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RELIABLE WORKERS  READY TO SERVE

# day worker center of mountain view

## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Could you use an extra hand or two in the garden? Do you need help hanging seasonal decorations, or getting your house sparkling for company? The Center’s workers are here to help year-round! Let us match you with the right worker for your job. All members of our Day Labor Collective are registered with the Center, and many have a long history of reliable and courteous service. Check our [website](#) to see all of the ways we can help and find answers to other frequently asked questions. Ready to reserve a worker? Simply call **650.903.4102** or visit our [website](#).

### The Right Tool for the Job

Employers occasionally don’t have the necessary tools when they hire one of our knowledgeable, hardworking compañeres. When our new **Tools Library** becomes available, laborers will be able to “check out” the right equipment for your job.

Do you have the knowledge to help us design and build an enclosed wooden shed to secure our **Tools Library**? Volunteer by calling **650.903.4102**.

### The Art of Compost

Workers recently increased their job skills by learning how to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into healthy garden fertilizer. A Master Composter from [UC’s Compost Education Program of Santa Clara County](#) showed workers how to build compost piles and worm bins, and how to apply the finished fertilizer in landscapes and gardens. With more practice and experience workers, hope to offer their composting skills to employers in the future.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Three years into the pandemic much of the country has moved on, but the number of workers hired through the Center remains very low. From January through October this year, **262** compañeres served **1,108** employers.

See our website for the many services our reliable workers offer that can help you get the job done! Workers follow Santa Clara County’s Health Department COVID guidelines.



## Seniors Helping Seniors

Two groups with unmet needs inspired the Day Worker Center’s **Seniors Helping Seniors** project.

Executive Director María Marroquin explains that community seniors often need assistance with tasks like gardening, laundry, or cleaning but, given limited social security income, may find hiring help too costly. Senior workers who could provide that help are

sometimes passed over in the hiring process by employers who mistakenly believe younger workers are better. Says María, “Actually, older workers are often more experienced—and more committed to working, since they’ve been passed over so many times.”

**Seniors Helping Seniors** is a win-win project: senior employers receive needed help and senior day laborers gain more work.

A generous grant from the [Kiwaniis Club of Mountain View](#) covers the \$50 voucher for the worker’s labor.

If you’re 65 or older and need a hand with a house or yard task, call **650.903.4102** to sign up at least a day in advance to make sure a senior worker is available for your project.

# Healthy Meals To Go

COVID-19 threw the Center yet another curveball when we could no longer offer dine-in hot meals for workers. But we adapted on the fly to provide take-away meals.

Our cooks whomp up nutritious, balanced meals six days a week for families in need—more than **15,250** meals from January through October this year. Breakfast and lunch are available Monday through Saturday.

Included are tasty favorites like nopales, made from prickly-pear cactus paddles, and home-made tortillas. As part of our sustainability efforts, all utensils and take-out trays are compostable.



## 26TH ANNIVERSARY: "WORKERS IN YOUR HEART"

The October sky may have been gray, but the company was lively when the Day Worker Center honored day laborers and their families and celebrated 26 years of service. An enthusiastic crowd at Mountain View's Civic Center Plaza enjoyed song and dance performances,



Visit our beautifully redesigned [website](#) for more celebration photos, as well as a full list of the singers, dancers, musicians, and representatives who took part in our star-studded party.

ate cake, and offered thank-you messages to day workers.

The Day Worker Center has been improving lives since setting out in 1996 to connect employers and workers in a safe, supportive environment. The Center empowers day laborers to improve their socioeconomic condition through fair employment, education, and job skills training, while offering job-matching services for homeowners and businesses who



## CHANGE LIVES!

Use these links to support the Day Worker Center's job-matching service and other valuable programs, such as worker training and Healthy Meals.



If you'd prefer to donate by check, please mail it to the address at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for your generous support!

need reliable, hardworking, and trustworthy people to help with their tasks.

A huge bouquet of thanks to everyone who took part in our 26th anniversary celebration—especially Jack Owicki at Pro Bono Photo for [recording](#) this magical day.

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