

Our Mission is to reduce poverty and revitalize neighborhoods in the Bay Area by building communities and providing opportunities for low-income residents to become economically self-sufficient.

# Asian Neighborhood Design Spring Newsletter

May 2011

## Celebrating our Spring ETC Graduates



Joshua Arce from Brightline Defense Project.

On March 14th, **15 talented individuals** (pictured left) graduated from our Employment Training Center (ETC) with increased skills in carpentry, green construction, and vital life skills in financial literacy, anger management and alcohol/substance abuse awareness and prevention. At 1245 Howard Street, graduates were honored with an inspirational ceremony highlighted by guest speaker Joshua Arce, Executive Director of Brightline Defense Project - an advocacy organization that promotes sustainability and opportunity in underserved communities. A total of 6 trainees were enrolled in GED preparation courses held onsite by Five Keys Charter School. One of our graduates, Jacob Marquez, was recently initiated into the Iron Workers Union and is working for CMC Rebar. Jamie Brewster, ETC Site Manager, states, "Jacob is making the needed changes in life to become successful!" Congratulations to our graduates!

## Architecture Highlights

The following façade improvements were set to be completed by the end of April 2011:

- **Divisadero Health and Pet Haven** at 621 Divisadero.
- **Bayview Barber College** at 4912 Third Street.
- **Las Isletas Restaurant** at 4508 Third St.
- **Beautiful As You "R" Salon** at 170 Leland St.

In February, construction was completed at our **401 Fairmount Project** in Oakland. Congratulations to Ann Panopio for her work as Project Manager. 401 Fairmount's Open House is scheduled for May 11, 2011.

Partnering with SGPA Architecture and Planning, design work is underway for the **Many Generations Native American Health Center** in the Mission. In addition to a 4-story, full service clinic, transitional housing will be provided for women with children in the Friendship House Program.

## Honoring Our Own

On April 17th, Executive Director Steve Suzuki was selected as one of 11 honorees for this year's Cherry Blossom Festival - Senior Appreciation Brunch. Now in its 24th year, the Brunch honors seniors whose work established the foundation for the Japanese American Community. Steve was nominated by Kokoro Assisted Living where he served as Board President from 1998-2006. Under Steve's leadership, the 54-unit facility was developed, constructed, and welcomed its first residents. Visit [www.kokoroassistedliving.org](http://www.kokoroassistedliving.org).



Bayview Barber College



Las Isletas Restaurant



401 Fairmount Project.



Many Generations Native American Health Center.

## Architecture Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome **Maritza Delgadillo** (L.E.E.D. Accredited Professional) as Principal Architect Consultant supporting Harry Ja Wong (AND Principal Architect) and the organization's Architecture Team. Maritza is currently the Principal and Sole Proprietor of Diseño - an architectural firm established in 1989 - and has provided architectural services to public and private clients since 1976. Her services have ranged from planning and feasibility studies to complete architectural services from schematic design through construction administration, interior design and furniture specifications. Project types include in-house architectural services for public agencies, low-rise commercial and mixed-use buildings, athletic facilities, health care facilities, transportation terminals and headquarters, educational renovation, day care and residential design. Some of her accomplishments include the modernization of 6 schools in the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, design projects for the University of California, modernization of the William R. DeAvila Elementary School (San Francisco), design of the Los Medanos Child Care Center (West Pittsburg, CA), and design and construction of the John O'Connell Technical High School (San Francisco). Maritza holds a Master of Architecture degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



Maritza Delgadillo



Katherine Young

## Board Updates

**Katherine Young** is currently the Account Executive for the Business Development Group at Redwood City-based YuMe, a video advertising technology company that makes professional video profitable for publishers and effective for advertisers. Katherine has previously served as the West Regional Lead of Sales Operations for the Global Business Operations Group for AOL and Technology Investment Banking Analyst for Banc of America Securities. She obtained her BA in Business Administration from the University of Washington, Seattle.



Jelena Djordjevic

**Jelena Djordjevic** is an Associate Consultant at Bain & Company, a global business consulting firm that focuses on strategy, operations, mergers & acquisitions, technology and organization. As a Luce Scholar, Jelena spent one year in Bangkok, Thailand, working for the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI), where she researched small scale environmental program and community-based microinsurance products. She also helped pilot a UN-sponsored "pro-poor eco-settlement" project with the Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives. Prior to her work in Asia, she was a Research Assistant for the Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center at The Wharton School, researching community-sponsored finance programs for infrastructure and housing in developing countries. Jelena holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences.



After 2 years of service as Board member and Secretary, Jennifer Bearse will be leaving the Board of Directors. All of us thank Jennifer for her work with AND's Asset Management and Fundraiser activities, and wish her the best!

## Save the Date for AND's 38th Anniversary Gala

*Rebuilding Lives + Revitalizing Communities*

Thursday, September 15, 2011

SOMArts Gallery, 934 Brannan Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

[www.somarts.org](http://www.somarts.org)

6 – 9PM, Raffle Prizes, Entertainment and More!



Commemorating 38 years of empowering disadvantaged neighborhoods through a stylish and fun-filled evening of scrumptious food, inspirational stories of hope, and fabulous entertainment by local artists.

Contact Bryan Pangilinan, Resource Development Manager, at **(415)575-0423 x216** to **SPONSOR** or join our fabulous Event Committee today! Check [www.andnet.org](http://www.andnet.org) for updates!

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