT, Comcast Channel 15 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.

"It's been amazing volunteering and working for the Center! There's no "typical day", which keeps me busy and fulfilled. Some days I lead the Public Speaking lesson or research job skills

classes for the workers, other days I develop flyers, call community groups to schedule speaking events or meet with volunteers interested in getting the word out about the Center. I have learned a lot in a few short months, and am so grateful for this experience."

Unfortunately Jasmine will be leaving us mid-June. We are sorry to see her go, but as Maria says, the Center is a magical place. Somehow lucky coincidences come together. In this case, someone perfect for the job has already found us. Brianna, a community service work study student from Stanford, will join the team and take over Jasmine's work in June.