

# 2017 DAC Achievement Award Nomination Form

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## Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Danny Kim

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

Nominator Name: Setha Nhim

Nominator Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Category (please select one):

- ☒ Individual
- ☐ Organization
- ☐ City of Fresno Employee or Department

## Nominated for:

- ☒ Improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities
- ☐ Advocacy for issues pertaining to individuals with disabilities
- ☒ Volunteerism that has a positive impact on individuals with disabilities
- ☐ Development of new programs or services impacting individuals with disabilities
- ☐ Customer service to individuals with disabilities that is above and beyond the standard
- ☐ Innovation or Entrepreneurship by an individual with a disability or that has a positive impact on individuals with disabilities

**Nomination Statement**

Give a brief description (300-500 words) of why you feel your nominee should receive this award. Attach two to six letters from people able to provide supporting testimony (peers, parents, students, clients, etc.), additional supporting materials, and photo of nominee (optional). Attach additional pages if necessary.



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Ms. Shannon M. Mulhall  
Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator  
City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4011  
Fresno, CA 93721

***Re: Recommendation of Detective Danny Kim***

Dear Ms. Mulhall:

It is with sincere pleasure that I recommend Detective Danny Kim for the ***City of Fresno Disability Advisory Commission 2017 Achievement Award***. Detective Kim has always been a local hero here in Fresno, California where he has served as a police officer for 19 years.

Recently, Detective Kim took a trip back to his home country of Cambodia where he felt compelled to make a difference. He did not have a typical childhood, as survival was not guaranteed in the refugee camps where he spent his youth. When he returned to his former home, which was once a war-torn region with little opportunity to succeed, he noticed that many children still struggled daily.

Following this trip and upon his return to the United States, Detective Kim organized fundraisers for a return trip to Cambodia where he eventually built multiple water wells in a poor, rural village. While there were many children in the villages, both able-bodied and disabled, none of them had easy or affordable access to clean, safe drinking water, until Detective Kim's work. He has been steadfast in his commitment to providing children as well as adults and elders with wheelchairs, canes, other mobility devices, medicines, food and daily necessities that, due to their disabilities and their geographic location, they are not able to have ready access to.

Detective Kim has provided equal access to resources and services that have improved the lives of so many people – children and adults alike. Detective Danny Kim has brought the gift of safe drinking water as well as the gift of peace-of-mind to many Cambodian families and those without a voice.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]. I would be happy to speak with you.

With kindest regards,

  
**PAUL CAPRIOGLIO**  
Councilmember