

# NEDCO News

Neighborhood Economic  
Development Corporation

*Helping People and Neighborhoods Build Assets*

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## Mercado Latino Opens June 6

Mercado Latino, NEDCO's open-air Latin American marketplace, opens for its second season on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak in downtown Eugene. The market, which was established last spring to stimulate entrepreneurship and foster cultural exchange, will be open every Sunday from 11 am to 4:30pm through September 26<sup>th</sup>.

As during the first season, vendors will be selling a variety of Latin American



products including prepared food, produce, plants, handcrafts, household items, and more at the market. Many vendors who participated last year will continue to sell again this season, and several new vendors will round out the mix. New vendors already signed up include a mother and daughter from the Dominican Republic who will sell food and drinks typical of the Caribbean region, a woman from Peru selling traditional handmade chocolates, and a woman from Mexico selling handmade flowerpots, bags, and crepe paper flowers.

Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission, there will be a wide variety and longer hours of live musical performances every Sunday. Salsa dance lessons and several children's activities such as storytelling, piñata bashes, and arts and crafts workshops, will also be offered.

New this season is recycling at Mercado Latino. With the help of two Master Recyclers and the City of Eugene, NEDCO will provide recycling bins in

### Mercado Latino Entertainment Calendar

	11:30 AM	2:00 PM
6/6	El Grupo Condor	Ritmo de la Noche
6/13	Sun Bossa	Primavera
6/20	Ricardo Cardenas	Ritmo de la Noche
6/27	Macaco Velho	Salsa Lessons

Piñata Bash Each Sunday at 12:30pm.  
Storytelling & Songs at 12:30pm on 6/13.

two locations at the market for both vendors and the public to dispose of plastic, glass, and aluminum containers. In addition, food vendors have been instructed in ways to reduce waste by using appropriate utensils and condiment packets and composting.

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## NEDCO Turns 25 !

In 1979, a group of neighbors in the Whiteaker area of Eugene got together in an effort to make positive changes for their neighborhood. As a means to achieve their goals, they formed the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO), the first Community Development Corporation in Oregon.

NEDCO's early work focused primarily on the revitalization and historic preservation of the Whiteaker neighborhood with projects such as the Red Barn Natural Grocery, the New Day Bakery, and business development programs including the Buy Oregon campaign and the New Business Incubator. NEDCO's first housing initiative was the creation of the East Blair Housing Cooperative, which was completed in 1982.

NEDCO has continued to revitalize the Whiteaker neighborhood over the years, with projects including the Red Apple Grocery

and the historic renovations of the Baldwin Market and the building that now houses the O.U.R. Federal Credit Union.

With the development of its extensive homeownership programs in the early '90s, NEDCO was able to expand its service area to include not only the Whiteaker neighborhood of Eugene but also all of Lane County and beyond. NEDCO has established intensive homeownership education and counseling programs and built over 130 quality affordable homes for first time low-income homebuyers. NEDCO is recognized statewide for its contributions to the community and has received several awards for its work in the homeownership field, including the 1996 Governor's Livability Award and the 1997 HUD Building Innovation's Home Ownership Award.

NEDCO's homeownership and business development initiatives have also enabled NEDCO to reach out to diverse populations,

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## Board Perspectives on NEDCO's 25 Years

*In looking back on NEDCO's 25 years of helping neighborhoods and families build assets, we thought it would be interesting to hear from some of NEDCO's board members. In the two interviews that follow, you will see a founding board member and an early board member give their views on NEDCO's work in the community over the years and their predictions for the future of NEDCO.*

### ***John Tamulonis***

John first got involved with NEDCO when he worked as a consultant for the Red Barn Natural Grocery project. Shortly after that, he was asked to join the Board and served until 1985 when he left to avoid potential conflicts of interest with a new job at the City of Springfield where NEDCO might propose projects. He is currently the Community Development Manager for the City of Springfield.



***What motivated you to participate on the NEDCO Board?***  
I saw it as a complement to my consulting activities and a way to do something active for the community. It was during a time when the economy was in the pits, and I was trying to practice what we preached in my consulting work: building local businesses, focusing on self-sufficiency, and creative locally-based economic growth.

