Overview & Results

How Our **Members Grow**



Member







Our Mission

WAGES builds worker-owned green businesses that create healthy, dignified jobs for low-income women.

The Problem

- In the Bay Area, 93% of household workers mostly women cannot pay basic living expenses.
- Our beneficiaries have few options for dignified work. They are 95% immigrant, 100% Latina, and 90% live below the poverty line.
- 1/3 of WAGES co-op members had **NO income** prior to membership.

WAGES' Solution

WAGES builds co-ops that empower low-income immigrant Latinas to become entrepreneurs, achieve financial security, and exercise leadership.

We Incubate Co-op Businesses

Enterprise Planning & Creation

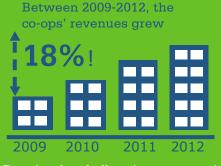
Culturally **Appropriate** Training

Business Services & Advising

Sustainable Businesses

WAGES produces viable local businesses that are vehicles for opportunity: they create dignified jobs & wealth in low-income communities.

In 2012, the 5 co-ops sustained 102 jobs and earned \$3.27 Million in sales!



Despite the challenging economy!

Family Economic Security

- Members earn stable, above market Members earn \$11-\$20/hour incomes, and accumulate assets - the through co-op profit distributions, average business equity **is \$9,219** per member.
- 90⁺ % of co-op members are mothers. Increased earnings translate into: better housing and health outcomes, basic needs coverage, education expenses, and increased family time.



which translates to a 158% increase in median personal income.

• Members earn **benefits** well above industry standards.