

BRIDGES

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Ubaldo Narciso, in front of Mario's Delicatessen in Glendale, where he has been working since 2010.

UBALDO NARCISO: "I DO IT ALL NOW!"

Job Developer John Nave recently visited Mario's Italian Deli & Market in Glendale, where one of his very first Bridges youth was successfully placed. He ran into Ubaldo Narciso, who has been working there for almost three years. Ubaldo was pleased to report that he enjoys his job very much, and that he now has an entirely new outlook on work and his career, thanks to Mr. Nave and the Bridges program. When Ubaldo first started, his main

responsibility was to keep the beverage section stocked, but his responsibilities have increased greatly since then. He now plays a key role in the deli section, assembling a high volume of meals every week. In his own words, "I do it all now!" Ubaldo has gone from working an average of 12-14 hours per week to 40-42 hours per week. He has even worked up to 50 hours during the holiday season, which is a very busy time at Mario's. Ubaldo has proven to

be so indispensable that his co-workers missed his presence when he went on vacation recently. Jim, the deli's manager, approved this much-needed break, as he had been working for over two years without asking for any time off! Jim joked that he didn't want to let him go, stating, "Ubaldo is a very valuable employee." Ubaldo hopes to continue taking on more responsibilities and one day become a manager himself.



A GREAT DAY IN COMPTON

Executive Director Tad Asbury recently traveled from the Bridges headquarters in Washington D.C. to visit our program in Compton. He met with Bridges staff, students from Compton USD, and HR representatives from various local businesses. Pictured at left are: Se' Aira Benson, Tad Asbury, Jorge Mercado, Cynthia Sevilla, and Ricardo Sevilla.

BRIDGES WANTS YOU!

Summertime is almost here, and that means that we are getting ready to enroll our next batch of exciting young people to work with!

If you need help finding a job, we can help, but first, here are a few questions:

1. Are you between 17 and 21 years old?
2. Do you live or go to school in the City of Los Angeles?
3. Are you eligible to work in the U.S.?
4. Do you have an Individualized Education Program from your school?

If you answered “yes” to all four questions, then you can qualify for our program. Our confirmation is below. Feel free to give us a call! We are waiting for you.

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THE BIRL BROTHERS LOVE LOGISTICS

Steven and Stepfon Birl began working as Loaders at United Parcel Service in September of 2012, with help from the Marriott Foundation Bridges program. Despite being twins and doing everything together, the Birls eagerly accepted the challenge of working different shifts and meeting new people. Stepfon and Steven immediately started to help each other study various maps, so that they could remember every zip code on their respective loading/unloading docks.

Once hired, Job Coach Darin Garcia assisted the brothers with workshops on effective workplace communication and quicker box scanning. Together, all three of them worked out strategies on how to surpass their loading and unloading goals for the month and

they have since become very productive employees.

The brothers have been extremely appreciative of the doors that Bridges has opened for them, and they see their current positions as launching pads for long-term careers with UPS.

Not only has this been a tremendous time of personal growth for each young man, but also it has provided them with the opportunity to help support their mother. For the first time, they are able to contribute to their household finances and are very proud to be able to do so.

Steven and Stepfon are approaching nine months of employment in their respective positions. Congratulations, Stepfon and Steven, on your success!