



**Rose Wolfrum**

Illumination Foundation

Willard Children's Resource Center

Working in Santa Ana's Willard Neighborhood, Rose Wolfrum has extended the Illumination Foundation's vision for their Children's Resource Center. She is a member of the Willard Task Force where the goal is to transform the neighborhood. Her dedication and commitment thus far have been instrumental in the improved academic and emotional support made available to local youth.



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 Santa Ana a great place to live, work and play. This award encourages recipients and challenges others to continue the creation of special projects that contribute to our community.



**Captain Stephen Horner**

Orange County Fire Authority

Having served the residents of Santa Ana for over 30 years, Captain Horner has exhibited tremendous resourcefulness in advancing risk reduction strategies for the wellbeing of our community. Most recently he has been organizing programs which have resulted in record breaking numbers of smoke alarms being installed into local homes. Further, he is a valuable public safety leader, instructor, and tremendous asset to Santa Ana.



**Peter Chang**

Child Creativity Lab

Reintroducing creativity back into the K-6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms has been Peter's mission and the objective of the Child Creativity Lab. He has been inspiring curious thinkers by engaging children with the fundamental tools for discovering creativity as an essential element in critical thinking, problem solving, and innovation. Last year, 13,000 children were served in a way that may influence their future life's work.

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### Father Edward Poettgen

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Father Ed continues to be a leader in the Santa Ana community. His leadership and continued investment in the neighborhoods surrounding the parish in which he serves has had a lasting impact on children, youth, and families. Father Ed has been an advocate for the voiceless and disenfranchised and lifted up families with hope and we are grateful for his work.



### Dr. Susie Lopez-Guerra

Santa Ana Unified School District

Dr. Lopez-Guerra is an extraordinary advocate for our Santa Ana students, families, businesses and community organizations. She is particularly effective in bringing people together to promote enrichment opportunities for students and in supporting development pathways for our organizations. Dr. Lopez-Guerra is at her best among community members, and Santa Ana is a better place as a result.



### Mario Morales

Southeast Victory Outreach-Peace and Unity

This past year, Mario organized several Peace and Unity marches, neighborhood clean-ups, and Las Posadas in Santa Ana. Further, his work with at-risk youth has been noticed and has had an impact, particularly with those affected by unemployment, poverty, illegal drugs, and alcoholism. Mario's work over the past 20 years has improved many lives and is very deserving of recognition.



### Santa Ana Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance

For the past five years, SAHNA has been engaging Santa Ana residents and encouraging them to take ownership in building safe, healthy, and productive neighborhoods. During this time, SAHNA has chalked up an impressive list of success stories ranging from the Pacific Electric Park, to leadership training and disaster preparedness. Our community is a better place thanks to SAHNA.



### Carlos Aguilar

Artist for "Among Heroes" Mural

This massive mural in the Logan Neighborhood, reflects a portion of American history that is often overlooked – the estimated 500,000 Mexican-American soldiers that fought in World War II. The mural has become a gathering place for veterans and their families, and a classroom for college students. In his own words, "I, not only get to be part of this neighborhood's history, but also I get to bring history back to this community."



PADRES UNIDOS

### Patty Perales Huerta-Meza, Psy.D.

Padres Unidos

Padres Unidos brings culturally and linguistically appropriate services to families in low-income communities by offering a spectrum of programs designed to help parents engage in their child's education, development, and community. They are committed to serving low-income Hispanic families in Orange County through a variety of child, youth, and family services, with a mission to foster self-sufficiency and responsibility for education among families.



### Corporal Gonzalo Garcia

Santa Ana Police Department

Cpl. Garcia has distinguished himself in Santa Ana as an essential part of the community by improving the Santa Ana Police's accessibility and responsiveness to resident concerns. His work with the Directed Patrol is noteworthy because of the improvements in safety, trust and rapport that community members have established with the police.



### Luis Sarmiento

Radio Santa Ana—El Centro Cultural de México

This past year, the Federal Communications Commission approved a broadcast license for Radio Santa Ana. By bringing together members of our community focused on culture, resources, events and social processes relevant to our lives in Santa Ana, the radio station is a valuable new source of information and education for Santa Ana.



### Shawna Smith

Taller San Jose Hope Builders

Through Shawna's leadership, Hope Builders has doubled its service capacity to provide workforce training to disadvantaged young adults between the ages of 18-28. By providing job training and life skills, Hope Builders is committed to leveraging the untapped potential of increasing numbers of youth - back to school, back to work, and back to our community. Santa Ana is most appreciative.