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Ruth tabling for the Wage Theft Coalition at a Justice4Workers' event.

> volunteer since: 2018

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Meet Ruth!

VOLUNTEER AREAS:

Ruth has been a volunteer at the Center since 2018 and plays an important role in our worker's rights outreach. Ruth conducts trainings on Workers' Rights in addition to always being willing to support when a worker or community member at the Center needs individual guidance about workers rights. Ruth also collaborates with the Day Worker Center in both the OLSE's (Office of Labor Standards Enforcement) Fair Workplace Collaborative and the State of California's COVID Worker Outreach Project. In 2021 Ruth joined the Center's Board of Directors!

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

It is important to me to conduct trainings and increase knowledge of workplace rights, especially immigrant workers who are exploited and victims of wage theft and discrimination.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

I am so inspired by the Center's work in the community, the leadership of Maria Marroquin, and the dedication of the staff. The heart of the Center is the workers, and the Center really makes a difference in their lives.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

After one training, a worker told me that she had followed my legal advice and that her problems at work had disappeared. She was seeking accommodation for a disability. I also remember that a worker was paid the wages he was owed after I wrote a demand letter. Additionally, I have fond memories of participating in the Fair Workplace Collaborative and community events with Day Worker Center staff including the Wage Theft Coalition's Justice4Workers' event.