Making a Difference with a Friday Meal

MI strives to be as helpful as possible to the day laborers and the low income community we serve. MI offers a sense of community, individual support, health assistance and a push towards the workforce. MI also provides a space every Friday at noon to eat a delicious meal. This meal truly makes a difference. David Bacon’s story, “The Gritty Life of a Day laborer: The Story of Fidel Antonio,” (*) speaks of the daily life a day laborer goes through. Fidel talks about his reasons for leaving home and about the limitations he encounters as a day laborer on the streets, including with food given the difficult and unsteady work environment he is part of. Fidel stated: “If it wasn't for the food program at the Multicultural Institute [in Berkeley], there would be days when I wouldn't have anything to eat.” I go to the food program in Berkeley on Fridays, and I eat a meal there if I'm not working. They give you a bag of food, which helps a lot.”

It is great to know that MI can help day laborers with these everyday limitations thanks to the resources that come from our different partnerships.

ACA Awareness

With the Affordable Care Act implementation, the Berkeley/Alameda County community invited the Multicultural Institute (MI) to raise awareness by providing 4 workshops on ACA, Covered California, Medi-Cal, and HealthPAC. MI also partnered with Kaiser Permanente to give information on KPCHP. The workshops were a success and MI was able to help over 70 families before the March 31st Deadline.

Mentoring for Academic Success (MAS) provides a combination of tutoring with mentoring, and skill building for students from 3rd to 9th grade. It is a year long program from September-May that helps students with their academic needs.

The Youth Writing Festival (YWF) is a month long, 5 days week intensive Summer Writing Program from June 16-July 11, 2014 in Berkeley and Richmond. 25-30 students from grades 3-9. The YWF enriches student’s writing skills and helps them explore different forms of creative expression. Enroll your child today!

Upcoming Events:

April 26
Tequila Festival Fundraiser at MI Patio

May 6
Help MI by donating online from 6am-6pm at WE GIVE. Local Fundraiser for Non-Profits

Richmond Community Foundation WE GIVE! May 6, 2014 - 24 Hours www.WeGiveContraCosta.org

For more information Visit our website at: mionline.org

(*) http://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/the-gritty-life-of-a-day-laborer/Content?oid=3810328&showFullText=true

Spreading Knowledge

MI continues to offer 2 enriching youth academic programs since 1999 in Berkeley and in Richmond.
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.

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

Support our work!

♦ DONATE

Your donation is fully tax deductible and no donation is too small! Use our mailing address or the secure pay-online service found on our website (www.mionline.org)

VOLUNTEER

Contribute with your time and talents for special events or on an ongoing basis. Assist youth with their writing or immigrant support our work!

HIRE A WORKER

The Multicultural Institute is a non-profit organization that connects homeowners, contractors and event planners with an extra pair of hands.

We are not involved in actual hiring or payment;

neither is it our role to check laborers' work eligibility or provide workers compensation insurance.

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

Day workers are available 7 days/week at rates beginning at $15/hr.

All wages go directly to workers!