

HEART & SOLE WALK & ROLL

The fifth annual Heart & Sole, Walk & Roll event was held on Saturday, May 19 at Chaffey High School, and everyone who joined us had a great time enjoying some healthy fun under the summer sun. With 80 participants walking, rolling and rocking out to live music provided by The Good Company, we raised \$5,235!

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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On Friday, April 6, OPARC hosted *A Night in the Big Easy: Bringing Mardi Gras to the Inland Empire*, at the exclusive Padua Hills Theatre in the city of Claremont. The night was a festive celebration!

Love and generosity filled the air as OPARC friends and families raised their paddles during the Fund a Need to make their gifts and celebrate the important work OPARC provides to our community. It was definitely a night to remember as the event raised nearly \$48,000! A very special thank you to all our sponsors, supporters, guests, and volunteers who helped make this event a huge success!

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5TH ANNUAL OPARC TURKEY BOWL

November 3, 2018 • Noon - 3 pm
Chaparral Lanes • San Dimas

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 show off your team spirit

HAVE FUN



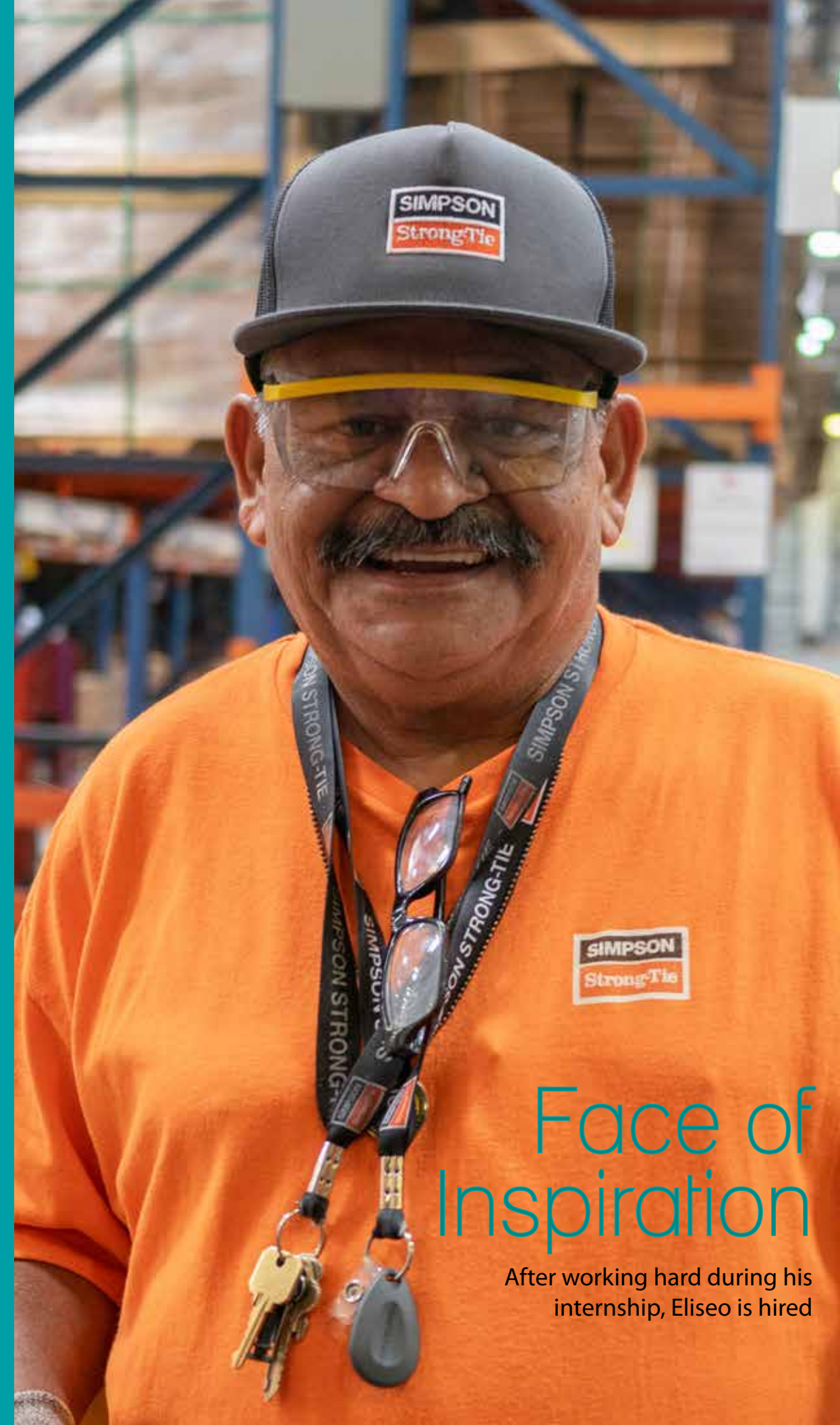
Put on your bowling shoes and enjoy a good time!

