



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Daniela!



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Daniela first started volunteering at the Day Worker Center during her sophomore year at Santa Clara University. She was introduced to the Center when she applied to be the Worker's Connection Program Coordinator of SCCAP (Santa Clara Community Action Program) which is Santa Clara University's largest community service organization. As the Worker's Connection Program Coordinator, Daniela would come every Saturday morning with volunteers from Santa Clara University. The main purpose was to have conversations with the workers and assist with anything else needed at the Center. When asked about this experience she says: "I quickly became in love with the Center's mission and all the beautiful people involved." Most recently she joined the 25th Anniversary Celebration committee and helped make the event magical! No matter what, Daniela continues to support the Center in any way possible and we are very grateful she is part of the Center's team!

LEARN MORE ABOUT DANIELA'S VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

I wanted to volunteer at the Day Worker Center because I really believed in the mission of the Center and I have always looked for ways to help my community, especially those with a similar immigration history as myself. It also was an amazing opportunity to meet more Latinos in my community and to have the chance to converse in Spanish and learn life lessons from all the incredible people at the Center as well.



Daniela with SCCAP volunteers and workers celebrating Día de los Muertos.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

Volunteering at the Day Worker Center has been so incredible and it honestly was my favorite memory during college. I always left the Center feeling so happy because the conversations I had with the workers were always so meaningful. I learned so much from them and about their stories and they will always have a very special place in my heart.



SCCAP students making a fruit salad with a worker.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

There are so many incredible memories I have with the Center! One of my favorite memories was planning a beach day for the workers with Maria. We went to one of the beaches in Santa Cruz and I had a blast making all the delicious food with the workers and getting to spend more time with them. Another memory I love was when I helped decorate the Center for Día de Los Muertos. We made the most beautiful ofrenda and I loved getting to share that experience with the workers. One last memory that I really loved was when I met another Colombian at the Center and we made a delicious fruit salad together as he told me more about his story!

