#### 44 October 2011 City Employees Club of Los Angeles, Alive!



## **Honorable Mention**

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Josh Alviar	3	David Gutierrez	DWP
Jack Christopher	3	James Christopher	DWP
Christopher Lopez Jack Rigney	4 4	Recardo Lopez Patrick Rigney	Transportation Public Works
Lily Rigney	4	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Christopher J. Rios		Christopher Rios	Public Works
Jafer Canales Natalia Cole	5 5	Jose A Canales Barbara Cole	Airports Retired
Alicia Daniel	5	Irary Daniel	LAPD
Gracie Deniz	5	Maria Deniz	Public Works
Samuel Franco	5 : 5	Red Medina Eduardo Hernandez	Public Works Rec and Parks
Sydney Hernandez Trevor Quinn	5 5	Richard Quinn	DWP
Dylan Thome	5	Christine Thome	Harbor
Raymond Trinh	5	Thai Trinh	Public Works
Emily Aragon Isabella Galoostiar	6 16	Jorge Aragon Raymond Galoostian	LAPD Airports
Victoria Guevara	6	Hugo Guevara	Public Works
Olivia Jimenez	6	Valente Jimenez	DWP
Julian Madrigal Tiaara Patterson	6 6	Ly Chagolla Christiann Adtkins	General Services
Aidan Botticella	7	Louie Botticela	Retired
Alyssa Caton	7	Thomas Caton	DWP
Alexi Chavez Demi Davis	7 7	Lydia Chagolla Shawn Davis	General Services DWP
Jasmine Espinoza	7	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Emma Franco	7	Red Medina	Public Works
Cheyenne Garcia Iman Holmes	7 7	Gilbert Garcia Edward Holmes	DWP Public Works
Fabiola Reza	7	Juan Reza	DWP
Russell Chen	8	James Hsu	Retired
Angel Cooper	8	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Aresha Echols Kaylee Gabon	8 8	Charles Echols Audie Gabon	Retired DWP
Talisa Mateos	8	Carlos Mateos	Rec and Parks
Samantha Melend		Daniel Melendez	Harbor
Mikhail Morrison Gracel Mutuc	8 8	Michael Morrison Lyzel Mutuc	DWP DWP
Zachary Oghigian	8	George Oghigian	General Services
Peter Otoshi	8	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Walter Quinn Patrizia Abcede	8 9	Richard Quinn Redentor Abcede	DWP LAPD
Evelyn Bermudez	9	Rafael Bermudes	Rec and Parks
Rebecca Castaneo		Frank Castaneda	Airports
Leslie Cobian Vian De La Torre	9 9	Juan Cobian Anthony De la Torre	LAPD Airports
Kate Gabon	9	Audie Gabon	DWP
Justine Mejia	9	Lydia Chagolla	General Services
Raphael Mutuc Arely Navarro	9 9	Lyzel Mutuc Julio Navarro	DWP Public Works
Mia Rohaly	9	Karen Rohaly	Library
Sirena Amador	10	Erika Amador	Rec and Parks
Viviana Arredondo Tatiana Cole	10 10	Jaime Arredondo Barbara Cole	Airports Retired
Destiny Hamilton	10	Nicole Hamilton	LAPD
Maya Horvath	10	Robert Horvath	Public Works
Priscilla Fuentes Celine Millanponco	10 e 10	Sonia R. Fuentes Manny Hernandez	DWP Housing
Deliah S. Perrillian		Patricia Langlois	Retired
Alexa Rosales	10	Alex Rosales	DWP
Liliana Torres Eva Zordilla	10 10	Salvador Torres Emil Zordilla	Public Works Harbor
David Anderson	11	E. Beatrice Lowe	Retired
Caitlyn Campos	11	Renee Cuevas	LAPD
Francisco Castene Hannah Harrison	da11 11	Frank Castaneda Michael Harrison	Airports Rec and Parks
Gabriel Honore	11	Wilton Honore	Rec and Parks
Rebecca Johnson	11	Leon Thomasian	Retired
Nathan Lam Madison Lemon	11 11	Peter Lam Kecia Brooks	Retired Harbor
Vanessa Lucero	11	Christopher Lucero	DWP
Rodrigo Mendez	11	Jorge Mendez	DWP
Gabriela Navarro Christian Netzel	11 11	Julio Navarro Donald Netzel	Public Works DWP
Priscilla Ortega	11	Louis Ortega	General Services
Joseph Otoshi	11	John Otoshi	DWP
Jesus Reza Emily Reyes	11 11	Juan Reza Alfredo Reyes	DWP Public Works
Julia Rodarte	11	Manuel Mendoza	Retired
Daniela Tapia	11	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Valerie Truong Jonathan Valmonte	11 11	Richard Truong Brillando Valmonte	Administration General Services
Shyarre Wright	e II 11	Simboa Wright	Public Works
Karen Yip	11	Daisy Cheung	DWP
Miranda Aguirre	12 12	Mike Aguirre	Public Works
Tammy Borunda Emily Gallegos	12 12	Eleanor Borunda Leonard Gallegos	Airports Harbor
Kyssandra S.	12	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Michelle Rodrique		Sandra Bautista	LAPD
Jordan Ackerley Brandon Decoud	13 13	Donald Aackerley Brandi McCorry	Housing Transportation
Andrew Hams	13	Tish Meriweather	Public Works
Viviana Monarrez	13	Victor Pedraza	Public Works
Anayah Woods Janine Carpena	13 14	Latesha Hamm Janelle Carpena	Housing DWP





