WORKSAFE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WORKSAFE is so proud to present this year’s Frances Schreiberg Pro Bono Award to the incredible Centro Legal de la Raza.

Centro Legal, based in Oakland’s Fruitvale district, is one of our partners in the community redevelopment initiative, “Safe, Secure, and Sustainable Jobs for Day Laborers.” The project brings together policy advocacy, legal assistance, and worker empowerment to support economic stability in the Alameda County day labor community.

Centro Legal has been working to ensure access to justice for immigrant communities since 1969. Their mission is to provide comprehensive legal services to protect and advance the rights of immigrant, low-income, and Latino communities through bilingual legal representation, education, and advocacy. By combining quality legal services with know-your-rights education and youth development, Centro Legal promotes access to justice for thousands of individuals and families each year throughout Northern and Central California.

Centro Legal has worked alongside Worksafe as co-counsel in multiple workplace health and safety cases to protect low-income immigrant workers who are facing serious health and safety situations at work. These workplace situations are complex and often involve numerous workplace violations such as wage theft, health and safety violations, immigration based retaliation, and workers compensation violations. Centro Legal has represented attic rooftop workers, a pregnant worker in a plastics factory, an injured bar worker, and many others with occupational health and safety issues.

Centro Legal’s work truly embodies the spirit of the Fran Schreiberg Pro Bono Award. They promote self-sufficiency for marginalized people of color by creating equitable and dignified access to legal services and education, regardless of socioeconomic or immigration status. They engage the community in constructing collective power and leadership in order to advance a more just, inclusive, and empathetic society.

The staff of Centro Legal de la Raza has gone above and beyond to make sure that they serve as a vital and robust resource for the community that they serve. We honor their amazing work tonight.

To learn more about this inspiring organization, please visit centrolegal.org.

THE FRANCES SCHREIBERG PRO BONO AWARD

Fran Schreiberg has been a leading advocate for improving health and safety laws in California for over 30 years. She is of counsel at Kazan, McClain, Satterley and Greenwood. She is also one of the founders of Worksafe and has provided consistent leadership and assistance to the organization for more than three decades.

This special award is named in honor of Fran for her extraordinary contribution of time and expertise to Worksafe’s fight for safety, health, and justice for workers. Award recipients are those whose pro bono service has a major impact on Worksafe’s ability to deliver the best advocacy, education, and assistance services possible in pursuit of our mission.