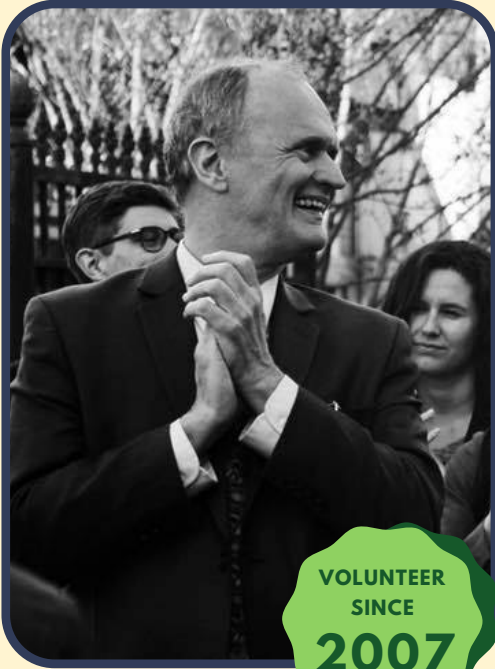


VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Steve!



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When asked about all of the volunteer tasks he has participated in, Steve shares: "I can think of a lot of examples but as far as volunteering at the Day Worker Center I've done in one way or another, pretty much everything except Spanish classes and translation but otherwise I can't really think of anything I haven't done!" Since becoming a volunteer back in 2007, Steve has helped with the worker's list that organizes which worker is next to go out for a job, technology issues, and for events like tabling at the Art & Wine Festival of Mountain View and Los Altos. As volunteer, Steve also coordinated a partnership between the Center and Stanford Blood Center in which their mobile unit came our facility to give workers and community members an opportunity to donate blood.

In 2010 Steve helped with permits and coordinating the Center's big move from Mercy St. to 113 Escuela Ave. In our current building, Steve also helped with the process of getting solar panels installed. He looked for vendors and coordinated the installation. No matter what the need may be, Steve is always ready to lend a hand!



LEARN MORE ABOUT STEVE'S VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

I was interested in learning more Spanish because I really didn't know any. I was taking a Spanish class at Foothill and at the time I was living very close to the Day Worker Center. I had never been there but I wanted to see if there were opportunities to practice Spanish. I walked in the doors of the Center and there was Maria to greet me. When she asked me if I was interested in volunteering I said yes and the thing that I discovered quickly once I went to the Center was that all the people there are so nice and wonderful.



Steve during our community resource fair in 2020 providing information about the Census.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

I hadn't really been around people who had limited English. Growing up in this country, the media would talk about people from Mexico and other places and sometimes it didn't sound right. When I got to know all of the wonderful people at the Center I started realizing 'WOW these people are so great!' and I wanted to spend more time here. That really got me happy about the opportunity to volunteer in an environment that is so fulfilling. I really felt like I was able to help more and I like helping people. It gets to the point, after being with the Center for a while, that it feels like a magical place and everyone is incredible!



Steve at the Day Worker Center donating blood for Stanford Blood Center.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

I can't think of an extra memorable one because I've loved the Center for so long and there are so many things! However, there is this repeat memory that was so much fun. It was when I helped driving the Center's minivan. Maria would be in the front seat, the minivan would be full of workers and we'd be on our way to events. I remember everyone talking in Spanish but with some English for me to understand and participate. It was so much fun being a part of that!