***What changes have you seen at NEDCO over the past 25 years?***  
Just prior to when I was there, the focus was on political activism and creative confrontation to empower residents. It also included using the idealism of the 70s to achieve things like self-control of rental housing and "neighborhoods for neighborhoods." With the Buy Oregon project, NEDCO found that it could have an impact in a bigger service area than just the Whiteaker neighborhood. However, it was a profound shift for the organization. Some people thought we should never leave

the neighborhood, but when we were recognized for our statewide work, for the networks we created, NEDCO began to operate differently, shifting the



focus to cooperation, collaboration, and practical ideals. That shift has continued and is now more evident than ever at NEDCO with its work providing many different services all over the state.

### ***What do you see for the future of NEDCO?***

NEDCO was formed to try to provide a voice for those without an economic voice and to be the champion of un-empowered low-income residents in Whiteaker. However, as NEDCO has demonstrated over the years, being that champion doesn't have to be tied to a neighborhood. NEDCO has always kept the goal of economic independence for individuals and families at its root, especially helping families build assets such as homes and small businesses. I see NEDCO's expansion in its work with the ever-growing Latino immigrant community as a next major goal. Latino immigrants are one of those groups at the lowest end of the economic spectrum, and NEDCO can help give them a voice. NEDCO doesn't have to change the ideals behind its work; it just has to point its prow to the next group of people who need a voice and a champion, whoever that may be.

### ***Anything else?***

My work with NEDCO has had great rewards. I've used some of that experience to work with someone recently who is looking at a similar strategy to provide self-empowerment to artists in Oregon. And I don't think applying NEDCO-like strategies will end there for me.

I'm somewhat surprised that NEDCO has survived 25 years and even thrived. I think it's the



combination of the ever-present community need for NEDCO's voice and the ability of volunteers and staff to be flexible and creative in effectively working in a changing community.

### ***Melva Edrington-Boles***

Melva is a founding and current member of NEDCO's Board of Directors. She is a teacher in the 4J School District.

### ***What motivated you to participate on the NEDCO Board?***

I was thrilled by the concept [of a Community Development Corporation], the energy of other Board members, and the proposed ideas for the first projects of placing needed services such as a bakery, a meat market, and an organic produce store in the heart of the neighborhood.

### ***In your words, what does NEDCO do?***

NEDCO works with individuals to realize goals of home ownership as well as with neighborhoods to establish and maintain services that contribute to the livability of those areas.

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# Come Celebrate With Us!

*What:* NEDCO's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Date:* Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

*Place:* Mercado Latino, 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak in Downtown Eugene

*Time:* 11am – 5pm

**Caliente and Lo Nuestro Perform All Day Long**

**Food, Music, Handcrafts, Speakers, Exhibits, and More!**

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*What have been some of NEDCO's best projects?*

I love the Red Barn, the Red Apple, and the affordable homeownership development on Lawrence Street.



*What changes have you seen at NEDCO over the past 25 years?*

NEDCO has itself become a much more economically healthy and viable organization.

*What do you see for the future of NEDCO?*

I think NEDCO will continue finding creative endeavors to meet the community's housing needs. Who knows, we may even get into providing housing

alternatives for our aging population. Also, I think we will continue to make forays into providing economic stimulation for small businesses. I think NEDCO has always been good about identifying community needs and trying to do something about it, especially in the areas of affordable housing and community revitalization.

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including the ever-growing Latino immigrant community. NEDCO's Mercado Latino, an open air Latin American Marketplace, opened in 2003 to stimulate entrepreneurship and foster cultural exchange. In this, its 25<sup>th</sup> year, NEDCO is once again returning to its roots of neighborhood revitalization and business development in planning for a Latino Commercial Center in downtown Springfield, a project that is just beginning to take shape.

Throughout the past 25 years, NEDCO has stayed true to its mission of "collaboratively



building human and capital assets to strengthen neighborhoods and broaden participation in community ownership and governance" by working on many varied projects spanning homeownership, neighborhood revitalization, historic preservation, and business development.

As in the past, NEDCO will continue to diversify its services and develop new projects in an effort to meet the changing needs of the communities it serves now and in the future.



