



Multicultural Institute

West Berkeley Program Update



NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN

April– June 2014

Day Laborers Maintain West Berkeley Clean:

Every second Tuesday of every month, MI staff arranges a “Street Clean Up” down Hearst corridor from 9th St. to Eastshore Hwy. Day laborers join together to help maintain Berkeley clean. The day laborers are very conscious about cleaning up after themselves and during this event they also help clean up trash that builds up over time in the community. Below you can see them sweeping and picking up trash.



Diabetes Glucose Screening:

MI continues to strengthen the partnership with Lifelong Medical Care Clinic in West Berkeley, as they help spread knowledge on health issues. During a Friday lunch, Lifelong came and provided **12 day laborers with glucose exams**, and spoke to them about diabetes and the amount of sugar hidden in popular foods and drinks.

A Word from a MI job placement employer:

MI’s main effort in the day laborer program is to help connect potential employers with day laborers looking for work. The job placement aspect of the program continues to thrive by building these great work relationships. Below is a quote from a satisfied employer who hired day laborers through MI. This employer showed gratitude after hiring two day laborers to work with her for two full days.

“Eliseo & Jose did so much good work here for me! I’m so grateful. They really worked hard, and very consistently, for two full days. I found them easy to interact with. I thanked them, but if you could repeat my gratitude, I’d appreciate it.”

- Laura S.

Young Writing Festival 2014:

MI’s 2014 youth summer program had a total of 50 students and 20 tutors. Students explored their creative minds through different forms of writing like poems, stories, and plays to name a few. The closing ceremony was held on July 11 where family and friends celebrated the youths’ successful summer during their public reading from the Anthology. We thank the writers, families, friends, and all the YWF supporters. Visit mionline.org and take a look at the Anthology of works.



Upcoming Event: STOPWASTE / Composting Workshop:

Wine Tasting
September 6th, 2014
1920 7th Street
Berkeley Ca.

For more information
Visit our website at:
mionline.org

Thanks to supplies and information issued by STOPWASTE, MI provided workshops on ways to compost and recycle correctly to over **100 Alameda County community members**. Some of which are families MI serves through the MAS youth programs, GED preparation courses, as well as day laborers.

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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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

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**

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)