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bacteriological warfare research, Ruth declared, “I-I think this is unethical and I can’t be a party to it!” She challenged this policy as dangerous for students and essentially immoral—resigning from the prestigious position in 1956. This experience contributed to Lofgren’s belief in the importance of popular understanding of science and of the complexity of the global environment.

After resigning from the University of Michigan, she moved to New York City, joined the faculty of Brooklyn College, and shifted her research focus to science education. In 1976, Ruth took early retirement from the City University of New York and came to live in San Antonio. She taught in a Quaker school for emotionally disturbed children until 1978.

In 2007 at Esperanza’s 20th anniversary, Ruth was honored as one of 5 elder activists with a lifetime achievement award. At 91, she was selected as San Antonio’s first peace laureate in 2008 initiated by the peaceCENTER. At the ceremony, Ruth expressed a concern about today’s children noting that children had become passive learners with the demands of institutionalized learning and needed to be more connected to the natural world. Ruth also received the 2017 Terry Hershey Award of the Texas Audubon Society, having worked to restore the wetlands of Mitchell Lake and establish the Audubon society there, and having served as a docent. And, she was inducted into the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame in 2017.

When in her nineties Ruth focused more on issues of

consciousness and one’s inner life raising questions of how we as humans can be our best selves amidst “the social disease of exploitation” that seems to be threatening this planet and all



Ruth participated in many community discussions at the Esperanza.

living beings. Her personal journey to “know thyself” led her to write an article for La Voz in October of 2014 entitled, Confessions of an American Liberal where remarkably she arrives at a conclusion about herself stating: *Over the years I have been aware of discrimination, profiling and prejudice. But, my life has been comfortable until now. The “white privilege”*

I have enjoyed is no longer invisible to me!

At 101 years young in a letter to the Editor of La Voz (March 2018) Ruth expressed dismay with our government saying, *When I think what a great country USA was in 7th grade Civics, I’m saddened by the truth. Our government and big business have had their fingers in most of the country’s business and the people have suffered—migrants and the promise of the statue of liberty. Now, millions suffer. I’m glad the fight continues for the dreamers. I don’t understand our politicians... lots of us are waiting for humane change... God bless all who work with vision for a world of peace and justice.*

The Esperanza staff and buena gente extend our deepest condolences to Ruth’s vast family of activists and global citizens. Her life has, indeed, been an example of a life well led.

Chi Chis Out!

With my chi chis out

You criticize me for not attending college

Belittle me for not fitting into a size 0

With my chi chis out

She whispers “Why hasn’t she gotten married yet?”

“She’s got 3 kids born out of wedlock, you know?”

And now

With my chi chis out you point and holler

“Cover up!”

This time,

While I am nursing my baby from my breast

With my chi chis out

Liquid gold drips out of my daisy shaped nipples

And covers the corner of my son’s mouth

Only to heal his body inside and out

With my chi chis out

It smells of vanilla ice cream, it reduces the risk of cancer

And it soothes my little brown warrior to melt in my arms

With my chi chis out

My fist in the air and my crown on my head

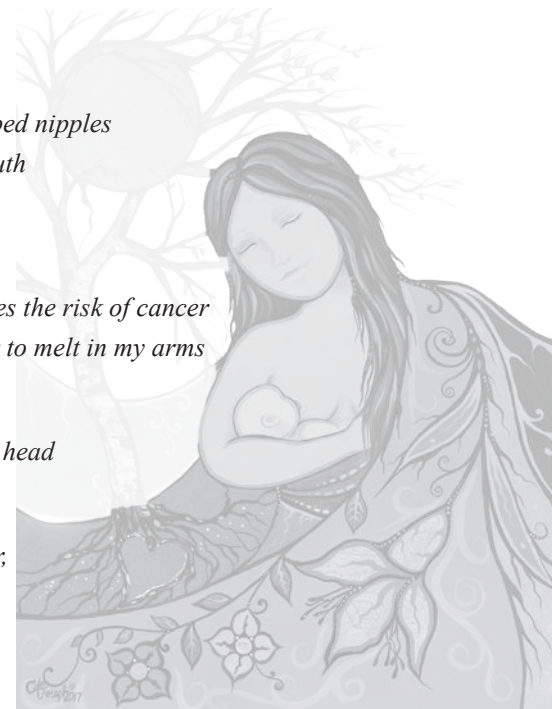
I will no longer hide to comfort you

I become a dancer, a singer, a hummer,

and I stand for this revolution

with my chi chis out!

—Dolores Moreno-Valles



—Cree-Métis Artist, Carla Joseph