



FALL 2023

RELIABLE WORKERS  READY TO SERVE



day worker center of mountain view

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Looking for an extra set of hands in your garden or assistance with seasonal decorations? Whether it's sprucing up your home for guests, a construction job, moving, house cleaning the skilled workers are available year-round! We can connect you with the worker with the right skills for the job. All members of our Day Labor Collective are registered with the Center, offering a history of reliable and courteous service. Visit our [website](#) to explore the ways we can assist you and find answers to common questions. Ready to reserve a worker? Just give us a call at **650.903.4102** or visit our [website](#).

Green Tool Library Coming Soon

Exciting news! With the implementation of legislation banning gas-powered tools in California starting January 1st, 2024, the Day Worker Center is delighted to introduce our Electrical Tool Lending program. The workers will be officially certified by the American Green Zone Alliance to operate this eco-friendly equipment. We can't wait to offer you these green tools, ensuring the workers are ready to enhance the beauty of your homes.

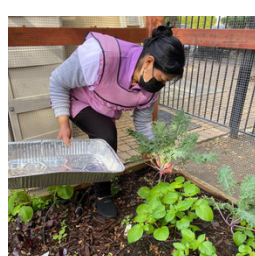
More Exciting News

To enhance our workforce development program, we've introduced three new initiatives. The technology program is in full swing, with day workers engaging in in-person classes to acquire valuable computer skills. Additionally, we are forming partnerships with other organizations to launch our Sustainable Gardening Program and Bike Maintenance Repair program, with the goal of providing workers with a range of skills for increased job opportunities and better serve YOU.

DID YOU KNOW?



Since reopening our doors after the pandemic, we have been dedicated to offering the day workers' services to employers. So far, during 2023, in the field of workforce development, we have connected nearly **300** workers with over **1,000** employers for a total of **7,788** job placements. Our ongoing objective is to continue expanding work opportunities for day workers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support!



OUR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

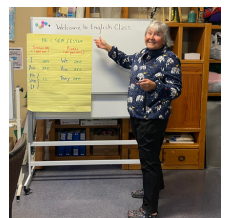
Our wonderful Gwen Smith was honored as Volunteer of the Year during the **2023 Celebration of Leaders & ATHENA Awards** by the **Mountain View Chamber of Commerce**.



Gwen's exceptional contributions make her an invaluable asset to our community. We express our sincere appreciation to Gwen, an outstanding volunteer and the ESL program coordinator at the Day Worker Center, whose unwavering commitment, diligence, and meticulous approach have been indispensable to the program's success since 2014.

Gwen's pivotal role in crafting curriculum, efficiently managing volunteers, and conducting classes has left a profoundly positive impact, not only within our Center but also on the lives of day workers. Her consistently surpassing contributions make collaborating with her a true pleasure. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Gwen for her exceptional efforts and willingness to go above and beyond. Beyond her role in ESL coordination, Gwen has also engaged in resume workshops, job interview sessions, and currently helps serve lunch on Saturdays.

Now, returning to in-person ESL classes post-reopening, Gwen's dedication is eloquently echoed in her quote: "Teaching English to day workers is often a highlight of my week. These men and women, their stories, and life experiences inspire me. Being a volunteer enriches my life and connects me to our Mountain View community. Si se puede con amor!"



We are Officially Back

The Center reopened its doors to the public on April 3rd, 2023, making a significant milestone post the COVID-19 pandemic closure. The challenges posed by COVID prompted us to embrace alternative communication methods and explore new ways of staying connected. Returning to in-person interactions holds special significance for us as a community-built organization. Even as we continue to utilize digital platforms for connectivity, the ability to see each other in person brings the best of both worlds!

Since the beginning of the year, our fully operational kitchen has served almost **14,000** healthy meals. A big thank you to our dedicated kitchen compañeras for their hard work and culinary expertise.

Additionally, our office staff has grown with some fantastic new members. Evelyn Estrada is the new member of our kitchen. Angelica Saldivar has joined us as our first administrative assistant, Edith Gomez as Education and Outreach Coordinator, and after the completion of his degree, we welcome back Luis de la Concha as our Programs Coordinator. Welcome to the team!



27TH ANNIVERSARY: “EL CENTRO DE TODOS”

On November 16, 2023, we joyously marked our 27th anniversary at the Garden House in Los Altos, bringing together community members and friends to celebrate day laborers and their families under the theme “El Centro de Todos | A place for everyone.”



After being physically distanced from our beloved community due to the pandemic, the joy of reconnecting fueled the festivities. We shared cake, soft drinks, danced, and listened to music. The evening featured the premiere of the documentary “Dreams and Detours,” produced by Elliot Margolies. A panel discussion followed, led by some of the workers featured in the 2011 documentary “Borderless Dreams” - Josefina, Marco, Evelyn, Armando, Elliot & Flor, were part of our wonderful panel. The conversation was led by the esteemed journalist and long-time friend of the center, Celina Rodriguez. The conversation was translated by our dearest Dr. Alice A Miano from Stanford University.

The compañero’s stories illuminated the pandemic’s impact on them and the Center’s unconditional support, reminding us of how beautiful, strong and resilient our day labor community is and how much they contribute to the beauty of our world.

A poignant moment paid tribute to those who have passed, including the revered Alberto Resendiz, fondly known as Don Beto, who dedicated two decades of his hard work and existence as a reliable worker ready to serve.

Laughter, camaraderie, and memories filled the day, with Erwin Choc serenading the crowd with his original song “El Centro de Todos,” composed expressly for the Center. It was a splendid celebration, honoring our labor community- “que vivan los jornaleros!”



CHANGE LIVES!

Use these links to support the Day Worker Center’s job-matching service and other valuable programs, such as workers trainings 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!

Heartfelt gratitude extends to all who joined in the celebration, with a special acknowledgement



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