

# GOT FOOD?

THANK A FARM WORKER!

## NFWM News & Action Alerts

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## Thank you Dominique for your Strong Leadership of YAYA

**Dominique Aulisio (center) with YAYA members, 2018 NC immersion trip**



It has been an honor to work alongside you. Serving as YAYA Coordinator and connecting with so many community members and farm workers who are determined to create agency in their own lives has had a deep impact on me. Thank you for the opportunity to learn, to share, and to work together on the campaigns of farm workers struggling for justice.

Coming up this spring, I will be participating in a 5 month organizing training specifically for

white allies, that will give us the tools to "break the wall of white silence." It is called the Anne Braden Training Program for Anti-Racist Organizers by the Catalyst Foundation. I can assure you I will put my new knowledge to good use in solidarity with racial and economic justice organizations and share it as widely as possible. Click here to follow my work during the program! <https://domatbraden.home.blog/>

In terms of paying the bills, I will be returning to the field of massage therapy and look forward to using this skill for collective healing work in the future. And don't worry, I will still be seeing you on the picket line. After all, not all protesters are paid!

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## NFWM Board Meets in San Jose, CA



During the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the NFWM Board held its bi-annual meeting in San Jose, CA. We were graciously hosted by former board member Pastor John Freeseemann at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, as well as by Jackie Vazquez at an [Equitable Food Initiative](#) (EFI) certified Andrew and Williamson farm and by Bonita Rivera, Lauro Barajas and Edgar Urias at the [United Farm Worker](#) (UFW) new worker center in Salinas.

Friday morning began with a drive over the Pacific Coastal Mountains to the town of Moss Landing. Here strawberries are grown with Monterey Bay in view. More impressive than the view, though, were the stories we heard at Sundance Farms. The NFWM Board had visited here in 2012 when this Andrew and Williamson farm was a pilot project for the EFI; it gained certification in 2014...

From Andrew & Williamson we traveled the short distance south to Salinas. For most of us it was the first time to see the UFW's Central Coast Farm Worker Center, completed the spring of 2018. Thank you to Bonita Rivera for giving us a tour of the renovated building, which offers more than 10,000 sq feet of large meeting spaces as well as offices for UFW organizers and the United Farm Worker Foundation staff...

And so, NFWM did what we are called to do. Go out in solidarity with the workers and picket the company. With calls to Premiere to "Follow the Law" and "Respect Your Workers." We marched for an hour in front of Well-Pict's office. NFWM had requested a meeting with Well-Pict/Premiere but was denied one.

[Take Action to Support the Premiere Workers](#)

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Jackie Vazquez (right), director of Operations  
Watsonville District, Sundance Berry Farms and  
Leadership Team members meet with NFWM Board



**One down, three to go, and the "4 for Fair Food" Tour hasn't even started yet!**



### **University of Michigan Boots the Braids!**

Student Union Board of Representatives: "It is the position of the Michigan Union Board of Representatives to not support companies that engage in practices deemed unethical by the Fair Food Program..."

After years of building their case to kick Wendy's off campus, students at the University of Michigan have won their battle to "Boot the Braids" until the fast-food giant joins the Fair

Food Program. The move turns next month's planned demonstration on the UM campus into a celebration, and sends an unmistakable message to the administrations at other schools where students are demanding that Wendy's put human rights on the menu, or take its business elsewhere.

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## **ACT TODAY to Support the Fairness for Farm Workers Act introduced in Congress.**

Click on the image below to send your message!



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**FARMWORKERSACT**

**TELL YOUR  
CONGRESSMEMBERS  
FARM WORKERS  
DESERVE OVERTIME**

**#FAIRNESS4FARMWORKERSACT  
#OVERTIME4FARMWORKERS  
#WEFEEDYOU**



**Click to go to our "Take Action" page and  
e-mail your Congressional Representatives**

## **Make your birthday (or other event) extra special this year!**

### **How?**

It's simple: instead of gifts, ask for donations. Pledge your birthday to National Farm Worker Ministry and change the world by helping us support farm workers seeking dignity & justice. It's easy to get started!

### **Pledge Your Birthday**

Go to [www.nfwm.org](http://www.nfwm.org) and click "Donate Your Birthday" on the "Take Action!" tab. Commit to raise money to support farm worker organizing in honor of your special day.

### **Create Your Message**

Tell friends and family that you'd prefer donations instead of gifts this year. Celebrations are a great way to spread the word about how we're all connected to farm workers at every meal. Plus, it gives people you know the chance to both honor you and help farm workers.

### **Send your Invitation**

Make a plan and decide to whom and how to send your birthday wish. Then carry it out! It's that simple. Plus, we're here to give you all the support you need throughout the process.

**Here's to more meaning, more celebrating and more support**

for farm workers creating change.



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**DONATE TODAY!**

NFWM Supports These Boycotts led by our Farm Worker Partners.  
We hope you will, too!



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