

2019 DAC Achievement Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Nominee Name: (PARCS Department Recreation Division) Yesenia Serrano
and Osvaldo "Ozzie" Naranjo

Nominee Address: Inspiration Park 5770 W Gettysburg Ave. Fresno, CA 93727

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Nominator Information

Nominator Name: Francesca M. Eidson

Nominator Address: _____

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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.

Yesenia Serrano and Ozzie Naranjo have made a concerted effort to plan, produce and coordinate outstanding, fun-filled special events designed for the special needs community at various City of Fresno parks. They have also built and maintain strong partnerships and collaborations with the public and private sector, education institutions, community based organizations, nonprofits, faith based organizations and local health care institutions and programs. For example, on Valentine's Day 2019, the therapeutic day program participants from UCP, Community Vocational Services, Vocational Plus and CIWP enjoyed a dance, refreshments and craft activities. Last Halloween, PARCS hosted its First Annual Trunk or Treat event at Inspiration Park. Over 250 therapeutic program participants attended the event that included trick or treating from the trunks or tailgates of trucks, vans and cars. There were carnival games and prizes for the most spooktacularly decorated trunk and awards for various categories of costumes. In partnership with Fresno FC Soccer League, in the spring, PARCS held an adaptive needs soccer camp open to all abilities ages 5 and up. There was also a football and cheer camp held last fall that taught the fundamentals of football through drills, obstacle courses and the basics of team spirit through cheer. The camp was supported by CSU Football Athletics, Fresno Cheer Force, Midway Valley Wolf Pack and Fresno Magic. Central Unified School District collaborated with staff to host an adaptive physical Education day with a pirate theme. Games includes water games, an obstacle course, sensory games, and bowling on the basketball courts. All with pirates in mind of course! Parents and families have expressed their appreciation and deep gratitude that PARCS has provided opportunities for their children to participate in events similar to their siblings. For instance, last winter, therapeutic program participants and their families were cordially invited to dance the night away at the Winter Wonderland Formal. Participants and their guests had formal pictures taken, enjoyed a visit with Santa and spent the evening dancing while enjoying light refreshments. Not only did the participants dance, but their parents got to join in on the fun and dancing as well! Ozzie and Yesenia have a huge heart and it's certainly with the special needs community at Inspiration Park. This prestigious award thanks and acknowledges them for all that they do to provide excellent customer service and support, new programs and activities and because they have significantly improved the quality of

From Central
Unified School
District

Thank you for all
your support Kicking
off this BIG Event!
Could not have done
it without you!
From: Theresa
Ashley



Merry Christmas

Yessina,

I wanted to take some time to thank you for your leadership with the P.A.R.C.S. program. We appreciate the opportunity to use the Inspiration Park to rehearse for acting classes, fitness, and recreational activities. I am looking forward to collaborating with you in the future as well.

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a blessed Christmas filled with love & laughter with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Scarano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Pamela Scarano

From Community Vocational Services