

Daniel, Loves OPARC, Loves His Job

Meet Daniel, a participant at OPARC for nine years.

As a high school graduate, Daniel started in the Work Activity Program, then moved into Supported Employment. He credits his case manager, Madelon, for helping him get into Supported Employment and learn the skills he needed to become employable and hold a good job.

Daniel currently works in the dish room at Pomona College and really loves his job. He appreciates the flexibility to work day or night, is very excited about the job itself, and loves interacting with the staff on campus.

He also really loves OPARC and is passionate about how OPARC has helped him and others find work and build skills. He loves to brainstorm new ideas and identify new work opportunities for himself and other OPARC participants. Daniel is definitely a team player and loves being part of the OPARC team. He even inspires and motivates his friends at OPARC!

He said, "I like to challenge anyone at OPARC to get into Supported Employment - at least try it!"

Outside of OPARC, Daniel is married to his wife of 10 years. They live independently, and Daniel is able to walk to work. In his spare time, he enjoys word search puzzles and watching movies.

Daniel looks forward to the future. When asked about his dream job, he said it would be working at the USC college cafeteria and dish room. In addition, he said he would love to see OPARC offer classes in Horticulture, pottery and cooking. We like how he thinks! Keep aiming high, Daniel!



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Daniel, employed and living independently.

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Sue Ovitt, Board Member

Sue Ovitt has been a Board Member for OPARC since 2013. She is currently the Board Vice Chair and serves on the Executive Committee. In addition, she has been a contributing member of the Development Committee.

Sue has been interested in helping adults with disabilities since she was in college earning her sociology degree. This interest compelled her to get involved with OPARC.

Sue and her husband, Gary, once had the honor of bringing Mary Boyd, one of the founders of OPARC, to an event. Mary's passion, particularly when talking about the needs that still exist for helping adults with disabilities transition to life after high school, was impressed upon Sue, further fueling Sue's desire to help.

Over her time at OPARC, Sue has seen growth and impact in empowering adults and helping them find jobs. As an experienced marketing professional, she has provided valuable insight and direction into OPARC's development activities and remains involved in special events.

Sue credits Andrea, OPARC's CEO, with helping the organization make great strides in helping more adults with disabilities find jobs. Sue is excited to see Andrea's passion about OPARC, its mission and its future.

As an OPARC supporter and donor, Sue said she especially enjoys Inspire magazine and reading about all the great ways OPARC is making a difference in the lives of so many adults.

Thank you for all you do for OPARC, Sue! Your dedication to the organization is invaluable.



Sue and her husband, Gary

Jill and Robert Elliot, An OPARC Legacy

Jill and Robert Elliot have been long-time supporters of OPARC. So much so you could say that OPARC is in Jill's blood. It is—in fact, Jill's mother, Sally Keechler, is one of the organization's founders.

Jill has always been inspired by her mother. She said she is still realizing the gravity of what her mom, Sally, accomplished and the dedication it took for her to create this movement to help children with disabilities and pave the way for OPARC.

Jill's brother, Jack, had Down syndrome and a heart condition. She recalls that Jack was only the second child to have open heart surgery at Stanford University hospital. Although he passed away, Jill knows that he contributed to the medical field learning more about children's heart surgery.

Jack sparked Jill's interest in becoming a nurse and specializing in cardiac care. During her professional career as a cardiac care nurse, she had the honor of helping to open the first intensive care unit at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina. She was also part of opening the coronary unit at San Antonio Hospital in Upland.

Jill credits her husband, Robert, for supporting her passion for OPARC and ensuring that programs and support continue to exist for adults with disabilities.

Jill and Robert retired in Bend, Oregon, and although they no longer live in the area, they continue to support OPARC. Jill feels great comfort knowing that OPARC is continuing the work her mom started so many years ago. She thinks one of the most important things OPARC does for adults with disabilities is in helping them realize they are important to others and to themselves.

In her words, "OPARC is a community of love and support."

Thank you, Jill and Robert, you are truly an inspiration to all of us.



Jill and Robert



Jack and Jill

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