

Turkey Bowl CHALLENGE

Presented by Pacific Western Bank

Turkey Bowl 2015 was a huge success! We had a great turnout. Thanks to all of our sponsors, donors, and participants, the event brought in close to \$18,000!

The team with the highest score was Board member Jim Daniel's team and the Gutterball Award went to Pacific Western Bank #1. The grand prize was for a one night stay and dinner for two at Morongo Casino, Resort, & Spa (donated by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians) and was won by Mike Parra, who already went and had a great time!

Turkey Bowl winners for Most Spirit were the "Victorious Secret." Good job, team! "I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter!" won best name.

We had a total of 14 prizes in the opportunity drawing this year. Items included a Northrock XC6 Men's Mountain Bike, an amazing Camping Set, and a Day at the Beach Set.

Mark your calendar; the next Turkey Bowl is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2016.



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WHEN
Saturday, June 25

TIME
9:30 am

WHERE
Ruben S. Ayala Park, Chino

WHY
To raise funds to support people with disabilities

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Registration & more information to come soon!

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Meet Timmy Cox, one of OPARC's most industrious participants

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A Message from our Chief Executive Officer

As we continue celebrating our 65th year of service to the community, we are excited as we look to the future! In this issue of Inspire, you will read about just a few of the people who are helping us continue to build OPARC into a source of support and resources for the developmentally disabled community.

From our Board Chair Reverend James Pike to the OPARC Family & Friends Group and the Annual Legislative Breakfast, OPARC exists because of our supporters. Without your hard work and passion for our mission, we could not continue empowering people with disabilities to achieve their full potential.

You'll also meet OPARC participant Timmy, who enjoys the opportunities he finds at OPARC to work hard and play hard. This is the reason why so many of us believe in OPARC's mission – we want to help others experience the same joy that Timmy has found at OPARC.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us build OPARC into the organization it is today – we couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,



Andrea Erickson
Chief Executive Officer
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Reverend James Pike

Reverend James Pike was initially introduced to OPARC by a member of his congregation. After touring OPARC, James was especially impressed by the quality of staff and diversity of the programs. He soon joined the OPARC Board of Directors bringing his diverse skillset to ensure OPARC continues on its path towards a bright future. He's taken this commitment a step further and now serves as Chairman of the Board.

James and his beautiful family, including four children, live in the Upland area. Although James is a reverend by profession, he is also an improv performer. He enjoys the crossover in skills between each of his roles, from preaching in front of crowds to performing at comedy clubs and making presentations to the Board at OPARC. Overall, James loves working with people.

"I think we are very aware on the board that without staff (without quality staff) our role is essentially meaningless. They're the main carriers of the mission and have really executed the mission very well, especially within a challenging environment."



James sees OPARC's growth and expansion over the past few years and expects nothing but great things for the future of the organization. He continues to build relationships within the local community and with legislators in order to provide the developmentally disabled community with a champion who will advocate to keep programs like OPARC's alive.

James has three goals:

- 1) To advocate for OPARC within local political environments
- 2) To expand community outreach so that OPARC serves as a community resource
- 3) To increase staff development to empower the amazing OPARC staff to continue providing quality service through their programs.

Thank you, James, for all of the time, talent, and treasures you invest to ensure OPARC's goals and the needs of OPARC's hardworking staff are met! We value your passion and involvement chairing the Board of Directors. You are truly an inspiration.

Timmy Cox

Timmy is one of our most enthusiastic OPARC participants. Having started in the original building, Timmy has been with OPARC for 21 years. He works hard to develop work skills and relationships within OPARC.

Timmy is one of the 235 participants of the Work Activity Program that are currently employed. In this program, participants receive vocational skills training, speech pathology lessons, paid work experience, and individual case management services.

Timmy describes himself as "industrious" because of his love for working hard. He currently works in general assembly and packaging where he does quality control, uses the heat seal, gets pallets ready for delivery, and inspects products. His other responsibilities include making bolts, shoes, and getting materials ready and to the right assembly line. He enjoys working and due to his love of trains, he has fun imagining that he is working for the City of Industry Union Pacific Railroad, Metrolink, and Amtrak.

Besides all the fun he has at work, Timmy also enjoys OPARC events. When asked if he would be participating in OPARC's Heart & Sole Walk & Roll this year, he excitedly replied, "YES! I am the very first one to sign up for OPARC functions like the Turkey Bowl, and the Fun Run; I am the very first to come to the starting line."

When Timmy is not working hard at the Work Activity Program, he can be found riding his bike, drawing maps, running his electrical train, or watching his favorite show, Dr. Ken on ABC.



Legislative Breakfast

On February 5, legislators, local officials, and service providers gathered together at the 12th Annual Legislative Breakfast to work towards building the pieces needed to create a healthy support system for people with disabilities. This important event is held annually by the Inland Empire Caucus, which is currently chaired by OPARC CEO Andrea Erickson.

This year, State Senator Jeff Stone was honored as the Legislator of the Year in recognition of his outstanding work championing an increase in funding for Californians with disabilities.



OPARC Family & Friends Group

The OPARC Family & Friends Group was created as a means to support OPARC families and provide an opportunity for parents from different OPARC locations to network and develop friendships with other parents and families. Past Board Chairman, Rick Meier, and the Board of Directors wanted to grow greater engagement of families that have a vested interest in OPARC.

The Family & Friends Group had its first meeting in October 2015, with 20 attendees as well as Board members Janet Pasker, Alexis Minter, and Board Chair James Pike, who entertained the group with his talent and humor.

The discussion that ensued was all about finding common interests and deciding how the group would like to move forward to support their children and OPARC. Everyone was interested in talking about issues that would affect all families. The discussion also brought added awareness to OPARC activities, as well as finding out more about the State funding issues and other barriers faced by the organization.

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2016 at 10:00 am. Please check OPARC's website for more details coming soon. We hope to see you there!



Partners Worldwide

OPARC recently had the privilege of hosting a tour for Partners in Development Worldwide, a group that serves educators in China by teaching a wholistic approach and quality leadership. We are so proud to have had you visit!



Knights of Columbus

OPARC has been fortunate to receive the support of many local councils of the Knights of Columbus. Most recently, Council #7412 of Montclair presented their donation and toured the facility.

Other councils that support OPARC include:

- Council #10234, Chino Hills
- Council #12938, Guasti
- Council #3672, Upland
- Council #13403, Rancho
- Council #15339, Chino



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