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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Meishin!



VOLUNTEER AREAS:

Meishin's first volunteering activity for the Center was designing the ID cards for the day workers. Recently she has created an online archive of Day Worker Center features in external documents from 2018 until 2023 to preserve and remember the history of the Center. She has researched social media, newsletters, articles, and more and neatly organized her findings into online folders, ensuring easy accessibility for future reference. As part of the project, she also came to the Center and labeled and categorized DVDs from the 2000s onto a spreadsheet and provided brief descriptions for each.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

Before working at the Center, I was already supporting day laborers at unofficial, local assembly points (like Home Depot on DeAnza Blvd) by preparing and bringing drinks and small food items to them in the mornings while they waited. During this distribution, I often raised awareness of and encouraged use of official day worker centers. Then, I realized it was not enough for me to simply promote the day worker centers: if I wanted to do everything I could to support day workers, I must do what I can to support the centers as well.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

Volunteering at the Center has been very rewarding. The more I am able to help others and make a positive impact, the happier I am. A significant portion of my volunteer efforts has revolved around administrative tasks, which allowed me to volunteer even during COVID shutdowns. The knowledge that I am contributing to the support and betterment of the Day Worker Center brings me happiness. Everyone at the Center is very hard-working, friendly, and cares a lot about the work they do, which creates a wonderful environment anyone would be lucky to volunteer in.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

It felt so great to finally get to visit the Center in person! I loved being able to see the people who previously I had only met electronically. I also enjoyed meeting new people and converse in Spanish with them. The welcoming and hard-working atmosphere was very inspiring. I can't wait to be back.



Meishin is supporting us to archive documents with the Mountain View Historical Society so information about the Center's history can be preserved and accessible!

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THANK YOU MEISHIN!



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