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Volunteering Makes a Difference



## Comments from our CEO

Winston Churchill said *“You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.”*

I've always believed this to be true as those who give - whether its time or money - gain much more by helping others. Naomi and Carole have been volunteering weekly for over 5 years and they say they have been rewarded tremendously seeing their involvement impact peoples lives in such a meaningful ways.



Science backs the benefits of being of service to others. According to the Harvard Health Publication “volunteering is good for mind and body”. Volunteering increases people’s happiness, self-confidence, even lengthens ones’ life, and that doing good for others and the community, provides a sense of accomplishment.

We have opportunities for individuals and groups and would love to have **you** join our [volunteer](#) team. You’ll be glad you did; the reward is tremendous. Contact Debbie at 619.354.6156

or dkempinski@pwiworks.org to get started today sharing your time, talent and treasure.... and adding happiness, satisfaction and even years to your life!

Cordially,

Mark Berger  
President/CEO

## PWI Star of the Month: *Keith Washington*



Keith Washington works at Paseo Del Rey Church in Chula Vista and is enrolled in our Individual Placement program from our South Bay office. Keith is part of a team responsible for all custodial responsibilities at the expansive location. “Keith is an outstanding worker. He is dedicated to his job and often goes above and beyond his responsibilities” says his job coach Eric Berry. “He is always on time and brings a passion and enthusiasm to the job.”

When asked about his job, Keith breaks out with a huge smile. *“I love my job. I get to make sure everything is clean and ready to go. I’m proud of what I do and I love the chance that PWI gave me to show my skills.”*

**Congratulations Keith for being our September "Star of the Month"!**

### **Did you know?**

**Donations from people like YOU have empowered 48 hardworking individuals, like Keith, in the past 12 months to enter the workforce at their **first-ever** job! There are many more people looking to share their talents and ABILITIES. YOUR support will get them working!**

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## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

**DAN LUNA**

*"I have been fortunate to receive both personal and professional development from some of the best leaders and life coaches whom have inspired me to achieve challenging goals and overcome difficult obstacles. PWI has allowed me to reciprocate some of those same opportunities within our community through leadership and the development of others. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of each client's journey as they continue to*

*build confidence and conquer new tasks. Volunteering with PWI has been very rewarding and I look forward to seeing the PWI clients each week. ~Dan*



Dan, born and raised in Texas, is the father of two, an avid hiker, and a recently retired Navy Seal. With time on his hands, Dan enjoys spending time at PWI and is also busy preparing for his next career....with hopes of becoming a Physician Assistant in the near future!

Dan has been volunteering with PWI since October 2016 and is an integral part of the PWI family. His sweet smile and charismatic personality is warmly welcomed at our Work & Training Center where each week he shares his talents, kindness and patience with our clients as he encourages them to do their best in the work environment. Dan was recently seen high on a ladder hanging large signs and pictures just prior to PWI's Block Party and grand re-opening. Dan is a volunteer extraordinaire!

Thank you Dan for choosing to spend your time at PWI. We are enormously grateful for your time, energy and dedication to PWI and our clients!

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