



Felipe Guerrero & Martha Calderon -Santa Anita Neighborhood Association

Felipe and Martha have been instrumental in the social transformation of their neighborhood. Through many social events, they bring cohesion to the neighborhood and enhance opportunities for youth to get involved. Events include movies in the park, Christmas toy giveaways, turkey giveaways, field trips and camping trips for youth. From creating a scholarship fund at Santa Ana College to working on a mural project, they have empowered and uplifted their community.

# Christina Henrie Barker -Thornton Park Neighborhood Association



Although Christina moved into the Thornton Park neighborhood in June of 2021, she became actively involved before she moved into her home. She quickly became instrumental in identifying issues in the neighborhood and taking the initiative to have them addressed by the proper agencies. For example, she helped get red curbs repainted by Thornton park. Thank you Christina for your contribution to the neighborhood!

# Susan & Mike Maguire -Washington Square Neighborhood Association



Since moving into the Washington Square neighborhood, Susan and Mike have volunteered to set up, work, and clean up at neighborhood events. They have also volunteered to be part of the leadership team, board of directors, and have planned and hosted the annual clean up days and almost daily pick up trash all over the entire neighborhood. Thank you Susan and Mike for all that you do for your neighborhood!

# Terry Miramontes -Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association

Terry has been a key part in helping with Wilshire Square community events. For the summer concert, Terry helps pick up the generator, set up tables, decorate the stage, and helps with the tear down. At any event, he makes himself available to assist at whatever capacity and is always willing to lend an extra hand and go the extra mile. We are proud to call you our Neighborhood Hero!

# SANTA ANA COMMUNICATION LINKAGE FORUM (COM-LINK)

Established in 1989, Com-Link provides opportunities for information exchange and presentations on policy issues that are of general interest or concern to the city's neighborhoods.

Com-Link meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month and we welcome and encourage all to attend Com-Link meetings. For more information, please visit the Com-Link webpage at

https://www.santa-ana.org/comlink/







# Communication Linkage Forum Presents Santa Ana's 2022

# NEIGHBORHOOD HERO AWARDS

Thursday, June 23, 2022





# **2022 Neighborhood Hero Awards**

The "Neighborhood Hero Award," proudly established by the Santa Ana Communication Linkage Forum Board, honors those individuals who have shown commitment and enthusiasm in strengthening the quality of life in their neighborhoods. This year, we have selected fourteen Neighborhood Hero Winners and three William Edward Branch III Humanitarian Spirit Award honorees because each has demonstrated their leadership, commitment, generosity, and the selflessness needed to enhance their neighborhood and the greater Santa Ana community. Please join us in honoring and congratulating these outstanding community leaders!



# William Edward Branch III 2022 Humanitarian Spirit Award - Honorees

Richard "Rick" Collins



Raul Ramos Sr.



# M. Esther Fonseca - Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association

Esther has taken the leadership role in addressing noise, parking, and police response. She has led a neighborhood meeting with Code Enforcement and Santa Ana Police Department to resolve the neighborhood concerns and has tackled several traffic issues and helped with neighborhood beautification projects. Thank you for your leadership!



Matthew Reynoso -Downtown Neighborhood Association

Matthew has played a critical role in assisting with events in Downtown Santa Ana. Even though he is a child he has a big heart for volunteerism and loves engaging with his community. He helps set up for events, signs up people for the newsletter, and encourages people to participate in our events. Recently, he advocated for Birch Park to be reactivated for his community. Keep up the good work!

### Duane Rohrbacher -French Park Neighborhood Association



Duane has taken on the presidency of the French Park Neighborhood Association, which has revitalized the community. He has put together six meetings, revamped the neighborhood website, and created an email list and posts on Nextdoor. He has united us to make us safer, trust each other, and increased our quality of life. Thank you to our neighborhood hero!



Dolores Almaraz - Logan Neighborhood Association

We are truly grateful to Dolores for volunteering in the Logan neighborhood over the years. She donates food and toys in her neighborhood as well as the local recreation center. We thank Dolores for working with residents to request pedestrian safety measures, bringing attention to environmental pollution, and requesting services from the City to help the homeless.



# Ilda Lopez & Luis Garcia -Pacific Park Neighborhood Association

Ilda and Luis have volunteered in their neighborhood for many years. They helped donate food, distribute flyers for meetings, and volunteer at neighborhood clean ups. They talk to their neighbors and encourage them to help one another and to work together to keep the neighborhood clean. Both have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents and make a positive impact. We appreciate all you do for our community. Thank you Ilda and Luis!

# Armando Arzate- Park Santiago Neighborhood Association

Armando has kept the Park Santiago neighborhood safe since he has been living here. On different occasions, he has stopped car break ins within the neighborhood, caught thieves and waited for the Santa Ana Police Department to arrive, and has noticed criminal activity and alerted the SAPD. We thank you Armando and appreciate you keeping our neighborhood safe.



Desi Reyes - Saddleback View Neighborhood Association

In the last few years, Desi has worked to designate a small park in the neighborhood, increase visibility with light posts, and mobilize the neighborhood to pick up waste. Desi creates opportunities for neighbors to come together, such as the progressive dinner, where multiple members in the neighborhood open their homes and prepare a meal to share with neighbors. Thank you Desi for your heroism and commitment to making Santa Ana a place everyone can call home.