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RALLY AT THE CAPITOL!

Thirty-Five NVP members traveled to Hartford for a Recovery For All Rally at the State Capitol on May 17th. Thousands of people from many unions, organizations, and congregations were there to demand that the legislature and the Governor change their funding priorities to address the physical, mental, economic, and social needs of hard-working low and moderate income people of Connecticut. We must become a priority for funding decisions. Kit Salazar Smith, an NVP leader, loved it! She believes it sent a powerful message for change. NVP will continue to partner with Recovery For All Coalition moving forward.

DOMESTIC WORKERS UPDATES

The Community of Home Workers United has been educating domestic workers across the state about their rights to paid days off and minimum wage. On June 29th the group kicked off a 2023 Wage Theft Campaign with local union and community partners.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

On May 22nd NVP members spoke before the Board of Aldermen about serious health and safety issues caused by their close proximity to the contaminated Bristol Babcock brownfield property. There Sharon Samoska spoke about her experiences living next to the property for over 30 years. NVP is asking the Waterbury Board of Aldermen to strengthen a current municipal ordinance for nearby residence' safety



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MEET NEW STAFF!

Meet Jacqueline Bayas (top) and Karime Aybar (bottom), two new additions to the the NVP Team.

Jacque has been a leader of NVP's domestic worker effort for the last 3 years. She recently moved into the staff position of Affordable Housing Organizer

Karime is NVP's new Communication Specialist. She works behind the scenes and doesn't mind running up to the 3rd floor now and again.

VERMONT TRAINING

In April, fourteen NVP leaders, many new to their role at NVP, participated in a 3-day leadership training retreat with other Intervalley Project organizations from Massachusetts and Vermont. The training was excellent and provided an opportunity for NVP leaders to learn from each other and other leaders from throughout New England.



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