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Pasadena Job Center

Welcome to our very first issue of the Pasadena Job Center newsletter! With the publication of our quarterly newsletters, we hope to bring Pasadena's businesses, contractors, and employers even closer with the workers here at the center.

Who are we?

Our center is comprised of hard working men and women dedicated to both supporting their families and being active contributors to improving life in our community. Come to the center to hire skilled workers for the work you need, when you need it done. At the Pasadena Community Job Center, we make hiring fast, easy, and affordable.





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Our workforce: Your resource.

Why Choose Us?



There are no fees
for employers
or workers.



There is no need to
make arrangements
in advance.



Our hiring process
is easy, convenient
and dignified.



Our workers are
honest, reliable
and professional.



We provide a safe
meeting place for
day laborers and
employers.

EVENTS

Community Clean-Up at Villa Community Center

Volunteers and laborers at the Job Center worked together to give back to a community center that has done an incredible service to Pasadena. The Villa-Parke Community Center provides a public garden space, social services, and assists walk-

in clients with governmental programs and aid. The volunteers and laborers helped to clean up the center, picking up trash and replenishing used soil with brand-new soil. Additionally, the Job Center visited the boxing gym, another part of Villa-Parke. Here, we cleaned up the gym, wiping both the ring and the workout room until they looked brand-new.



Tile Installation Class

Here, laborers at the Pasadena Job Center took part in a class that taught methods of placing tiles into the floor. Using high-tech equipment to cut marble tiles, the laborers eventually created a tile floor in the Job Center's workshop.



Green Construction Project

The Pasadena Community College faculty and representatives from the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) joined together to celebrate the 19 recipients of the Green Construction Certificates. This program, in the words of the PCC Executive Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing, “is one of several newly created vocational ESL courses as a part of the Pasadena Area Consortium Adult Education Basic Grant.” Noncredit Green Construction Modules A and B introduce the ESL student to basic vocabulary, methods, and concepts of building “green,” a new but quickly-expanding industry. These courses advance Pasadena’s awareness and desire to help save our environment. The Job Center’s participants in this program now utilize their knowledge on Green Construction to teach others how they, too, can go green.



Mother's Day Flowers

On Mother’s Day, the Pasadena Job Center made flowers, both for their own parents, and to sell to other parents. To construct the flowers, they attached homemade flower heads to pen shafts, adding various decorations, and then sold the flowers in Maywood. Adelina Cuevas, one of our very own members at the Job Center, led the construction of the flowers (depicted on the left). Marlen Castillo, another one of our own Job Center members, assisted Cuevas in helping our center make flowers (depicted on the right).



SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

Rosario Calderon



Rosario Calderon has been a member of the Pasadena Job Center for three years, where she has found a community of friends and advocates, as well as a regular job. Before her time at the center, she found it impossible to obtain work in which she was consistently paid. Having lived in the United States for eight years, Rosario understands and has first-hand experience with the many socioeconomic challenges that face day laborers. She works three times a week as a daily housekeeper in San Marino, receiving consistent pay that allows her to maintain a standard of living that she describes as “humble but comfortable.” Without the job center, she says, there would be “no way for me to find decent work.” Rosario is infinitely grateful for the job center and the multitude of services with which they have provided her.

Nicole Sanez

Nicole Sanez has been a member of the Job Center for two months; even in this short time, she has come to love the services that the Job Center provides to her and to Pasadena as a whole. As a housekeeping worker in Pasadena, Sanez enjoys a consistent wage that she says is “fully a result of my time at the center.” Having been unable to find work before coming to the site, Nicole Sanez is deeply thankful for the job center, and plans to continue to attend our center in the future.



PARTNERSHIP WITH NDLON



The Pasadena Job Center is a proud affiliate of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON), an association of more than 42 worker centers nationwide. NDLON seeks to establish a world filled with diversity, wherein day laborers have equal access to laws and rights that protect them. By lending support to campaigns, pushing their advocacy for equality, and combatting unjust laws that would otherwise be a great detriment to laborers here at Pasadena and at job centers around the nation, NDLON has greatly and positively influenced communities and families in America.

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