



WORKERS' CENTER SUCCESS STORIES

Michigan People's Action

Four community organizations in Kalamazoo collaborated to create the Worker's Center in order to reach out to immigrant, homeless and unemployed workers. Employer theft of wages has been a disturbing and growing trend.

In one case, Hector, a landscape laborer, worked for 14 months without receiving a formal paycheck. After other attempts to recover his \$21,000 in lost wages failed, Hector turned to the Community Worker's Center for help. After a successful direct action organizing campaign, Hector received a sizable settlement from his employer.

Centro Obrero de Detroit

Evergreen Landscaping does the landscaping for several condominium complexes in the metro Detroit area. Evergreen refused to pay 40 immigrant & temporary workers over \$30,000 in back wages.

Centro Obrero, a workers' center in Detroit, MI, supported the workers in forming a committee to negotiate with Evergreen for their stolen wages. The boss would not return their calls. Then, the workers, Centro Obrero and other supporters handed out flyers explaining the situation at many of the condominium complexes where Evergreen had contracts. Within an hour of this direct action, the boss at Evergreen called and set up a payment plan to pay back what was owed.



OUR MISSION

The Lansing Workers' Center will provide a vehicle for working people to develop a sense of their own power to bring about social change. This will be done within the framework of a self-managed organization based on direct democracy. The goal of the Workers Center is to build class consciousness and class solidarity as the means by which working people can improve their living conditions and gain a deeper understanding of the social system we live in.

LOCATION AND CONTACT



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Is Justice For ALL**





ABOUT US

The Lansing Workers' Center was created by a coalition of community activists, union members, Michigan People's Action (MPA) and the NorthStar Center to support workers in their daily struggles on the job and in the community.

WHAT IS A WORKERS' CENTER?

Workers centers are independent community organizations that build collective support for individual workers (and groups of workers) who are dealing with the corruption of the current system.

The impact of this corruption is felt most by those pushed to the bottom of the system, and that is where workers centers can do the most good: among the lowest-waged, economically stressed working people, for whom wage theft and other abuses can mean catastrophe.

MEMBERSHIP

The Lansing Workers' Center is a solidarity-based organization and membership is open to all.

Membership dues are \$4/month or \$40/year and due on the first of every month. Scholarships are available for those interested in membership but unable to pay.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- * Opportunities to volunteer at the Center and in direct action activities to support other workers.
- * Educational opportunities in training and leadership development.
- * Learn skills to protect yourself and defend others in the workplace.
- * Join in solidarity with others to help secure possible wage recovery for affected workers.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

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If your organization is interested in partnering with us, please contact us for more details.

