



Richard Porras
Boardmember-
High School Inc.

Richard Porras is the epitome of the successful individual who gives back to his community through countless hours of selfless commitment. Richard is the Chairman of the Board of the Directors for the Santa Ana Chambers of Commerce, a past Chairman and current Director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a Director on the Boys and Girls Club Board, a member of the Goodwill Industries Board of Directors, and a Board member of the O.C. Tax Payer Association. As a past recipient of the esteemed "Ethics in America" Award, Richard conducts his professional and personal life with the highest standards of responsibility and service. Richard's role as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School, further demonstrates that he is an inspiration not only for our city, but for Santa Ana's youth.



Toni Raykovich Wall
Law Firm of Rose,
Klein and Marias

The holiday season is a special time for the Wilson School community due to Toni Raykovich Wall. On December, 2002, Toni began the annual Toy Give-Away in honor of her five year old son, Eric Wall who passed away from liver cancer. Eric's favorite toy, "Tickle-Me-Elmo" brought him comfort during his illness. Thus, Toni has coordinated the Eric Wall Toy Give Away for Wilson School in remembrance of her son. Wilson School is grateful for having been sponsored and the impact it has each time a student reflects upon the gifts they receive. Toni Raykovich Wall's efforts in supporting Wilson School has been a wonderful example of altruism.



Celebrate Santa Ana 2008

The Community Building Awards are an opportunity for Santa Ana's Resource Network to recognize those individuals or organizations who are continuously creating a positive environment, increasing productivity, and making the City of Santa Ana a great place to live, work and play. This award also encourages recipients and challenges others to continue the creation of special projects that contribute to our community. The following are award categories for the Community Building Awards.

- **Rookie of the Year:** Award developed in recognition of the fact that many new staff members join Santa Ana's community-based organizations each year. The Resource Network continues to offer valuable information to orient these new staff members to our community and we'd like to recognize those that have made significant contributions during their first year of service.
- **Non-profit Housing Project/Developer of the Year:** Award intended to recognize innovative design, financing, management or social services associated with affordable housing projects serving the Santa Ana community.
- **Faith-Based Social Service Initiative of the Year:** Award presented to recognize the wonderful services performed by Santa Ana's faith-based organizations and their contribution to community building.
- **Research Project of the Year:** Each year, Santa Ana serves as the subject for a variety of research topics conducted by university level researchers. This award is an effort to recognize the numerous significant projects, which bring long-term benefits and valuable insight to our community.
- **Service Club Project of the Year:** Santa Ana is fortunate to have an active service club community that see the value in partnering up their members and resources with other organizations to tackle significant issues that confront our society.
- **Economic Development/Federal Empowerment Zone Project of the Year:** Award developed to recognize the grassroots economic development initiatives that are providing new opportunities for the advancement of residents of Santa Ana.
- **Art in Business:** Award to recognize a business who has provided the citizens of Santa Ana an improved public environment by investing in public or private buildings with creative works of art. The media can include, but is not limited to, paintings, photographic works, free standing and suspended sculptures, wall reliefs, fiber works, ceramic works, murals, water elements and environmental installations.
- **Board Member of the Year:** Award to be presented to a volunteer board member of a Santa Ana community-based organization that has provided service and inspiration to their organization and our city.
- **Executive Director of the Year:** Award to be presented for outstanding leadership and achievements on behalf of their Santa Ana community-based organization.
- **COP Volunteer of the Year:** Award to provide recognition to a volunteer that has distinguished themselves through their commitment to the principles and goals of Santa Ana's community oriented policing philosophy.
- **General Open Nomination Opportunity:** Award in which nominations are open to individuals that are innovative and resourceful but may not meet the eligibility of the predefined categories.

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City of Santa Ana
Community Development Resource Network



Martina Palos
Lyon Street Family
Resource Center

Martina Palos has been an active and dedicated resident of the Lyon Street Neighborhood for the past 19 years. She has been involved in almost every facet of the community. She assisted in the remodeling of an old storage room that now serves as a Family Resource Center in one of the apartment complexes on Lyon Street. Martina is a community leader at the Lyon Street Parent Center working with ACT FIVE, a program that promotes healthy eating and active living among the children and youth of the community. Martina helps to organize a homework club, walking clubs, health education classes and community events such as Annual Health fair and Christmas Celebration. Martina has volunteered her time to benefit the entire community, especially the children of the Lyon Street Neighborhood. Martina has actively participated in neighborhood meetings, encouraging parents to attend and be part of the decision making on many important issues regarding safety, school bussing, neighborhood clean ups and traffic. Martina's endless energy has allowed her to give back to her neighborhood and community.



