



COMMUNICATION LINKAGE FORUM

The Neighborhood Hero Award was established by the Communication Linkage Forum (Com-Link) to honor individuals who have demonstrated sustained commitment to improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Nominations are accepted each spring by the Com-Link Board. For additional information about the nomination process, please contact Santa Ana's Neighborhood Initiatives Program at (714) 667-2260.

2021 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood
Abraham Munoz	Bella Vista
Christine Switzer	Floral Park
Jeffery Chirinos	Heninger Park
Nicholas Monteer	Heninger Park
Lawrence Klein	Morrison Park
Andrea Chamu	Sullivan Community
Cesar Medina	Sullivan Community
Steve Widdoss	Washington Square
Agustin Jauregui	Wilshire Square

2019 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood
Joanna Peterson	Casa de Santiago
Catalina Castellon	Delhi
Nicolas Muñoz	Delhi
Rosa Peñaflor	Delhi

Angel Barnes	Floral Park
Karla Juarez	Heninger Park
Maria and Angelica Carrillo	Morrison Park
Dale Helvig	Park Santiago
Alex Vallejo	Sandpointe
Luis Monter, Sr.	Santa Ana Memorial Park
Eva Barrios	Santa Anita
Don Harvey and Carlos Araujo	Washington Square
Karen Mittendorf	West Floral Park
2019 Community Achievement Award Winners	
Luisa Ruiz	Reading Corner Program
David Diaz	RunStrong Program

2018 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Lizzie Lyles	Central City
Melissa Beltran	Delhi
Daisy Gonzalez	Delhi
Phil McIntosh	Heninger Park
Mary Ann Manifold	Morning Sun
Christina Dorsa-Smith	Morrison Park
Michael O'Valle	Park Santiago
Ellie Carrillo	Santa Anita
Tori King	South Coast
Diane Morter	Washington Square
Diana Espinoza	West Floral Park

2017 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Luis Enrique Aceves Martinez	Bella Vista
Patty Olvera	Casa de Santiago
Gavin Williams	Casa de Santiago
Maria Navarro	Delhi
Guadalupe Tellez	Delhi
Carlos Capacete	Delhi
Mr. Nobody	Eastside
Angelo Morgan	Floral Park
Nicki Luna-Hernandez	Jack Fisher Park
Winston Covington	Meredith Parkwood
Raul Ramos Jr.	Santa Ana Memorial Park
Martha Calderon	Santa Anita
Susan Rich	South Coast
Jean Poppa	Washington Square
Natalie Olivera	West Floral Park
Chris Schmidt	Windsor Village

2016 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Lucinda Solorzano	Artesia Pilar
Yolanda Gandara	Heninger Park
Yessenia and Joey Muro	Heninger Park
Florencio Gomez	Mid-City
Josh and Yeni Mauras	Morrison Park
Gracia Rodriguez	New Horizons
Darrell White	Riverview
Susan Grasse	Thornton Park
Mayre Tapia	Valley Adams
Rigo Garcia	West Floral Park
Mary Lou Branch	Young Square

2015 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Rosa Maria Pizano	Bella Vista
Jesus Oropeza	Bella Vista
Bill Mann	Casa de Santiago
Alice Duran	Delhi
Oscar Martinez	Delhi
Selica Diaz	Eastside
Trisha Torres Morales	Flower Park
Andrée L. Weger	Heninger Park
Tere Parker	Heninger Park
Alex Rivas	Mid-City
Rom Lozares	Morrison Park
Mike Ekstrom	Morrison Park
Hector Espinoza	Santa Ana Memorial Park
Orlando Quintana	Santa Anita
Susan van der Roest	Washington Square
Mika Denny	West Floral Park
Patricia Michel	Windsor Village

2014 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Maria Velazquez	Bella Vista
Monica Contreras	Casa Bonita
The Thomas and Nancy Aldana Family	Casa de Santiago
Victoria Zaragoza	Cornerstone Village
Paul Brown	Grand Sunrise
Dennis and Nancy Daws	Jack Fisher Park
Don and Deanie Bass	Morrison Park
Eusebio Rios	Santa Anita
Sam Puzzo and Carol Frank	Washington Square
Irma Jauregui	Wilshire Square
Susana Sandoval	Wilshire Square

2013 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Maria Cristina Barba	Casa de Santiago
Matilde De Santiago-Barrows	Riverview
Elizabeth Cervantes	Bella Vista
Debbie Crosby	Metro Classic
Sandy DeAngelis	Floral Park
Javier and Laura Garcia	Washington Square
Sergio Garcia	Cornerstone Village
Colin and Michelle Gawronski	Fairbridge Square
Alice Hood	Morrison Park
Camilo and Ivette Jimenez	Willard
Barbara Lamere	Windsor Village
Silvia Osegueda	Cedar Evergreen
Rebeca Pacheco	Casa Bonita
Sonny Hoang Thai Pham	Riverview West
Elsie Robles	Riverview
Lisa Ruvalcava	Thornton Park

2012 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Hank and Eva Burton	Windsor Village
Beatrice Calderon	New Horizons
Ruth Cossio-Muñiz	Republic Homes
Christina Dorsa-Smith	Morrison Park
Bobi Keenan	Washington Square
Mark McLoughlin	Floral Park
Teodocio and Maria del Pilar Murillo	Mid-City
Ned Owens	Central City
Tyrone Shipp	Bella Vista
Diane Tholin	Casa De Santiago