## Mercado Latino Vendor Builds Assets

Since early 2002, NEDCO has offered 28 households Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) to save towards their goal of homeownership. At the end of the market season last fall, NEDCO added Mercado Latino vendors to the list of eligible recipients to assist them in expanding their new businesses. In April, Patricia Tarrillo, a Peruvian handcrafts vendor at the market, was the first NEDCO participant to complete a business IDA.

IDAs are matched savings accounts that assist low-income individuals and families in building assets. NEDCO is able to offer these accounts to its participants through the Valley Individual Development Account Collaborative (VIDA), a partnership of 11 organizations in the Willamette Valley. Participants in the VIDA program save money for a specific goal, such as homeownership, education/job training, and business capitalization, and their savings are matched at a rate of 3:1, up to a maximum of \$4,000. Once the participant has reached his/her savings goal and has attended the required financial education classes and asset-specific training, the participant's savings are matched by VIDA and paid directly to the seller of the assets being purchased by the participant.

Patricia, who started her business during the first market season, was thrilled to learn of the VIDA program because it would enable her to invest in her business much sooner than she would be able to do alone. Patricia's business, Andes Art, is focused on the production



of unique boxes, mirrors, pencil holders, wall hangings, and greeting cards decorated with aluminum and embossed with Peruvian designs. With her own savings and the matched funds from VIDA, Patricia purchased a reliable vehicle with ample cargo space for her business, enabling her to travel more easily to fairs and festivals in Oregon. She also purchased two banners with her business name and logo, which will increase the visibility of her booth and attract more customers to her unique products.

While the establishment of consistent savings habits is one of the principal requirements for VIDA participants, they must also complete a series of personal financial literacy classes and asset-specific training, which in the case of business

IDAs is the writing of a business plan. Both trainings help the participants establish good financial and organizational habits. In Patricia's case, she says that while she knew about budgeting, it was important for her to revisit her personal budget in the context of incomes and expenses here in the United States and to learn about the establishment of credit here, as well. Likewise, the business plan writing helped her organize her business finances and understand the importance of keeping receipts and maintaining separate business and

personal bank accounts. It also forced her to find time during her busy schedule to sit down, think, and focus on all aspects of her business from a planning point of view and to research and come up with ideas for the future expansion of her business. The act of writing the plan, she says, "helps you figure out what you are doing well and what you could improve. In addition, the written business plan enables you to have something prepared for the time when you may need to approach a lender."

## Neighborhood Assets: Red Barn Natural Grocery

The Red Barn Natural Grocery, located at 357 Van Buren in Eugene, has been a neighborhood asset since the early 1980s, providing a much needed service to the Whiteaker area. In the heart of the Blair Boulevard Historic Commercial Area, the grocery is becoming more of a



neighborhood hub under the direction of its newest owner, Dan Beilock. It is also drawing more people from other areas of Eugene and surrounding communities who are attracted to the locally owned business for its 100% organically grown produce section, good service, and friendly staff.

The community-supported natural foods store has been in Dan's family since 1987, first under the direction of his mother and later his sister. While Dan worked for many years at the store, first slicing cheese and later working his way up to become manager, he took time off from the business after he graduated from the U of

O in 1998. At that time, he made a career change and began working in the media industry selling airtime for NBC. However, (continued on page 5)



## Spotlight on New Mercado Vendor

Looking for a great Father's Day present? Come check out the hand-painted chocolate toolkits that Claudia Peterson, one of Mercado Latino's new vendors, is selling this June.



When Claudia Peterson came to the United States in 2001, she had dreams of improving her English and attending culinary school. While she has put the latter on hold for the time being, Claudia has taken the skills developed in culinary workshops and Le Cordon Bleu in Peru to develop her home-based chocolate business named *Claudia*.

Claudia first started experimenting with chocolates in 1998 when she took a class dedicated solely to *chocotejas*, a typical Peruvian-style candy made with chocolate, a type of caramel, and pecans. She has since developed her own special recipe for these chocolate delights and has expanded her reper-



toire to include truffles, bonbons, and other hand-painted chocolates.

Having had some experience selling her chocolates to friends and family in Peru, Claudia decided to formalize her business this winter by registering her

business name, obtaining insurance, and certifying her domestic kitchen. When asked about the biggest challenges in establishing her business, Claudia notes the legal aspects of needing her production facility licensed and needing specific information printed on labels for every piece of chocolate she sells.

