

HEART & SOLE WALK & ROLL

Everyone who joined us at the third annual Heart & Sole Walk & Roll event in June of this year had a great time enjoying some healthy fun under the summer sun. We walked, rolled and rocked out to the live music provided by Good Company. This year we had nearly 200 walk and rollers and raised over \$20,000!

Early check-in got you a free ticket to the Los Angeles County Fair, and a first place in line to eat the delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus Councils from Montclair (#7412) and Chino Valley (#10234) using the famous Montclair Fire Department's mobile grill.

Opening ceremonies included thanking our sponsors, introducing dignitaries, the Pledge of Allegiance led by OPARC's very own client, Janine S., the National Anthem sung by our friend, Marna Michele, and a warm up stretch for all participants led by our friends at the Chino Valley YMCA.

There were fun games and activities for people of all ages and abilities, including a Turkey Toss (who hasn't dreamed of tossing a turkey?). Some of the exciting raffle prizes included a beach cruiser bicycle, an overnight hotel stay, a camping set, and some awesome gear to help make summer fun and cool!

OPARC would like to thank all of the participants, sponsors, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff who made this event a big success. Thank you!



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Save the date for OPARC's 3rd Annual



Turkey Bowl CHALLENGE

November 5, 2016 • Noon - 3 pm
Brunswick Zone • Upland

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

START A TEAM

Assemble a team of 4-6 bowlers made up of family, friends, and coworkers

BE CREATIVE

Come up with your team name and design your team shirt or costume

HAVE FUN

Put on your bowling shoes and enjoy a good time!

For more information, contact: **Amanda Willis (909) 985-3116 x155 or awillis@oparc.org**
Like us on Facebook to get event updates!

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I ♥ OPARC!
Giving club supports clients like Lollie



A Message from our Chief Executive Officer

Summertime means longer, warmer days, kids out of school and a little more time to do the things we love. For many of us this means spending quality time with family and friends, maybe taking a summer vacation, and finding inventive ways to keep cool!

Summer can also be the first time an adult with disabilities visits OPARC as they age out of school-based and other programs that focus on youth with disabilities. OPARC plays a vital role in being there for these adults with disabilities.

In this issue of Inspire you will read about some of our long time supporters, including the Briggs family who were first introduced to OPARC more than thirty years ago. You will also read about the easiest way you can help sustain OPARC, by becoming a member of the "I ♥ OPARC Giving Club".

I am also excited to announce OPARC's new Chief Program Officer, Gregory Mathes. Gregory joined the OPARC team in April and brings a wealth of experience to his role at OPARC. Welcome Gregory!

It is an exciting time to be a part of the OPARC community! A big thank you to all of our supporters, participants, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors. OPARC is great because of you!

Sincerely,
Andrea Erickson
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Chief Executive Officer
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The Briggs Family

Judy and Dale Briggs are long time supporters and friends of OPARC. Mary H. Boyd, one of OPARC's founders, first introduced Judy to OPARC more than thirty years ago. Mary called Judy and asked her to come visit OPARC to see first-hand how the great programs and services were transforming lives of adults with disabilities.

One phone call and a personal visit to OPARC led to a long time friendship. Judy spent countless hours volunteering at OPARC, serving on special committees and eventually became a member of the board of directors also serving as board president.



One of Judy's most memorable moments was the groundbreaking ceremony for OPARC's facility in Montclair on September 26, 2003. She distinctly remembers the outpouring of support from the community and OPARC participants. She recalls one participant who donated aluminum cans he had collected to help raise money for the new building.

One special fundraiser was a breakfast where people could "buy a door". By making a donation, your name would be placed next to one of the doors in the new building. Today, as you walk down the halls of the OPARC offices, you see the names of those who made a donation that helped build the new facility.

At the center of the building's interior on the second floor there is a very special room, the Briggs Room. This multi-use space overlooks the employment activity area and is used for meetings, conferences, staff events, and more. It is forever dedicated to the Briggs family in recognition of their support and friendship with OPARC.

Judy & Dale continue to be vital supporters of OPARC and are members of the Leadership Circle, in recognition of their lifetime giving.

Monthly Giving Sustains OPARC

Joining the OPARC Giving Club is an easy and convenient way to ensure ongoing support for our clients like Lollie. Lollie became an OPARC client in January 2015 and received job-specific training and support enabling her to work assembly and kitting jobs ("kitting" takes multiple separate items and combines them into a single package or display).



Lollie enjoys her work, being productive, and seeing her co-workers every day. One of the things she appreciates about OPARC is how OPARC helps and welcomes many adults with different kinds disabilities. In her free time Lollie enjoys relaxing and playing games on her tablet.

Each day OPARC spends between \$50-75 to provide life-transforming services to the nearly 900 clients that walk through our doors. The state reimbursement covers only 70% of this expense.



OPARC clients Lollie, Kristi, and Linda

Join today and transform lives by giving an ongoing monthly, tax-deductible donation.

Visit www.oparc.org and click the donate button, or contact Amanda Willis at awillis@oparc.org or (909) 985-3116 x155 to find out how simple an ongoing gift can be!

Planned Giving

Your Investment in the Mission of OPARC has a Great Return!

Did you know that OPARC gratefully accepts gifts of stock? Avoid capital gains taxes by donating your appreciated stocks to OPARC! 100% of the value of the stocks donated is a charitable contribution to OPARC.

Discuss with your advisor, or contact Jeanne Flint at (949) 400-9885 or email at jflint@oparc.org for more information.



Knights of Columbus - Ontario

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus - Ontario. A relationship that started many years ago continues to grow and flourish as the Knights of Columbus - Ontario consistently and tirelessly give to help make OPARC the best it can be.

Whether at the famous tootsie roll fundraiser held every October in honor of disability month or giving of their time and talents, the Knights of Columbus - Ontario is a vital part of the OPARC support community. Thank you!



With Mary H. Boyd



With Andrea Erickson