2011 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Dennis Alderson	Morrison Park
Jose Espinoza	Valley Adams
Roya E. Fouladi	Saddleback View
Thomas A. Gordon	Morning Sun
Elsa Martinez	Bella Vista
Terry McCall	Casa de Santiago
Gilbert Melendez	Washington Square
Bob and Pam Morris	Windsor Village North
Victor Sanchez	Casa Bonita

2010 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Howard Booker	Windsor Village North
John Brierly	Laurelhurst
Salvador Gomez	Madison Park
Mary & Mark Guzman	Wilshire Square
Donna & Allen Layne	West Floral Park
Eric Scandrett	Morrison Park
Beverly Schaunecker	Floral Park
Tim Steel	Edna Park
Don Webb	Fairhaven
Patricia Zuniga	Pico Lowell

2009 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Ivan Ashbaugh	Morrison Park
Connie Hamilton	Southcoast
Lucy & John Bateson	Wilshire Square
Ismael Becerril	Lacy
Tom Lutz	Washington Square
Hazel Newhouse	Bella Vista
Darlene Glenn-Wolff	Floral Park
Alicia Maldonado	Lyon Street
Ruby Woo	Artesia Pilar
Jose & Marie Serrano	Casa de Santiago

2008 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Oldrich & Ivana Unger	Washington Square
Judy Johnson	Floral Park
Dan Peters	Morrison Park
Linda Schulte	Floral Park
Joanna Peterson-McCall	Casa de Santiago
Alexander Madrigal	Wilshire Square
Cesar Olivares	Shadow Run
Les Goldberg	Sandpointe
Raul Ramos	Memorial Park
Maria Ocegueda	Bristol Warner

2007 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Nicki Curran	Floral Park
Dottie Schafer	Southcoast
Sylvia Clark	Washington Square
Felipe S. Guerrero	Santa Anita
Richard F. Garcia	Memorial Park
Dee Runnells	Wilshire Square
Celedonio & Maria Maldonado	Casa de Santiago
Donovan Bayron	Metro Classic
Steve McGuigan	Riverview West
Kathleen Kuilanoff	Sunwood Central

2006 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Faith Bracamontes	Artesia Pilar
Paula Faccou	Wilshire Square
Karen & Bruce Hansen	Meredith Parkwood
Pete Lockwood	Southcoast
Michele Morrisey	Floral Park
Desi Reyes	Saddleback View
Maria Sandoval	Riverview West
Kim Sinclair	Floral Park
Lynnette Verino	Washington Square

2005 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Carole & Jerry Ayres	Morrison Park
Fred Bella	Central City
Steve Doughty	West Floral Park
Tammy Frias	Sandpointe
Jean-Louise & David Jirik	Washington Square
David Lopez	Riverview West
Ford "Skip" Loverin	Wilshire Square
Roberta & Nathan Reed	Wilshire Square
John W. Schulte	Floral Park
Roger Shortall	Meredith Park

2004 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Maria Haro	Heninger Park
Victor Edge	Sandpointe
Don Atchinson	Riverview
Jim O'Connor	Casa de Santiago
Richard & Jo Kirwan	Morrison Park
Lynette Gallegos	Washington Square
Michael Seeley	Wilshire Square

2003 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
James "Jim" Kendrick	Wilshire Square
Virginia Avila	Flower Park
Sal Escamilla	Cedar-Evergreen
Velma Heflin	Washington Square
Dave Hoen & Daren Shippen	Morrison Park
Celedonio Maldonado	Casa de Santiago
Lou Pecora & Joe Bangor	Floral Park
Vivian Martinez	Delhi
Lupe Munoz	Delhi
Rosie Mantanez	Delhi

2002 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners	
Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Heide Radisay	Sandpoint
Paul Giles	Historic French Park
Betty Lucier	Windsor Village North
Suzanne Esber	Park Santiago
Steve & Diana Valencia	Washington Square
Tom Owens	Republic Homes
Roman Reyna	Casa Bonita
Robert Munoz	West Floral Park
Roy Melcher	Riverview West
Julie Melcher	Riverview West

2001 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Amalia Almasy	Saddleback View
Bob Black	Sandpointe
Jon & Janice Gothold	French Park
Jay Lira	Riverview West
Guillermo Madrigal	New Horizons
Kathy Mitsumi	Sandpointe
Debbie Muise	Morrison/Eldridge Park
Lydia Salvetta	Republic Homes
Julie Stroud	Riverview
Dora Villagomez	Pico/Lowell

2000 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Amalia Aguilar	South Eastside
David Benavides	Townsend Raitt
Debbie McEwen	French Park
Evangeline Gawronski	Wilshire Square
Fred Bella	Central City
Judy Edge	Sandpointe
Marlene Krieger	Eastwide
Mile Holzman	Washington Square
Rose Anne Kings	Wilshire Square
Vicki Case	Riverview

1999 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Tim Rush	Washington Square
Lew Lefler	Bristol Manor
Miguel Hernandez	Pico Lowell
David L. Lopez	Riverview West
Ginelle Hardy	Heninger Park
Ray De Battista	Sandpointe
Efrain Nuno	Minnie/Standard
Nancy Lutz	Washington Square
Archie Berry	Saddleback View
John Slocum	Sandpointe

1998 Neighborhood Hero Award Winners

Hero Award Recipient	Neighborhood Association
Hank Kaim	Sandpointe
Marc LaFont	Wilshire Square
Ed McKie	French Court
Maria Ramos	Cedar Evergreen
Desi Reyes	Wilshire Square
Sam Romero	Logan
Howard Storrie	Valley Adams
Carol Storrie	Valley Adams
Clarence Vogt	Park Santiago
Tim Whitacre	Sandpointe