Kittie Fortner
Edward B. Cole
Academy

In her capacity as Principal, Kittie Fortner has brought a wealth of knowledge to the Edward B. Cole Academy. Since 2003, the charter school's student body has increased from 89 students to 310. Kittie believes the best way to help a child become successful is to encourage and uplift them, no matter what their circumstance may be. Kittie has reached out to the community by distributing gifts during Christmas and visiting parents in the hospital. Kittie maintains an Open Door Policy in her office and who ever steps in can expect her undivided attention and some words of wisdom.



Alan Woo
Community Action
Partnership

Alan Woo has been active in many anti-poverty programs for the past 30 years. At the Community Action Partnership, Alan has helped get programs started that have served our diverse community. Alan truly cares about how and when services are provided. He has also assisted the Southwest Center by bringing in speakers, resources and helping collaborate and work

together. Alan is always trying to align forces for one common cause of unity. Alan has the strength, commitment and dedication to advocate for our community.



Orange Housing Development Corporation (OHDC)

The Orange Housing Development Corporation is a non profit corporation that is being recognized for its development and management of affordable housing within the City of Santa Ana. OHDC has partnered with the City of Santa Ana for over thirteen years to provide affordable housing for families and seniors within Santa Ana. OHDC continues to work with the City to facilitate large-scale neighborhood revitalization projects to improve the quality of life for individual families along with the community at large. OHDC works closely with the City Council, City staff, the Police Department, other local non-profit organizations to provide after-school learning centers and computer labs, and neighboring private property owners to ensure the quality and long-term success of each project. OHDC has the experience, energy and compassion for revitalizing neighborhoods and improving the quality of affordable housing, one apartment and one family at a time.



Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana

The Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana provided over 200 volunteers for an Adopt-A-Park event at Cabrillo Park in Santa Ana on April 14, 2007. The group, chaired by Youth Pastor Matt Doan, was committed to adopting the park in a genuine way with the goal of returning to the park several times per month to perform tidy-up-duties. Among the volunteers were a number of skilled expert landscapers, painters, and maintenance workers. The work that was performed included, vine planting, re-landscaping the planters along the park's buildings, re-planting the public entrance along Fruit Street, striping the basketball court, painting the Cabrillo Park sign and thorough clean-up of the Tot Lot including painting of the gym toys. The four-hour event with the 200 volunteers equaled approximately 800 hours of work that City Park Services staff would have performed. Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana has provided wonderful services that have contributed to community building.



Victor Madrigal
Community
Volunteer

Victor Madrigal has worked with the parents of Century High School for over 3 years and during this time

has increased parent meeting participation up to 300. Parents have recently participated in a SAUSD budget review and student retention workshop. Victor and his wife Gloria obtained donations for Rebuilding Together Orange County's "Day of Good Deeds" on March 22nd, which took place at Sierra Intermediate School. Victor has also helped the F.A.C.T. resource center with community fairs. Victor is being recognized for his support and dedication to Santa Ana's schools and our community.



Robert L. Ward
Santa Ana
Winds Youth Band

Since June of 1971, Robert L. Ward has devoted his life to enriching youth's lives through music in the City of Santa Ana. He has taught the youths of Santa Ana, the values of teamwork, commitment, pride, and self respect. Robert's 40 year dedication to represent the city through the art of music makes him an outstanding citizen, mentor and teacher. He has been directing the Santa Ana Winds group out of his selfless heart to bring joy to audiences all over the world, as well as the youths in the community. He always puts his band and the youths ahead of all else. Robert has been an inspiration not only to the four thousand members that have been

through his band but to all the parents and adults within the community as well. Robert L. Ward is not just a band director; he is a living legend of someone who gives back to his community without expecting anything in return.



Sergio C. Velazquez
Velazquez
Publishing Inc.

Sergio Velazquez founded Velazquez Publishing Company, Miniondas and Farandula USA Newspapers in 1975. Since that time, Sergio has introduced many quality events to Santa Ana through his Farandula USA connections with the entertainment industry. As an example, he and other Fourth St. businessmen founded the Fiestas Patrias Parade and Cinco de Mayo celebration events. In addition, Sergio founded Santa Ana's first Cinco de Mayo cultural event and founded the first Santa Ana Mother's Day. This past year, as part of Santa Ana's Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign, Sergio coordinated the distribution of 70,000 IRS informational flyers through his Miniondas Newspaper as a service to the community. Sergio continues to serve his community quietly, humbly and faithfully.