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**THE MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE CHOSEN AS 2023 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR BY  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER BUFFY WICKS**

**(Berkeley)** – *The Multicultural Institute (MI)* is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year by *California State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks*.

*The Multicultural Institute (MI)* is one of the nonprofits that will be honored by their state senators and assemblymembers for their outstanding contributions to the communities they serve.

*Since its inception in 1991, MI has envisioned a community in which immigrants, regardless of their immigration status, are embraced and valued in the communities in which they live and work. MI's services include job placement assistance for day laborers and domestic workers, immigration and health support, weekly food distributions, after school tutoring, adult education courses and day laborer housing among many other wrap-around services to fully serve immigrant families.*

*For over 32 years, MI's programs have offered economic, educational, and skill development opportunities, cultivated leadership development and assisted individuals in contributing and participating in the civic life and well-being of their community as a whole.*

*"The Multicultural Institute's Staff and Board of Directors work daily to improve the lives of day laborers, domestic workers and their families and we are deeply humbled to be recognized by California State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks as a 2023 Nonprofit of the Year! We are a small team of 12 serving Contra Costa, Alameda and San Mateo Counties and we are humbled to be recognized and celebrated at the State level. We are excited to continue our work and celebrate*



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*our accomplishments all year,” said Mirna Cervantes, the Multicultural Institute’s Executive Director.*

Now in its eighth year, the Nonprofit of the Year initiative provides the opportunity for each California state legislator to choose a nonprofit organization doing outstanding work in their district. The program culminates with a celebratory luncheon at the State Capitol on California Nonprofits Day, which this year is June 7.

According to “Causes Count,” a 2019 [report](#) commissioned by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest industry in the state, employing more than 1.2 million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate more than \$273 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid labor contributed by volunteers at nonprofits is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

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