



**MULTICULTURAL  
INSTITUTE**

# MI LINKS

## *A word from* **MI's Founder and Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

Dorothy Day once wrote: *"We plant seeds that will flower as results in our lives, so best to remove the weeds of anger, avarice, envy and doubt, that peace and abundance may manifest for all."* This fascinating and humble woman writes from her experience of working with the poor. Her conviction and fight for justice is most inspiring to me.

The MI team interacts on a daily basis with those forced to live in the streets struggling to find shelter from the cold wind and the storm. It brings kindness and hope to distressed immigrants whose lives are threatened by irrational attacks and rejection. Each family we know has a migration story. Some stories are recent and raw, while others happened in the distant past, and may be almost forgotten. But regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family. Our stories are different. Our paths are not the same. But we are one family.

The holidays offer an opportunity to renew our commitment to practice works of mercy and nonviolence. It is a time to renew our hope in the power of human kindness. If taken seriously, it can bring healing and transformation and move us to celebrate and reconnect with nature, God, and others.

Peace and all Good, Fr. Rigo



## *Annual Report 2018*

# 2018 Highlights

## Economic Development



**778** Job Placements were made at a minimum of \$20 per hour



Permanent Housing for **6** day laborers



**53** Life skills workshops/trainings held on street corners during daily outreach

**782**

Day laborers

**1,031**

Low-income

**298**

Employers

## Vocational Skills Development



**4** GED 5-week courses were held in Spanish language



**5** Business seminars and intensive courses were held in Spanish language



**3** Computer courses were offered in Spanish language



**29**

Entrepreneurs coached

**12**

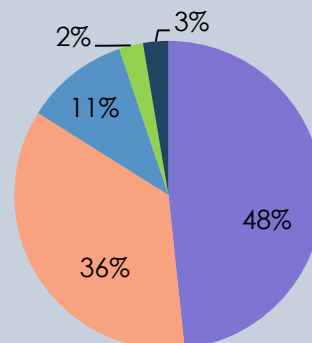
Businesses assisted

**56**

GED & Computer students

### Did you know...

Over the last couple of years the number of people served coming from Mexico has decreased and Guatemala is currently the country of origin of which the majority of the people MI serves come from. El Salvador is the third largest.



### Country of Origin

- Guatemala
- Mexico
- El Salvador
- Other
- Honduras





# Immigration & Health Support



**515** Immigration and legal referrals



**4** Naturalization courses held in the Spanish and English language



**30** low-income individuals received free eye exams and eye glasses



**742** health referrals and screenings offered



**8,872** Snacks and food baskets distributed to day laborers and other low-income families

**844**

Low-income

**25**

Health  
Workshops

**22**

Immigration  
Workshops

## Learning Opportunities



**108** low-income students assisted with tutoring/mentoring services



**39** university level tutors helped mentor these students throughout the year



**70** Parents received information and resources through parent workshops



**130**

Days of tutoring

**91**

Volunteers

**30**

STEAM  
activities

**3,360** individuals served





**Casa de Paz y Bien:** To many day laborers this is a home away from home. These are some of the workers who gathered at the house for their monthly day laborer meeting.

## Expanding Housing Opportunities

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".

We are happy to announce that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors awarded MI funds for the purchase of "Casa de Paz y Bien"! This most important step confirms MI's commitment to providing permanent housing opportunities for the day laborer community in Redwood City. This service also provides day laborers leadership, workforce trainings, vocational skill development and community building opportunities on an ongoing basis.

Here is what Yovany had to say about his experience as the manager of the house:

*"I thank MI for their unconditional support during the last few years. You have given me a place to live, work, access computer courses and obtain health coverage."*

*"The opportunity to manage the house has not only increased my confidence, but it has allowed me to develop as a leader in my community."*

## Did you know...

Every year MI hosts a Navidad Jornalerá; *Day Laborer Christmas Event* at each of its locations. This event offers day laborers and their families a warm hot meal, raffles and gifts for all those that attend.



You can help by donating today!

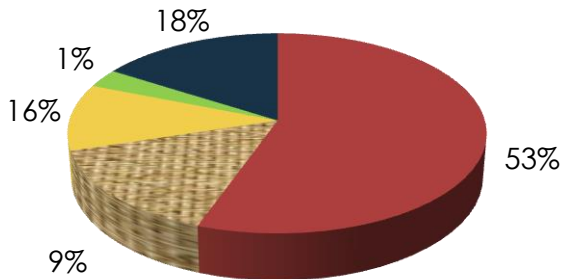




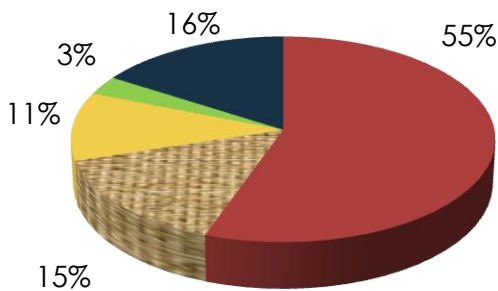
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## Revenue

Fiscal Year Ending, June 2017



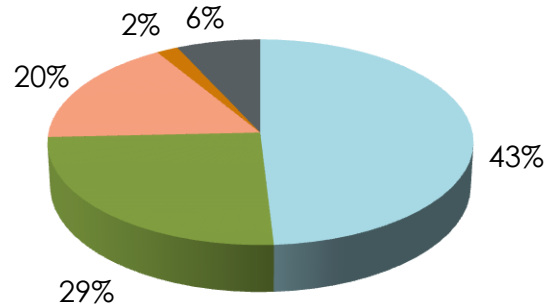
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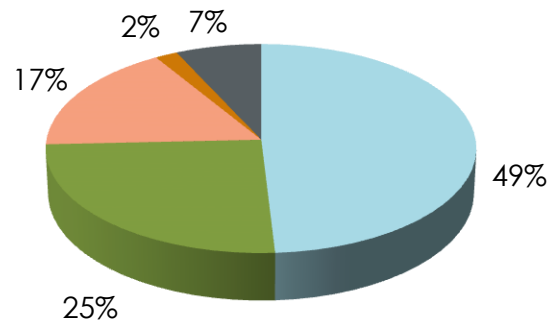
- Contracts
- Grants
- Fundraising & Gifts
- Program Fees
- Other Income
- In Kind Donations

## Expenses

Fiscal Year Ending, June 30 2017



Fiscal Year Ending, June 2018



- Day Laborer - East Bay
- Day Laborer - San Mateo County
- Mentoring for Academic Success
- GED
- Administration

MI cultivates a mix of financial sources and other resources in order not to be overly dependent on any single source. Programming is sustained by a combination of funding from public sector, contracts, and private foundations and they are augmented by individual donations and in-kind support. Fundraising events close any potential funding gaps and have the additional benefit of engaging our donor base.

## Free Dental Services

MI partnered with Onsite Dental Foundation and provided over 150 dental appointments. The dental mobile van was parked in front of MI's Berkeley office for 5 weeks, from the last week of October to the first week of December. Individuals were provided with free cleanings, fillings, tooth extractions and root canals. We look forward to having them back next year.



## Event Sponsors



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### Our MISSION

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

### Our VISION

We envision a community in which immigrants, regardless of their immigration status, are embraced and valued in the communities in which they work and live.

Questions or comments?

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