Viola Waghiyi

*Environmental Health and Justice Program Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Alaska*

Viola Waghiyi is a bilingual Yupik Eskimo who was born in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Although her family moved to Nome, she grew up in both communities, traveling between Nome and the Island throughout her childhood. Currently Environmental Health and Justice Program Director at Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT), Vi shares responsibilities with the executive director for all of ACAT’s efforts. She has seen the devastating effects of pesticides and other toxics on indigenous communities firsthand, and can speak to the ways in which persistent pesticides travel up to Arctic environs (through the process known as global distillation) and the effects they have on families and communities there.

David Runyon

*Farmer, Indiana*

David and Dawna Runyon grow maize, wheat and soybeans on their 900-acre farm in Eastern Indiana. After a lifetime of work, they almost lost it all when Monsanto accused them of patent infringement because Monsanto-branded seeds blew over into the Runyons’ farm. David and Dawna have told their story (including Monsanto’s illegal attempt at seizure of their records claiming a warrant from the non-existent “Indiana Department of Agriculture”) and defended their innocence – and their farm – in a number of prominent venues including the film *Food, Inc.* Their courageous response has prompted Monsanto to publish a webpage devoted to Dave Runyon.

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Juana Cortez

*Mother & farmworker, California*

Juana Cortez is a mother and farmworker in the fields of California. Originally from Mexico, Juana and her family live in Watsonville, CA, where they live and work under constant threat of exposure to pesticides. Juana has suffered severe health effects from exposure to pesticides, including a miscarriage. In another incident, she was affected so violently that she began trembling and frothing at the mouth; she was unable to acquire medical attention, and suffered the symptoms for days. Juana Cortez has emerged from her struggles to be a leader in her community. She participates as a parent representative on the Policy Committee at Migrant Head Start, where she represents over 60 families in making decisions about programs and services provided to young children of migrant farmworkers.

Mildre Lima

*High school student & farmworker, North Carolina*

Mildre is a proud *chapina* (Guatemalan-American) who began work in the fields of North Carolina at age 12, migrating from Florida each year to cultivate and harvest tobacco, blueberry and sweet potato crops. Now a teenager, Mildre has found her voice as an advocate for farm workers and Latino youth, and she aspires to be an immigration lawyer. Mildre is vice president of *Muchachas en Acción* (Girls in Action), an active member on the media team of *Poder Juvenil Campesino* (Farmworker Youth Power), as well as an officer of her school's Spanish Club.

Jeff Anderson

*Beekeeper, California and Minnesota*

Jeff is co-owner of California Minnesota Honey Farms, a family owned and run operation of just under 3,000 bee colonies. A beekeeper of over three decades, Jeff has seen a large decline in his bee population that threatens his continued operation. He is currently a member of the National Honey Bee Advisory Board, a joint board formed by the two national beekeeping organizations: The American Beekeepers Federation and the American Honey Producers organization.