



day worker center of mountain view

Reliable Workers, Ready to Serve

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Felices Fiestas!

From all of us at the Day Worker Center ... Gracias!

If you ... hired workers ... donated money, goods or time ... spoke up to advocate for us ... or just stopped in to visit ... **you** were a significant part of the Day Worker Center's 13th year. We cherish your friendship!

Reflecting on 2009

- Our summer matching grant campaign was a huge success, thanks to more than 100 generous donors who out-stripped our goal of \$7,500 by \$1,500!
- As a result, our benefactor offered another challenge for our year-end appeal, and will **match all gifts up to \$5,000 until December 31**.
- We continue to shine a beacon in the darkness. Because of the Day Worker Center, people find jobs, support their families, build better lives.
- Fulfilling our mission, the Center connects day workers and employers, with dignity, in a safe and supportive environment.
- In multiple service projects throughout the year, workers give back to the community.
- Workers also learn English and improve their job skills.

Meeting Challenges

- All of us were challenged by the economy this year, but even with this hardship we matched workers with employers for almost 5,850 jobs.
- So far this year, more than 370 new employers came to the Center. But many more people are waiting for work



each day — soaring to 111 this year from 77 a day in 2008.

Improving Lives

- While waiting for jobs, workers can learn English: volunteers generously donate as many as 19 hours of ESL training each week. Workers also learn first aid, job site safety, and computer skills.
- Every day, workers eat a hot lunch cooked by other workers. For some, it is the only hot meal of the day.
- Gardner Mobile Medical Clinic offers free medical care every week, and we frequently arrange free dental and eye care, as well as legal services.
- We are blessed with the support of many wonderful volunteers. As of September, our volunteers had already contributed 6,000 hours.



*As one worker, **Josefina Martinez** says, "My perspective of life recently changed when I visited the office of Nancy Pelosi in Washington, DC, as a participant of the Fifth Assembly of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, because I was able to speak about my concerns and ideas for improvement."*

Giving Back

- The Day Worker Center hosts drives for the Stanford Blood Center four times a year, with workers and volunteers giving an average of 16 pints of blood a visit!
- On Coastal Cleanup Day, workers picked up huge amounts of trash from a section of Stevens Creek in Mountain View. (The coast includes inland waterways.)
- Workers tilled and turned over soil at the Senior Center Garden so that the older adults could plant their



- vegetables and flowers.
- Local schools benefitted greatly by workers landscaping and helping out with special events.
- Workers helped distribute food in East Palo Alto.

Community Awareness

- Did you see the Day Worker Center van roll down Castro Street in Mountain View's Spring Parade?
- Workers set up for and cleaned up after the annual Los Altos-Los Altos Hills 4th of July Celebration.



- Santa Clara County bestowed its Human Relations Award for 2009 on the Day Worker Center.
- The Center received the "Outstanding Organization" award for 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce Mountain View "Celebration of Leaders" dinner.

Together We Will Build It

- We are excited about the progress leading to renovating and moving to our new home at 113 Escuela Avenue in Mountain View. In May, the City Council unanimously approved our conditional use permit. Project director Dave Luedtke and NexGen Contractors will start renovating as soon as our building permit is approved.
- In the spring of 2010 we hope to move to our new home, where we will be able to accommodate more workers and expand our services.
- We gratefully thank the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills, as well as Santa Clara County for their financial support for the new building that will become our home.



It takes all of us to maintain our successful Center. We salute the volunteers, donors, employers, and all who give us such loving support. Thank **you** for being in our lives!

Maria Marroquin

Executive Director

P.S. — Please help us reach our matching grant goal. Donate by December 31 and your generosity is *doubled!* Use PayPal at www.dayworkercentermv.org/donate.php to make your tax-deductible donation.