

# BRIDGES

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FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

*Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Marriott Foundation Bridges' new quarterly newsletter. With this publication, we hope to keep all of our valued partners informed of activities, accomplishments, and upcoming events.*

### **Bridges Staff List**

Therese Lyons, Director, ext. 27

Mildred Guerra, Administrative Assistant, ext. 10

John Nave, Job Developer, ext. 29

Harry Um, Grant/Contract Manager, ext. 18

### **San Fernando Valley:**

Sara Ambrose, ext. 24

Fausto Mendez, ext. 28

Noe Valenzuela, ext. 31

### **Central/East/West L.A.:**

Nancy Chamberlain, ext. 17

Colleen Hayes, ext. 33

Mollie McLaughlin, ext. 21

Jared O'Gorman, ext. 34

Kevin Weinress, ext. 16

### **South L.A.:**

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*Bridges has recently established a productive relationship with El Super Markets, particularly with the locations in South Gate and Huntington Park, where Miguel Razo (L) works.*

## EMPLOYER PROFILE:

In this last year, Bridges has had the honor of developing a relationship with El Super Markets, which focuses on providing high quality food at the lowest prices in Southern California. In January 2011, Job Developer John Nave and Senior Employer Representative Nancy Chamberlain met with Recruiting Manager Juan Carlos, who was interested in working with Bridges to fulfill his hiring needs. In March 2011, El Super prepared to open a new store in South Gate and was proud to hire four Bridges participants—all of whom hailed from the local South Los Angeles community. Guadalupe Alarcon and Liliana Torres currently work as

Runners, which involves providing customer service, stocking, and bagging. Miguel Razo (pictured above) and Edgar Roman have already been promoted to the dairy department, where they handle, stock, and price dairy products. After almost six months on the job, all four participants are doing well and work extremely hard, according to their managers. All the employees really enjoy their jobs, get full-time hours, and speak glowingly about the support they receive from their managers. El Super is expanding throughout the Los Angeles area and Bridges looks forward to collaborating with them in the future.



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*-OSH Manager Mark Munghia*

## STUDENT PROFILE: EMILY LOZANO



In September 2010, Emily Lozano was referred to the Marriott Foundation by her Department of Rehabilitation counselor. Emily joined Noe Valenzuela, her Bridges Employer Representative, and began the journey toward finding employment. Noe led Emily in various workshops from resume building to interview preparation until she was ready to begin her job search. Through hard

work and dedication, Emily was fully-equipped to start the application process one month after enrolling in the program. With Noe’s help, Emily secured an interview with Orchard Supply Hardware in La Crescenta with store manager Mark, for a sales position in the appliance department. Emily was hired in early November and has been on the job successfully for nine months. She has continued to

meet her quota of selling \$100 worth of merchandise per hour. OSH management has said, “[Emily] is a great representation of OSH and what other employees should be like.” In addition, OSH’s Regional Manager speaks very highly of Emily at his other stores, using her success as a motivator and example for other employees. Emily is a true Bridges success and continues to thrive at OSH!

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