

# **-VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



## Meet Fernando!

Tax season was just upon us and we'd like you to meet a volunteer that has been a tremendous help in preparation for it!

Leading up to Tax Day on April 18th, Fernando came to the Center various times to hold workshops and offer tax preparation support to workers. Workers received help filing their taxes and relevant information related to navigating and learning to contribute to tributary responsibilities and how the system works. Regardless of how many questions workers had, Fernando was always willing to explain!

### LEARN MORE ABOUT FERNANDO'S VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

#### WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

I wanted to volunteer at the Day Worker Center because day workers are people that work very hard to earn their money in our community doing jobs from gardening, construction, house cleaning, etc. Furthermore, some of the day workers that I met sometimes had limited English skills, and last but not the least they are also classified in Santa Clara County as "Extremely Low Income,"

which means that a single person earns less than 30% of the Area Median Income which was \$34,800 in 2021. Moreover, paying for income tax preparation to local private tax service businesses could be quite expensive in the hundreds of dollars.

#### WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

Volunteering at the Day Worker Center was great because the staff are very helpful and resourceful, and the day workers are interesting people that have many personal stories to share.

#### ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

One specific memory that I would like to share is about one of the day workers who owed tax to the Federal government and he was happy to contribute to the tax system.



Fernando providing information to a few workers.



Fernando meeting with a worker.

