



# Multicultural Institute

## West Berkeley Program Update

NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN ; HOLIDAY SPECIAL



### Navidad Jornaleria

Christmas time is to enjoy with family and loved ones. Unfortunately for the majority of day laborers, their families are in other countries or not with them physically. MI continues to provide a space where day laborers can feel appreciated and amongst family. The day laborer Christmas event was done at all three MI locations; West Berkeley, Richmond, and North Fair Oaks. During the event MI provided a Christmas lunch which included traditional tamales, Christmas presents for all day laborers and families that attended, and other helpful and much needed gifts; such as blankets, sleeping bags, and tools to name a few.



### 19th Annual Dinner Fundraising Event

MI would like to thank all the sponsors, supporters and guests that attended the 19th Annual Dinner this December. Everyone that attended had an amazing time enjoying marvelous food, pleasant company, and great music. MI supporters truly made this a memorable event.



**For more information  
Visit our website at:  
[www.mionline.org](http://www.mionline.org)**

Also, like our Facebook Page and subscribe to our Youtube Channel!



### Day laborer Thanksgiving Lunch

In November, MI hosted the traditional Day laborer Thanksgiving lunch and soccer tournament with the help of about 50 volunteers at the James Kenney Recreation center. A delicious meal was prepared and distributed for over 100 day laborers. This event brings day laborers together to experience a real Thanksgiving dinner and the sense of community. This wonderful event was covered in the Berkeley Times; Vol.5, No.3 edition.



### Holiday Basket Giveaway with the Lions Club

A wonderful collaboration brought together the West Berkeley Lions Club and MI this holiday season. Together the Lions and MI distributed 50 holiday food boxes, enough to benefit over 200 individuals. The Lions donated all the ingredients necessary for this delicious Christmas meal package and helped put together the boxes, as well as distribute them at the MI office. Thank you Lions for all your support and generosity!



## About MI

Founded in 1991 the Institute enjoys successful partnerships with public, non-profit, and business entities as well as various community organizations.

The Multicultural Institute is a tax-exempt, charitable, nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-exempt as allowed by law. Federal Tax ID# 91-1823468.



### West Berkeley Office:

1920 Seventh Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
(510) 848-4075

**Berkeley Day Labor Program:** (direct) (510) 847-8714

*We accompany immigrants in their transition  
from poverty and isolation to prosperity and participation.*

## Support our work!

### DONATE

Your donation is tax deductible and no donation is too small!

Use our mailing address or the secure pay-online service found on our website: [mionline.org](http://mionline.org)

### VOLUNTEER

Contribute with your time and talents for special events or on an ongoing basis. Assist youth with their writing or immigrant workers with their English.

## HIRE A WORKER

The Multicultural Institute connects homeowners, contractors and event planners with an extra pair of hands. We are not involved in actual hiring or payment; and it is not our role to check laborers' work eligibility or provide worker's compensation insurance.

Reserve affordable and reliable laborers for your construction, moving, hauling, gardening, set-up, clean-up, painting, house cleaning and more.

Day laborers are available 7 days/week; starting at \$15/hr. Give us 24 hour notice.

**All wages go directly to workers!**

**Contact us at: (510) 847-8714  
or [mionline.org](http://mionline.org)**

### What MI staff can do:

Our outreach staff can assist if there is a language barrier; we may also facilitate resolution of some concerns.

You can call us 9am-4pm weekdays at (510) 847-8714. *(Please leave a message if we are not immediately available to respond).*

### What the police can do:

If you witness a non-emergency situation that could warrant police presence, you may call the Berkeley Police at the non-emergency number (510) 981-5900.

Unlawful behavior regulated by the municipal code include:

Littering:	12.40.080 BMC
Trespassing:	13.52.010–020BMC
Public Drinking:	13.36.070 BMC
Public Drunkenness:	647 (f) (penal code)