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**Patricia Francoise interviews Magdalen Wilson**

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Introduction of interviewer, Patricia Francois, and Magdalen Wilson.

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Wilson discusses her motivations for telling her story and gives some background details about where she is from and where she lives now.

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Wilson explains how she became a domestic worker and how long she has been in that line of work

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Wilson details the daily tasks associated with domestic work.

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Wilson talks about the skills it takes to be a domestic worker and the kinds of certification that can be helpful. She touches briefly on why someone might switch back and forth between doing childcare and elderly care and the kind of certification support Domestic Workers United offers.

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Wilson discusses some of the skills she has outside of domestic work and the different kinds of cultural events Domestic Workers United has made accessible to her.

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Wilson explains some of the specific techniques she uses to help children fall asleep, finish their meals, and stop crying.

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Wilson talks about how frustrated she and many other domestic workers are with the kind of treatment they receive from employers.

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Wilson discusses a cultural difference between childcare in the United States and in the Caribbean and how she dealt with that difference in her work.

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Wilson sings a song in French that she often sings to the children takes care of.

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Wilson talks about how the best part of her job is seeing how much pleasure children get from playing a simple game.

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Wilson explains that the worst part of her job is how little she is paid for her work.

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Wilson talks about her current relationship with her employer and relationships with children she has taken care of in the past.

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Wilson airs some of the frustrations she has with her holiday schedule. Wilson says she isn't aware of any domestic workers being exploited because of their immigration status.

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Wilson touches on the impact religious differences between her and her employers can have.

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Wilson briefly explains how her demanding work life impacts her personal life and the organizations she is involved with.

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Wilson discusses the community of domestic workers she spends time with while she's working and the frustration she feels when she sees people photographing them while they are working in the park.

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Wilson explains how she became a member of Domestic Workers United and she and Francois discuss the difference between a union and an organization.

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Wilson explains that she wants to see the Domestic Bill of Rights enforced, because it would make a huge difference in the lives of many domestic workers.

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Wilson details what she would tell a legislator about being a domestic worker if she could speak to one face to face.

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Wilson explains her future career goals and her love for caring for people and animals.

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Wilson talks about the kinds of skills and opportunities Domestic Workers United makes available to domestic workers.

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Wilson ends the interview by reiterating that she wants to get more domestic workers involved with Domestic Workers United so they can have the benefits that she's experienced through her involvement with them.