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Face of Inspiration

After working hard during his internship, Eliseo is hired



FALL 2018



Meet OPARC's New Leadership Staff

Please help us congratulate Donna Norum and Andrea Wells and welcome them into their new roles at OPARC!

Donna has been with OPARC since January 2016 and is now our Chief Program Officer for Day Services. In this position, she supports both staff and clients. She oversees human resources, as well as our adult development centers, which help our clients make choices about how and where they live, work, and socialize, and our Summit Services, which provide specialized support and training to clients with a dual diagnosis of developmental and behavioral challenges. Donna hopes her work can help make OPARC the employer of choice in our region and industry and the provider of choice for clients in need of support.



Andrea has been with OPARC since April 2018 and is now our Chief Program Officer for Vocational Services. She manages our business services, Work Activity Program, and Supported Employment Program, which provide our clients with individual and group job placements. Andrea's role also includes conducting assessments with our clients to help them find the right employment for them. She loves how her role connects service to the community with business and really enjoys the variety that her job provides, allowing her to interact with some pretty amazing people, both clients and staff.

Eliseo, A Face of Inspiration

When Simpson Strong-Tie started working with OPARC's Paid Internship Program in September 2017, Eliseo was their first paid intern. He began as a Day Porter performing vital services during business hours to keep the building running smoothly, such as cleaning and maintaining common areas (lobbies, kitchens, cafeterias, and patios) and monitoring and servicing restrooms. Eliseo worked a four-hour shift cleaning parts of Simpson Strong-Tie's 400,000-square-foot building and was able to complete all his tasks with time to spare.

"Eliseo is very FUN. He loves sports teams and holidays. He dresses himself and his supply cart in accordance with upcoming holidays. He is definitely a fan favorite! Everyone enjoys his company and getting to know him as he works his way through the building." - Dana, Education & Training Manager at Simpson Strong-Tie

Eliseo performed so admirably during his internship, the company wanted to keep him! On June 1, Simpson Strong-Tie hired Eliseo, increased his schedule to a five-hour workday, and gave him additional responsibilities. Now, once his Day Porter tasks are complete, he takes over janitorial services and performs online trainings, giving him new computer skills.

Dana has seen that Eliseo takes constructive criticism very well and is eager to improve. Whenever he encounters roadblocks or challenges, his Simpson Strong-Tie team and his OPARC team work together to troubleshoot and help Eliseo make changes to improve his workflow. Dana said, "The OPARC Paid Internship Program partnership opportunity was offered to me to take on, and I jumped on it. I wanted to find ways to engage OPARC clients; it has become a passion. And to incorporate it into our company that values giving back just makes it that much more meaningful because I know I will have the support to keep this partnership moving forward."

As for Eliseo, when asked how he feels about working for Simpson Strong-Tie, he said, "I like it" and when they offered him the job, he said he "did not hesitate. I think I was ready." He said his favorite thing about working with Simpson Strong-Tie is "the people and the food" because they get fed a lot through events and monthly birthday celebrations, and if he sees himself working with Simpson Strong-Tie for a long time, he said "Yes!"



Friends in the Community

Special thanks to Grace Sanchez for introducing OPARC to our new community partners.

On March 22, a group of 26 local Latino leaders gathered at OPARC's office to enjoy a beautiful luncheon while learning how lives are impacted by the work of OPARC.

Andrea shared the history and expansion over the years, we met Neil, a client, who shared his personal journey and how OPARC has inspired him to pursue his career ambitions and dreams. There wasn't a dry eye in the room as we were inspired and motivated to get involved with OPARC.

This event was graciously sponsored by the Community Foundation.



On Thursday, June 14, Angel Jewelers hosted a wonderful evening of beautiful jewelry and delicious coffee with part of the proceeds benefiting OPARC. Guests from Rancho Cucamonga Chambers and the Inland Empire Community enjoyed the coffee cupping experience led by Sanctuary Coffee's sommelier, Steve, while Lilianna and her team assisted our special guests in their jewelry shopping. OPARC client,

Diana, shared with the event attendees her appreciation and love for OPARC and explained the guidance and understanding she receives from the organization in helping her find work.

Save The Date To Join OPARC For A

Saturday in Seville

June 22, 2019 5:00 pm

La Casa de Quintana
Upland, CA



A Message from our Chief Executive Officer

At OPARC, our clients are at the heart of all we do, and we work hard to make sure that we are providing them with the best possible services and support. In doing so, we recently restructured our team to add a second Chief Program Officer role—one focused on our Day Services and one overseeing our Vocational Services. In this issue, you will read more about the amazing staff in these key roles and how they work to ensure clients like Eliseo are able to thrive. Sneak peek: Eliseo is excelling at his job and loving every minute of it.

You will also read about some of our events, which help us engage with the communities we serve, allowing us to make new connections with our supporters, donors, advocates, and partners to strengthen and grow our network for the benefit of our clients and their families. To those who have supported and attended these events, we extend our most heartfelt gratitude.

From all of us at OPARC: the leadership, the board, the employees, and most of all the participants, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Andrea Erickson
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