

## **Centreville Labor Resource Center**

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### THIRD QUARTER REPORT September 2012

Centreville Day: October 20th, 10am-5pm. Come check out our table!

CIF General meeting: October 23<sup>rd,</sup> 7:30pm

### at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Rd, Centreville, VA 20120

### **Getting Ready For Fall:**

With the changing season, there are lots of new ways to use the Center. Please keep us in mind for those little odds and ends such as leaf pickup or cleaning up those fabulous Halloween decorations. If there's something you just can't get to, we have the hands that help you! The CLRC will also have a table at Centreville day. Please come by and visit us in the Centreville historic district on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5pm. Some of the CLRC workers will also be showcasing their musical talents on the main stage. We'll see you there!

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This month's newsletter is our third quarterly report. The CLRC made great gains during this quarter, which the data tables show. Please don't hesitate to contact the CLRC if you have any questions or comments.



# A Note From the Outgoing Director:

It has been a true honor to work with so many wonderful peo-

ple during my time as Director of the Centreville Labor Resource Center. Thank you for the faith and the trust you put in me and in the CLRC. Although I have accepted a high school Spanish instructorship at Madison High School in Vienna, I will continue to be a part of the CIF's Operations Committee, and will serve on the CIF Advisory Council. Molly Maddra will be serving as Interim Director until we hire another Director, and we welcome Devin Crane, one of our summer interns, back to assist with the transition three days a week. Thank you for the support that you will give them both during this transition period.

I appreciate the support that so many of you have already given to us, and I have high hopes for the future of the CLRC. I look forward to following future progress!

-Shani

### **Education Update:**

Training workers and nurturing their talents for leadership is key to our mission at the Centreville Labor Resource Center. The CLRC's peer education project has taken on a new life as a series of worker-led evening workshops. A small group of workers has been meeting one evening per week to hold practice sessions in and finishing. Our drywall worker/trainers not only teach practical skills; they are also able to give insight about the unique work environments that other workers may encounter. Their positivity and involvement is a true gift to the CLRC and we plan to expand the project to different specialties as we go into the fall and winter.



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### **Activities From Last Quarter:**

This quarter has seen a plethora of programs and activities for our workers. We welcomed speakers to educate the workers on their rights on the job site, continued our commitment to clean part of Old Centreville Road, hosted a 4th of July Picnic and said goodbye to our summer interns. We will continue to grow and offer more activities, especially educational workshops in the fall.

#### Data:

This quarter's data shows some new and interesting trends. 89 new employers registered with the center, creating 280 jobs and employing 428 workers for at least one day. As shown below, the number of unregistered worker pickups has increased dramatically. An unregistered pickup means that workers come in to the center in the morning to check in, socialize, and then meet their regular employer elsewhere, such as a nearby gas station. This reflects the Center's growing role as a social hub and also is indicative of the workers' changing attitudes and willingness to participate in the Center.

The employer profile also continues to change at the CLRC. The proportion of contractors and business owners using the center has steadily increased this quarter, finally surpassing the proportion of homeowners using the Center in September. The rise in repeat employers is also a strong indicator of employer satisfaction with CLRC workers. The absolute number and the proportion of repeat employers at the Center spiked in August while the proportion of repeat employers in September remained strong despite the decrease in jobs due to the slowing of the job market going into the fall.