Claudia, who now lives in Salem with her husband Ray, will participate both in Mercado Latino and the Salem Saturday Market this coming season. She sees these markets as opportunities to introduce the public to her unique Peruvian chocolates and to gauge the feasibility of opening a chocolate store in the near future.

In the meantime, Claudia is working on perfecting her chocolates, designing



packaging, and experimenting with ways to keep her products from melting in the hot summer sun. She has also purchased a tempering machine to speed up her production process with the help of the revolving loan program NEDCO is piloting with Northwest Community Credit Union.

Claudia has a wide range of products for sale including the traditional *chocotejas*, truffles, bonbons, and other hand-painted chocolates. She sells her chocolates both individually and packaged in decorative bags and boxes and can also fill special orders and ship her chocolates.

Come visit Claudia at Mercado Latino this season and try out her delicious chocolate treats!

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Also new this season is the opportunity for vendors to access interest-free loans in amounts up to \$500 to purchase equipment, inventory, supplies, or marketing materials. Northwest Community Credit Union has granted NEDCO \$5,000 to use as a revolving loan pool for the vendors. As each vendor pays back the loan during a specified amount of time, it becomes available to other vendors in need of a small loan.

In celebration of its second season, NEDCO will be selling Mercado Latino tote bags and T-shirts for \$12 each, both of which are black with the Mercado logo in red and yellow. The T-shirts are available in sizes S, M, L, and XL. The items are for sale at the NEDCO booth at Mercado Latino or at NEDCO's office at 775 Monroe in Eugene. The screen printing of these items was made affordable to NEDCO thanks to a generous in-kind donation by PrintWear of Oregon.

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his work with NBC led him to connect with many small businesses and to learn what kinds of business practices lead to successes and failures. Realizing that he could put that knowledge to work at his family's business, Dan fulfilled a longtime dream of owning his own business when he took over as the Red Barn's owner in April 2003.

During the past year, Dan has made several changes to improve the Red Barn by extending the hours, adding a new bulk foods system, and responding to customer feedback when ordering products. This summer, he will be opening a raw juice bar and deli in the back section of the store, which he hopes will add to the already increasing sales each month. Dan excitedly shares that sales at the Red Barn have far exceeded his goals and expectations for his first year of ownership, something that has likewise been a challenge for him. As to future goals, Dan asserts that he would never abandon the neighborhood where his business is currently located because he sees Whiteaker as having a real sense of community, but that he would like to open a second location someday elsewhere in the area.

## A Place of One's Own

Janice Branford came to NEDCO last year for the reason that many people do: because she was tired of renting, because she wanted more security for herself and her son, because she wanted to build up equity, and, most importantly, because she wanted to have a place to call her own. Janice now has that place for herself and her son, Jaden, thanks to the help of NEDCO's Threshold Homeownership Education and Counseling and Lease/Purchase Programs.

Less than a year after enrolling in the Threshold Program, Janice, a native of Springfield and a Human Resources Assistant for Head Start of Lane County, is purchasing her first home. She started leasing her NEDCO-rehabilitated home as soon as it was ready in November 2003 and is looking forward to becoming a homeowner in June, and, as she says, "being able to paint the walls red if I want to."

Janice appreciates the NEDCO staff for walking her through the home buying process, which she found especially challenging as a working single mother. "This [buying a home]



wouldn't be happening to me today without NEDCO teaching me the tools I needed for cleaning up my credit, budgeting, and saving money," she says. "Debbie [Home Ownership Counselor], has made herself available to me, has stood by me to say everything will work out, this is where you are headed, this is where you are going," she adds.

Janice notes that the things she learned in Threshold will help her throughout the rest of her life, and she would like to let others who are thinking about buying a home and are unsure if it is possible know that, "you can get along in life with the basics,

you can save money regardless of how many hours you work, and you can cut corners where you didn't think you could." Janice has realized the importance of sacrificing some things for her greater goals and will continue to do so in the future, particularly through budgeting, saving for the unexpected, and making better spending decisions.

