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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Andrea!



VOLUNTEER AREAS:

Have you heard about our new Tool Library program? Through the program, the Center provides a wide range of electrical gardening tools for employers who hire workers. Andrea has played a central part in launching it! She researched and interviewed tool libraries and shared best practices with Maria and Sophie at the Center. She also co-created, with her Leadership Mountain View team, a proposal for a tool library that was presented to and iterated with the DWC such as: benefits and risk, initial/ongoing cost, space required, personnel required, processes for lending, etc. Andrea recommended the myTurn lending software we are using as the leading solution for tool libraries across the country and around the world; the pricing of that solution was a component of DWC's request to the city for grant funding.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

I live just a few blocks away from the Center. I love our city, and am so grateful and happy to help those who are working to improve our city and build both community and resilience! I was impressed by the Day Worker Center when I first heard of the Center, and even more impressed as I learned (and continue to learn) more about all the great work they do in the community. My Leadership Mountain View service project team aimed to launch a tool library in Mountain View, and the Day Worker Center wanted to launch one to support their Employers and Workers on projects.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

It's been a terrific volunteering experience! Maria and the staff are so smart, organized and highly motivated, and they put my skills to good use. They were also a terrific partner for our Leadership Mountain View project, answering questions, directing our focus towards community needs, divvying up the work across staff and volunteers, making us feel both useful and valued. I was happy to continue working with the Center to help launch the Tool Library after our Leadership Mountain View class ended.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

We met largely on Zoom over the course of the project, but visiting the Center stands out as some of the best moments. I appreciated when Luis and Carla showed me how Center operations worked and what software and hardware they use, and what they hope to get out of the tool lending software; and when Luis, Angelica and I worked through how the checking in and out of tools was going to go.



A working meeting over Zoom about the Tool Library project. From top left - Kyle Hval, Andrea Klein Lacy, Marn-Yee Lee, Maria & Sophie Philip, and Adrienne Heiskanen.



THANK YOU
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