

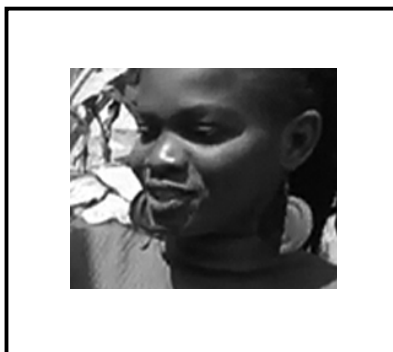


## NWUUC Celebrates “Guest at Your Table”

By celebrating Guest at Your Table, you are helping nurture a spirit of gratitude and "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." Guest at Your Table fosters understanding and awareness of UUSC's human rights work. Guest at Your Table is an annual tradition in which congregation members learn about several people with whom UUSC is working. This year, we are featuring people who have empowered others to realize their human rights. These people are your “guests,” and we ask you to share your blessings with them to support our shared mission.

The history of Guest at Your Table has been an important part of UUSC and congregational culture since it began in 1975. Each year since, involvement in Guest at Your Table has grown — strengthening UU connections to our shared principles and helping to challenge injustice throughout the world. UU congregations in the United States and around the world participate in this important annual tradition. They come together, learn about people directly connected to human rights work, and raise funds to support this work. Together, members of these congregations inspire people to join UUSC and help raise funds to support our shared vision.

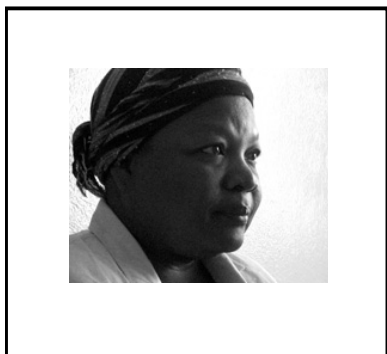
Who are the Guest at Your Table this year?



**Danielle Neus** is helping bring successful rural gardening techniques to the urban areas of Haiti. She is sharing practices that can lead to individual self-sufficiency and national food sovereignty.



**Nelson Escobar** came to the United States from El Salvador seeking asylum but then experienced oppressive working conditions. Nelson now helps others to overcome barriers, learn about their rights, and access support from workers’ centers and other organizations.



**Malya Villard-Appolon** works to end gender-based violence in Haiti and provides support to survivors. Malya is educating and empowering women to know their legal rights and to talk to one another to create safer communities.



**George Friday** found out as a youth that it can be hard to stand alone against injustice. She trained in community organizing and began building coalitions. She helps people understand the capacity of their combined voices and the value of their grassroots knowledge and expertise.

**Please place the Guest at your Table box or envelope at the dinner table and take a few minutes to discuss the stories available at: [link at NWUUC.ORG](http://www.nwuuc.org)**

**Stories of Hope 2013 – 2014** [http://www.uusc.org/files/2013-2014\\_Stories-of-Hope-Booklet.pdf](http://www.uusc.org/files/2013-2014_Stories-of-Hope-Booklet.pdf)

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**Involve the entire family in this important lesson in Social Justice!**

UUSC is an independent, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit member organization. UUSC is a leading voice for human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Please support their work — begin or renew your membership today!

Northwest will tell about a special person, every Sunday, that is being helped by Guest at Your Table (UUSC) during Story Wisdom. The children and congregants will have an opportunity to contribute money (but don't have to) in the sanctuary box. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Hickman ([dchebh@aol.com](mailto:dchebh@aol.com)) with questions concerning Northwest's Guest at Your Table program.

Please return your contributions to Sharon Cameron or Elizabeth Hickman by January 5, 2014