

REFLECTIONS

It seems like the 33 years I've spent in County government have passed very quickly. I remember my first day at DPSS, back in April of 1974. I was a brand new employee, hired for a temporary job called an "eligibility worker." I really wasn't sure what an eligibility worker did, and I certainly didn't know much about the department I had joined. However, over the years, I've gained considerable insight about DPSS, and I'd like to share some reflective thoughts with you.

For starters, I think working in public service, especially social services, is a very rewarding career choice. We are in the business of helping others, and what we do is truly important work. We enrich the lives of families and kids who are much better off because of DPSS, and there's a great deal of satisfaction in that.

Over the years, I've been extremely impressed with our highly skilled and dedicated workforce. There's a lot of talent in DPSS. It's interesting to observe executive managers in other county departments. There are so many of them from DPSS. DPSS managers and staff have a reputation for commitment, high-quality work, accountable performance, and responsive customer service.

There's also something very special about the heart of people in DPSS. They're the most caring, giving, people in county government today. We aren't the largest county department, but no one donates more to charitable causes, or volunteers more time to help others than DPSS. We are, indeed, a very special family.

Finally, I just wanted to close by saying "thanks." Over the years, I've had the pleasure of knowing so many of you personally, and those friendships have truly enriched my life. May God bless you all. It's been a privilege to serve as your Director.

Bryce

Program

Master of Ceremonies

David Janssen

Invocation

Vance Martin

Dinner

Video Presentation

Reflections

*Eddy Tanaka
Will Stewart
Jacob Aguilar*

"Musical Interlude"

Special Recognition

*PSS Commission
Brotherhood Crusade
SEIU Local 721
LACQA*

Presentation of Gift

Lisa Nuñez

Words From Our Honoree