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On a rainy Sunday in October, Carlos Ramirez, 20, is struggling to push a cart overflowing with trash through a crowd of people gathered along San Francisco's Great Highway. As he negotiates the muddy, uneven road and the wind whipping sand off Ocean Beach, thousands of runners pass him on their way to the finish line of the largest women's marathon in the world. The 20,000 participants—along with spectators and sponsors—generate a mind-boggling amount of trash. Lucky for the city, Carlos belongs to the San Francisco Conservation Corps' Urban Green Team, which in just one year helped keep 221 tons of recyclables out of landfill.

A new start

Carlos attended public schools in San Francisco, where he's lived all his life. His attendance at high school became sporadic and finally stopped. At 18 he dropped out and, as he describes it, "did pretty much nothing." But a friend who'd heard of the SFCC's job training and education program for 18-

to-26-year-olds kept urging Carlos to check it out.

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This holiday season, you have **ZERO** reasons to help Ramses get his first job.

What's the impact of your gift? Just ask Ramses how this job has changed his life. As he puts it: "I stay focused on work. Right now I want to concentrate on the positive and see how far I can go."

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Eating cheese and building markets to make a better world

Current post on the [Fuel for the Field](#) blog by Carla Javits, REDF President

Driving past the deer and cows grazing through the rich Marin County landscape on an overcast Friday, everyone at REDF headed out to celebrate the holidays and the big changes we've been through in 2010. With stomachs growling we approached our destination – the iconic Cowgirl Creamery – and prepared to sample the goods and recharge for what promises to be a fast-paced year with at least a few hairpin turns as our 2011-2015 California-wide expansion kicks into high gear.

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Announcements

- **SVT Group and REDF are pleased to announce the creation of a United States chapter of the Social Return on Investment (SROI) Network.** SROI USA will be co-chaired by Cynthia Gair, Managing Director of Programs for REDF, and Sara Olsen, Founding Partner of SVT Group. Membership is open to anyone interested in helping to develop and promote the SROI methodology. [Read more>>](#)
- **Community Housing Partnership (CHP) was featured in the San Francisco Business Times.** Gail Gilman, Executive Director of [CHP](#), was interviewed for the [San Francisco Business Times Nonprofit Profile](#) in November.
- **Check out [photos](#)** from REDF's 2010 Benefit + Social Enterprise Expo!
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