For many years, Maria Carrillo has led the Newsletter and Flyer Distribution initiative for the neighborhood. With the help of her daughter, Angelica, they have organized a dynamic team to distribute information and ensure the entire neighborhood is informed of important events and issues that impact our community. These include the upcoming first “Park Cleanup and Garden Day in Morrison Park.” We appreciate Maria for keeping an eye out and reporting unacceptable activity taking place at the park. Angelica has been instrumental at many neighborhood events, where she could always be found assisting in different ways. We are very proud of our Heroes - Maria and Angelica!

Maria & Angelica Carrillo - Morrison Park Neighborhood Association

A long time resident of Floral Park (FPNA), Angel has generously opened her historic home for our annual FPNA Neighborhood Home and Garden Tour. Actively engaged in preserving, restoring, and improving the neighborhood and City, Angel has effectively advocated for our Tree City’s urban forest. Most recently, she raised awareness, funding, and support for the joint FPNA - Public Works Agency reforestation project to plant new median and parkway trees in all of the neighborhood’s suitable vacant tree sites. We are fortunate and honored to have Angel Barnes as Floral Park’s Neighborhood Hero!

Angel Barnes – Floral Park Neighborhood Association

Eva Barrios has volunteered at every community event sponsored by Santa Anita since 2016. She has greatly contributed to the success of our neighborhood association-providing leadership in the planning, coordinating, and conducting of our neighborhood events. Eva is very energetic and has a positive outlook which comes in handy when planning our large-scale events. We are grateful and honored to have a hero like Eva Barrios in the Santa Anita neighborhood!

Eva Barrios - Santa Anita Neighborhood Association

Having been involved for over 20 years, Joanna has led fundraising efforts to purchase security cameras for our neighborhood and oversees the Neighborhood Watch Program. This has helped make our neighborhood safer. Her ongoing leadership with the Welcome Committee, Board Meetings, Joint Neighborhood Movie Nights, and 4th of July Celebration contributes to the success of our neighborhood. Joanna goes above and beyond to support our neighborhood association in a loving and heartfelt way!

Joanna Peterson - Casa de Santiago Neighborhood Association

Dale Helvig has taken a lead role in many of our community initiatives, including our annual progressive dinner, our Park Santiago Webpage and quarterly newsletter, and working with a team to engage and ensure all Park Santiago neighbors are engaged and informed. As Chairman of the North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance, Dale increasingly became involved in City projects that would affect our community. His exceptional efforts to work with City Planners and Councilmembers have truly made a difference in our community and have improved our quality of life. For that and much more, Dale is Park Santiago’s Neighborhood Hero!

Dale Helvig - Park Santiago Neighborhood Association

As early advocates for the construction of the Delhi Center in our community, Catalina, Nicolas, and Rosa have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for their neighborhood. Through their active participation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Delhi Church and with the Delhi Center Community Building Initiative, they have helped increase community involvement. They have also improved the perception of community safety working with the Santa Ana Police Department and City agencies. For this and much more, we are proud to call them our Neighborhood Heroes!

Catalina Castellon, Nicolas Muñoz, and Rosa Peñaflor - Delhi Neighborhood Association
Karla is always willing to help her neighbors both at neighborhood meetings and at-large in the community. She is an enthusiastic problem solver and cheerful volunteer. Karla booked and secured a lively band that got neighbors off their seats and out of their houses to dance in the street! She and her family participated by providing several activities for children, including face-painting and games. Karla’s active concern for neighbors and interest in her neighborhood make her Heninger Park’s 2019 Neighborhood Hero!

Karen has improved the quality of life in West Floral Park in two tremendous ways. As chair of our Annual Open Garden Day, she brings countless visitors to our neighborhood each May. Her efforts create a beautiful memory of our residents and others in Santa Ana and increase our home values and pride in the neighborhood. Karen organizes and leads our family adoption each holiday season, where she gathers donations by neighbors to be distributed through the Orange Court Courts program. Truly inspiring, we appreciate Karen for contributing to the success of our neighborhood!

Luis Monter, Sr. has taken initiative to help his neighborhood, Santa Ana Memorial Park, by volunteering to outreach and supervise neighborhood dumpster bins for the annual cleanup days. Luis has gone above and beyond to educate neighbors regarding parking enforcement on street sweeping days and offers his assistance to neighbors to help with any tasks or light work that is needed at home. We are so fortunate to have a trusting and reliable neighbor like Luis Monter, Sr. to bring about positive success in the Santa Ana Memorial Park neighborhood!

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Santa Ana Com-Link
Community Achievement Awards

Over 20 years ago, Luisa Ruiz established her first Reading Corner Program in her neighborhood, where she read to children and friends after school. This all occurred outside her residence and quickly drew consistent participation of 50 children. Soon after, the management of the Villa del Sol apartments offered her a free vacant room where she could formally set up a permanent reading center to operate at 4:00 p.m. daily. As an educational model, the Reading Corner Program has expanded to other neighborhoods in Santa Ana. The Board of Com-Link is proud to give this Community Achievement Award to Luisa Ruiz for her initiative and outstanding efforts supporting literacy for children in the greater Santa Ana community!

In 2015, David Diaz started the RunStrong program at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School and has expanded to other schools, including Greenville Fundamental, McFadden Intermediate, and others in Santa Ana. In partnership with the non-profit organization, the Kevin Armstrong MD Sports Foundation, David has been able to incorporate his “Coach” training skills in team bonding, leadership and character development, and community involvement with student runners! We look forward to continued successes in the future from David Diaz for the positive impact he is making on Santa Ana’s youth and their families! The Board of Com-Link is proud to give this Community Achievement Award to David Diaz for his outstanding efforts coaching middle- and high-school students in the greater Santa Ana community!