## Suji Hong, 5

• FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sid's the science kid" FAVORITE SNACK: Goldfish Crackers BEST FRIEND: Maddie WHY AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland (California Adventure) I want to see Ariel. PARENT: Yono Hong,

Management Analyst I, Public Works.

# 6 to 7 YEARS OLD

### Elisa Ruiz, 7 • FAVORITE TV SHOW:

"Victorious" • FAVORITE SNACK: Ice Cream BEST FRIEND: Justine • WHY AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland. I have never been there before and the waterpark at Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor.

• PARENT: Robert Ruiz, Management Analyst II.





#### **Compiled by Lupe Medina**



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8 to 10 YEARS OLD

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## Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!'s* last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of Your Choice!

Look for our next contest in the November edition of *Alive!* 

## Cameron Chen, 12

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
"Hawaii 5-0"
FAVORITE SNACK: Mango

 BEST FRIEND: Kayla
 WHY AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I would like to go to Disneyland because I have four people in my family and they really want to go so I would like to take them and make them happy.
 PARENT: James Hsu, Retired.





### PUBLIC WORKS

## **Going Beyond Excellence**

Two Street Services employees honored by LAPD, Board of Public Works.

Story by Jackie David, Public Information Director, Board of Public Works, Club Member; Photos courtesy Public Works

 $T {\rm wo}$  Bureau of Street Services employees who received a letter of commendation from the

two guys were beating him up. Street Services employees immediately called police and 9-1-1 emergency services. As



LAPD will soon also be honored with a Going Beyond Excellence Award from the Board of Public Works. They are Salvador Torres and John Madrid.

The commendation letter from Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck and Devonshire Commanding Officer Sean Kane, states:

"On March 24, 2011, the LAPD dispatched Devonshire Area officers to a robbery in progress call in which the victim was being assaulted by several suspects. Your employees, Mr. Salvador Torres and Mr. John Madrid, took action as witnesses and followed the perpetrators of this crime to an apartment building. Mr. Torres and Mr. Madrid greatly assisted the officers with identifying the suspects involved, ultimately leading to their arrest. The LAPD would like to thank your personnel for being vigilant to their surroundings thus allowing them to identify and report a crime in progress without jeopardizing their own safety."

For employees Salvador Torres and John Madrid, it was, to put is simply, "All in a day's work." In his own words, Salvador Torres narrated how he and his crew were on Zelzah Avenue en route to take care of some downed trees, when he noticed a young man on the sidewalk holding his head. The man was bleeding profusely and looked weak, Torres says. People were standing around the man. According to witnesses, they had just happened upon the victim as



Salvador Torres

the rest of the Bureau of Street Services crew pulled up, two men who were hanging around suddenly left. According to Torres, a witness confided to him that the two men who left were actually the guys who beat the victim

up. Torres immediately took off after the two men, following them at a safe distance and watching their movements. John Madrid stayed

The Street Services crew, from left: Miguel Barajas, Bernard Spears, John Madrid, Salvador Torres, and Diego Valencia.

behind and made sure everything would be okay until the police and emergency services arrived.

Once the LAPD arrived, Torres led them to the apartment building where the two men had gone. Torres had also noticed that one of the men had thrown a backpack over the rail. The LAPD asked Torres to retrieve the backpack while they went into the apartment building to get the suspects. Later, Torres handed the backpack over to the LAPD and identified the suspects. LAPD found drug paraphernalia in the backpack, according to the LAPD.

In an e-mail to Jackie David, Public Information Director for Public Works, Det. David Keating of the Devonshire Division shared that the group of suspects who are suspected of assaulting and robbing the young man are well known to the Devonshire division. "No doubt your employees' observations and mere presence changed the outcome of this evolving case," Keaton wrote. "They are responsible for a multitude of street and school campus assaults, thefts and robberies."

Salvador Torres says this isn't the first time he's run into such a situation. More recently, while on the job, he helped a lady recover a bike that had just been stolen. He once also helped the FBI handcuff a suspect. When asked why he would get so involved, Torres shrugged he shoulders, smiled and said, "Because it's the right thing and I need tickets to heaven."

Salvador Torres is an Equipment Operator who has worked for the Bureau of Street Services for 31 years. John Madrid is a Tree Surgeon Assistant who has worked for Street Services for some 5 years.

Great job, Salvador and John!



John Madrid.