MI HOUSING UPDATE

As the housing crisis continues to grow so does MI’s dedication to offering a solution. For the past 7 years, MI has offered permanent day laborer housing in the community of Redwood City. Thanks to collaboration with community partners, MI has been able to offer day laborers a unique opportunity to live in a welcoming home coined “Casa de Paz y Bien” (House of Peace and Good). MI is happy to announce that it is in the process of purchasing the “Casa de Paz y Bien” home, confirming MI’s commitment to providing permanent housing opportunities for the day laborer community. MI’s housing service also provides day laborers various leadership, workforce development and community building opportunities. Here is what day laborer Yovany, the “Casa de Paz y Bien” manager, had to say about his experience managing the house:

“I thank MI for their unconditional support during the last few years. Thank you for giving me a place to live, work, access computer courses and for helping me get health coverage. This opportunity has not only increased my confidence, but it has allowed me to develop as a leader.”

Purchasing this home will allow MI to expand its services within the Life Skills/Day Laborer Program. Some ideas include to strengthen program strategies and offer services aimed for domestic workers to accompany women in their job search in the peninsula. MI looks forward to the endless possibilities!

BICYCLE PROGRAM

Through our partnership with the C.A.R.O.N program of the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office and SamTrans, we have gifted 92 bicycles in the past year alone to Day Laborers in our programs and to other low income individuals in the community. More than 335 bicycles have been distributed since 2016 to date.
WORKSHOPS IN THE COMMUNITY

During daily street outreach, staff provides various services to the day laborer community including street workshops that cover an array of topics. Some of these topics include immigrant’s rights and work safety. MI’s partner the Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) hosted on-the-street workshops in September. Attorneys from CLSEPA joined staff in North Fair Oaks and San Carlos, where the men in our program congregate to look for work, to facilitate Tenant’s Rights and Worker’s Rights workshops. Thank you to CLSEPA for supporting this program!

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