



# Multicultural Institute

## West Berkeley Program Update

NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN



July-September 2014

### **Back to school and Back to MAS:**

Mentoring for Academic Success (MAS) continues to assist underserved students with their academics in West Berkeley since 1999. The students are tutored by university level tutors from UC Berkeley and Berkeley Community College four days a week. Some Berkeley High School students stop by once a week to volunteer as well. The students range from 3rd to 9th grade and come from different schools in Berkeley. MAS resumed on September 15th and will go on until May 7th of next year. If your student needs academic assistance we can help. Enroll them today!



### **Successful Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event:**

Thanks to all MI's friends the Wine Tasting Fundraiser on September 6th was a true success. Many friends enjoyed a wonderful evening together eating delicious hors d'oeuvres and tasting various wines at the MI patio. All the contributions and donations before, during, and after this event are greatly appreciated. The help that is offered and given at these events contributes to funding the different programs allowing MI to continue to work towards it's mission.



### **Meeting with the Berkeley Police Department:**



MI continues to have on-going communication with both the City of Berkeley and the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) about neighborhood situations that include the day laborer population in West Berkeley. At their August meeting MI staff met with Officer Rashawn Cummings from BPD and gave an update about the day laborer program, Mentoring for Academic Success (MAS) after school program, health program, and the GED Spanish preparation courses MI offers. An update about the new computer lab and classes was also given. Best strategies to address non-emergency neighborhood situations were discussed as well. Overall, MI and Berkeley Police Department will continue to be in close communication.

### **Support our programs at our upcoming event:**

#### **19th Annual Dinner Fundraising Event**

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Dunsmuir-Hellman Pavilion

2960 Peralta Court, Oakland from 6-9 pm

RSVP before November 28th by calling our office at (510)848-7580.

**For more information Visit our website at:**

[www.mionline.org](http://www.mionline.org)



## 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)