### Come Celebrate With Us!

**What: Dedication & Open House**

**Date: Wednesday, June 16**

**Place: 2280 G Street, Springfield**

**Time: 11am**

## NEDCO to Break Ground in Springfield

With the goals of homeownership and neighborhood revitalization in mind, NEDCO purchased a double lot at 355 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in Springfield last spring. At the time of acquisition, the property contained a decrepit City-condemned home with multiple layers of blue tarp on the roof and a yard full of old furniture, appliances, and accumulated miscellaneous debris that had been a neighborhood eyesore for many years. Over the last year, NEDCO has contracted with Bring Recycling to demolish the home, removed a large dead tree, and prepared the site for construction.

Construction will begin this summer, and the two new NEDCO homes will be ready for homeowners by Thanksgiving. Each home will be constructed with quality

materials, will be energy efficient, and will have three bedrooms, 1 ½ bathrooms, and an attached single car garage. The two lots are large enough to facilitate construction of single storey homes, which are in high demand by many families with whom NEDCO works. NEDCO's Home Ownership Counselor has already been working with several potential Springfield households who are focused on and excited about becoming homeowners in this area.

This April, the City of Springfield approved an application for funding to help NEDCO bridge the gap between the cost each future homeowner can afford. City of Springfield HOME and CDBG funds (grants and loans) will help pay for public

improvements, development and construction of the homes, and the extensive homeownership education and counseling that each household will have received prior to purchase.



## A Dream Come True

“NEDCO is the place where dreams can come true,” homeowner Billie Thomas says. One of Billie’s dreams came true last spring when she purchased a NEDCO-built home at the Walnut Orchard development in West Eugene.



Billie, a 42-year-old single parent, was living in low-income housing when she heard about NEDCO’s intensive Threshold Home Ownership Education and Counseling Program. She enrolled soon after and even though at first she was a little bit skeptical that she could actually buy a home, after working with NEDCO’s Home Ownership Counselor,

she learned that homeownership was well within her reach. “The home buying process was easy for me,” she recalls. “I just had to wait until NEDCO was done building my home. Everything came naturally as I did what needed to be done.” However, one challenge for Billie was always believing that homeownership was actually going to become a reality for her.

Billie sees the individual counseling and classes that make up the Threshold Program as the guiding light to her success as a first time homebuyer. “Threshold gave me awareness. Each class taught me something new.” Billie now shares something new with current NEDCO participants, coming back to share her experiences with other potential homeowners.

When asked about the difference between being a renter and a homeowner, Billie answers, “Pride. Basically you still have responsibilities and you have to answer to someone but that someone is yourself.” Now that she is a homeowner, Billie doesn’t go out as much because she’d rather plant rose bushes and grass in her yard, hang blinds to block the afternoon sun, or other things that make her home, “her home.”

“Homeownership to me means that I have fulfilled one of my dreams, that I have a place that I not just call ‘home’ but instead ‘my home’. It means that when my time is over I am leaving something of substance behind for my son and his family. It means a life long investment for myself and not for someone else. Thanks again, NEDCO !!!!”

## Thank you, NEDCO and Partners!

*Homeowners Dennis Gariepy & Vicki Cooper wrote this letter for the April Community Development Advisory Committee hearing in Springfield. Their testimony helped convince the committee to recommend funding for a similar NEDCO housing development at 43rd Street in Springfield.*

Good evening. My name is Dennis Gariepy and I and my wife, Vicki Cooper, are here to say a few words in support of your continuing, and very much appreciated, support of NEDCO. During the dedication last Fall of the Doria group of homes on 35th, in which we were the first residents, we were privileged to meet representatives of supporters of NEDCO’s mission of homeownership and neighborhood revitalization. The City of Springfield being represented there was very meaningful to us. It showed us, YOU CARE!

As you undoubtedly know, NEDCO is not a ‘give-away’ program; those of us who have been fortunate enough to be part of the program, have gone through many months of classes, training and re-training us in personal financial matters and the responsibilities of homeownership-caring for your home-caring for your neighborhood.

In our neighborhood, we first saw curiosity; people coming to see if this was a ‘project’ of welfare people. After visiting, seeing the unexpectedly high quality of our homes and our pride in our homes, attitudes changed! We are now visited and met with smiles and friendship!

We make good neighbors! We add pride and stability to neighborhoods! You are making a good, strong effort to revitalize our downtown!

