**Community Impact**

- **Leah Russell**, Rural & Migrant Ministry, NY
  Collected testimonies from farmworkers and community allies on their interactions with local police, and created a report on the effects that local enforcement of immigration laws had in farmworking communities.

- **Walker Somerville**, Telamon Corp., VA
  Assisted with pesticide trainings, the in-house food bank, presented about farmworkers and built partnerships with local social services, including police departments and Department of Motor Vehicles.

- **Jorja Cummings**, Southern Migrant Legal Services, TN
  Conducted outreach to farmworkers in the region, plotted camps on GPS, and communicated with clients in ongoing legal cases.

- **Maria Herrera**, Comité de Apoyo a Trabajadores Agrícolas, PA
  Outreached to mushroom workers to help with workplace concerns, assisted with walk-ins, conducted research for internal projects, and translated.

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**SAF’s Sowing Seeds for Change** fellowship program was a huge success this year. Fellows from NY, PA, VA and TN participated in 2 intense trainings on farmworker issues, completed weekly reflective journals, and worked full-time at their agencies. Fellows also completed documentary projects, interviewing farmworkers and co-workers and photographing their summer experiences. In all, Fellows reached over 1700 farmworkers this summer!

**Personal Impact**

“I learned more in this summer experience than I could have ever imagined possible before. I think one of the most important things I can do is to spread the word.”

*Leah Russell*

“Not only do farmworkers have to deal with working in pesticides all day, but a plane even drops clouds of the chemicals mere feet from the beds and kitchens. I was coughing for the next half an hour home.”

*Walker Somerville*

“...I have made a direct impact on the lives of a few individuals, and have been a part of a team that will continue to chip away at the walls of injustice.. bringing a sense of empowerment to farmworkers.”

*Jorja Cummings*

“I really enjoy going to work everyday. I think about continuing this work in the future maybe as a lawyer or government official. Sometimes I want to work in a mushroom farm for 6 months or a year, just too see what it’s like to live the life of an immigrant farmworker.”

*Maria Herrera*

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