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**MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER**

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DON'T FORGET!

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CLRC, 7:00P.M., ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 5!
CIF GENERAL MEETING, 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 AT THE CLRC.

The Centreville Labor Resource Center is often referred to as “La Casa”. As with any house, its strength is derived from a strong foundation; which in this case is the support of the community. From the eyes of a summer intern, the most remarkable aspect of the CLRC is witnessing how many people in Centreville are committed to its success. It seems like not a day goes by without a volunteer coming by to teach an English class, drop off bagels, or do one of the hundred other tasks it takes to make this place run. A visit to one of the monthly Centreville Immigration Forum meetings reveals a large range of community support: immigration lawyers, grant writers, donors, volunteers, CLRC workers, community members, and two very dedicated program managers.

In the short two months we have been associated with the CLRC, we have watched it change and grow. Toolboxes have been built, doorknobs have been fixed, and the ramp alone has been painted over three times during our various skills workshops. The graphics depicting ‘jobs out’ that are featured in



this newsletter serve a valuable purpose, but they do not tell the whole story. It is the small things like week-by-week improvements in English pronunciation or giving a worker a chance to tell his personal story that make the CLRC mission so meaningful. In its first year of operations the CLRC has already started establishing new traditions. With a strong foundation of community support, the CLRC should continue to thrive as a bedrock of Centreville life for years to come.

Regardless of the extreme heat, we continue to be amazed at the dedication that workers show towards the CLRC.

There are some who have pre-arranged jobs with employers, but stop by the CLRC before getting picked up to drink coffee, spend time with friends and relax in the comfortable and welcoming center. Others will continue to come to the CLRC on a daily basis and participate in activities while they wait for a job, such as playing Apples to Apples to practice English, practicing their painting, or talking with pals. It's been incredible to witness not only the sense of community here, but the family of people that share a common mission and values here at the CLRC.

-Devin Crane and Allison Brandt

Fundraising updates

The CLRC won the Causality Brand Grant! This competitive \$25,000 service grant will advance our marketing, fundraising, and communications efforts. More information is soon to come.

Ed Rice has recently contributed a generous donation of \$20,000 towards the CLRC. We have also received a gift from newlyweds who had donations given to the CLRC in lieu of wedding gifts. We are grateful for your continued support!

4th of July Barbeque Pictures



In addition to working hard, the CLRC community also knows how to have a good time. Earlier this month we celebrated our independence day with a first annual 4th of July Barbeque at Bull Run Regional Park. The CLRC workers got to enjoy some true Americana with volunteers and members manning the grill, and summer intern Allison giving lessons in making s'mores. CLRC workers and their families were generous in sharing as well, bringing homemade plantain and chicken dishes to the party. Games of soccer and volleyball were also featured, despite the summer heat.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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****Mark SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 at 7:00PM on your calendars! Movie night at the CLRC! We'll be showing "Casa de mi padre," a Spanish language dramedy starring Will Ferrell as a rancher who becomes entangled in a war with a Mexican drug lord.**

***Remember to sign in and out in the Volunteer Notebook when you come to help us at the CLRC!**

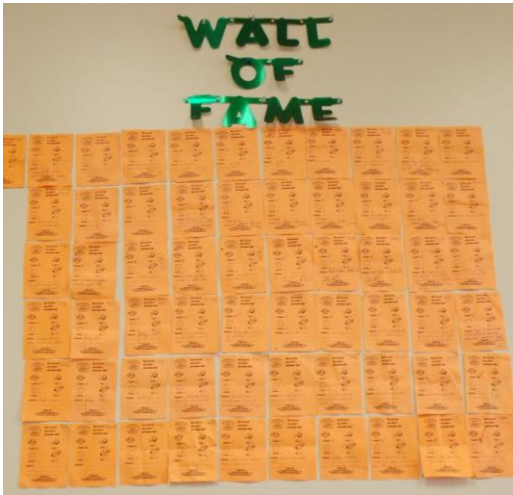
***Please continue to spread the word about the work we do here at the CLRC!**

Find us on Yelp! and on Facebook.

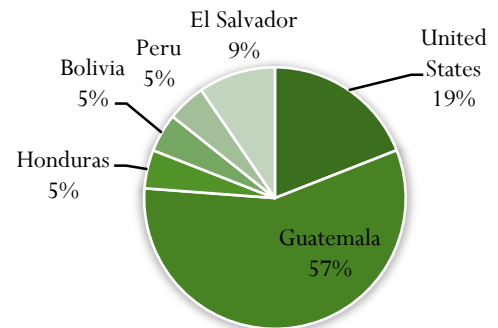
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Centreville Labor Resource Center Statistics for July



Native Country of New Workers



When a job goes out, evaluation forms are given to employers to rate the worker's job performance. The excellent performance ratings are featured on our Wall of Fame. Some recent comments from happy homeowners include:

"Knowledge of English has been a great help."

"They did everything as promised. I will use them again!"

"Definitely a skilled worker. I didn't have to tell him what to do."

"Fantastic job! Better than I expected, thanks!"

Volunteer Hours: 328 hours
Number of new workers: 21
Number of new employers: 30
Number of returning employers: 59
Number of jobs out of CLRC: 129
Number of non-registered pickups: 32

Inquiries

