

December 2023

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jack!

VOLUNTEER AREAS:

Each year for our anniversary celebration, Jack captures the beautiful moments we share as a community. He has photographed events for the Center like the anniversary galas. Initially he did it on his own and now as part of ProBonoPhoto.org. He shares, "Since I see the DWC in annual snapshots, the whole effect is kind of like a time-lapse movie filmed over eight years. I see the DWC growing. I see the youthful dancers growing up. And I see us all getting a little bit older and, I hope, wiser."

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

Working for social justice is important to me, and I was impressed by Maria when I first met her in 2011 as she performed the role of Narrator in Henry Mollicone's Misa de los Inmigrantes at my church as a benefit concert for the DWC (I sang in the choir). A few years later, it seemed like the situation of Hispanic immigrants was becoming harder and harder; I wanted to do something to help. Photos can be of some value, and I'm a serious photographer, so that seemed to be a natural way to volunteer.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

It's been a joy, a bit like being an stranger who has been invited to share the holiday celebration of a large, warm, and diverse family. The photography itself has been wonderful, too: What more could I ask for than a chance to make images of people showing deep positive feelings in colorful surroundings?

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

The well-deserved recognition of the DWC by political leaders on its 25th anniversary. The stunning patterns of the swirling dresses of the folklórico dancers. So many people greeting and hugging. The audience singing and swaying as a guitarist plays "La Bamba."



Jack during the Center's 27th anniversary with Maria, Executive Director, & Alejandra, Volunteer Coordinator.



One of Jack's favorite pictures from the Day Worker Center's anniversary celebration in 2017.



THANK YOU JACK!

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