Please continue revitalizing our neighborhoods with the generous support of NEDCO’s efforts to do just that!

Thank you.  
Dennis Gariepy



## 25 Years Helping People & Neighborhoods Build Assets

- 1979:** NEDCO Incorporated
- 1980:** Red Barn Natural Grocery Renovated  
New Day Bakery Renovated
- 1981:** Red Barn Natural Grocery Building Placed on National Register of Historic Sites & Places
- 1982:** East Blair Housing Cooperative Completed (22 scattered site homes)
- 1983:** "Buy Oregon" Oregon Marketplace Established
- 1985:** New Business Generator Established
- 1991:** Red Apple Grocery Renovated  
N. Polk Home Completed  
Lease/Purchase Program Established
- 1993:** Blair Boulevard Historic Commercial Area Placed on National Register of Historic Sites & Places
- 1994:** NEDCO Plat Completed (10 homes)  
New Day Building Placed on National Register of Historic Sites & Places  
Threshold Homeownership Education & Counseling Program Established  
Springfield Initiative Completed (3 scattered site homes)
- 1996:** NEDCO Building Renovated  
Field of Dreams Completed (44 homes)
- 1998:** West Butte Cottages Completed (5 homes)
- 1999:** O.U.R. Federal Credit Union Renovated  
Blair Boulevard Duplex Renovated  
West Butte Townhomes Completed (9 homes)  
Garfield Homes Completed (2 homes)
- 2000:** ABC's of Homebuying Licensed  
Alderwood Home Completed
- 2001:** Oak Patch Cottages Completed (19 homes)  
VIDA (Individual Development Accounts) Started
- 2002:** Ash Meadows Completed (4 homes)
- 2003:** Walnut Orchard Completed (4 homes)  
Doria Cottages Completed (5 homes)  
Mercado Latino Established  
G Street Home Completed
- 2004:** Santa Clara Glen Started (13 homes)  
Apple Orchard Started (2 homes)  
43<sup>rd</sup> Street Homes Started (2 homes)  
Mercado Latino Commercial Center Started

## Spotlight on New Homeowner: *Emery Blackwell*



For most participants in NEDCO's homeownership programs, credit repair, budgeting, and saving are the common challenges that must be overcome before purchasing a home. For Emery Blackwell, there have been other challenges related to his disabilities. However, thanks to the support of NEDCO staff and the local Housing and Community Service Agency's Section 8 Homeownership Program, Emery was able to purchase a home this May in North Eugene.

Emery, who was one of the first disabled children in Eugene to attend public school, has been working for disabled rights since he finished high school. He now spends much of his time dancing, working on his art, and educating people about disabilities.

Purchasing a home of his own has been a dream of Emery's for some time. Having a place that he can call his own not only gives him more security, but it also enables him to have power over where he lives and to be able to modify his home and make it serve his needs. Now that Emery has successfully purchased his home, he would like to share his experiences with others and work with NEDCO to help more people with disabilities overcome their own challenges to purchasing a home.

## NEDCO Updates Website



By the end of July, NEDCO's website will have a new look. The website, which will retain the address of [www.nedcocdc.org](http://www.nedcocdc.org),

will be easier to navigate and will more accurately reflect the important human element of NEDCO's work in helping households and neighborhoods build assets.

Most of the information available on the current NEDCO website will appear on the new website in a more organized fashion. Several sections will be more detailed, such as the Board of Directors and Staff pages, and several new sections will be added, including News and Events, Publications, and Support Opportunities. Visitors will also be able to access the

Mercado Latino section of NEDCO's website either through the homepage or directly via a new address of [www.mercadolatino.org](http://www.mercadolatino.org).

The website upgrade was made affordable to NEDCO through a very generous in-kind donation and non-profit discount from Modulus Group, a local company that provides web development services to regional businesses and organizations.



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*NEDCO collaboratively builds human and capital assets to strengthen neighborhoods and broaden participation in community ownership and governance.*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **June 6**

#### ***Mercado Latino Opens***

8th & Oak in Eugene  
11am - 4:30pm

### **June 16**

#### ***Home Dedication***

2280 G Street in Springfield  
11am - 12pm

### **August 1**

#### ***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

8<sup>th</sup> & Oak in Eugene  
11am - 5pm