

CEO Report Nov. 2019

1. I attended this year's Bank of America Neighborhood Community Award Breakfast on Nov. 7 to support One Future Coachella Valley as they were awarded a \$200,000 (Discretionary) grant.
2. I attended the City of Palm Desert's Ad Hoc Civic Engagement meeting on Nov. 7 and learned about the two grants, CDBG and Council grants, that the City gives to organizations. They accepted ideas from the committee on how to reach more Latinos populations through these grants.
3. RAP Board Member, Mike Gialdini, and I met with Pat Cooper at Supervisor Perez's office to follow-up our conversation about how the County can assist with replacing AC units and other capital improvement needs. Pat indicated that she would share information with the Supervisor and likely meet with the Executive Office to explore ideas.
4. RAP staff and volunteers were joined by board members: Jan, Mike, Matt, Joe, Claudia, Rosemary, and Ann at the Nov. 8 National Philanthropy Luncheon where RAP was honored as this year's Philanthropic Nonprofit of the Year. The event was attended by almost 700 people, who unfortunately created a major valet services delay for those that used FREE valet.
5. Facilities Manager Mireya hosted the Tennant's Potluck meeting on Nov. 13. Great turnout and all those who attended expressed a general consensus that things are going really well in the building.
6. I attended the Bi-Monthly Riv. Co. Board of Governance Continuum of Care meeting in Riverside. The biggest "take-away" from this meeting was that many Homelessness Service Providers are still experiencing problems that hinder their efforts to fully use the grant funds. We will be exploring some of these issues to reduce the amount that we have to return to the Feds.
7. I attended the Pueblo Unido Annual Dinner at the Embassy Suites on Nov. 15 to support their efforts to address housing needs and develop youth leadership in the eastern Coachella Valley.
8. I attended the 15th Annual Greater Palm Springs Summit event on Nov. 19.
9. I represented the DGHD at the monthly CVAG Homelessness Committee. After much discussion, the Committee is recommending to the Executive Committee to proceed with developing the Scope and enter into an agreement with Path of Life Ministries as the service provider for the Western CV.
10. The 8th Annual Desert Fast Pitch held on Nov. 20 was a tremendous success. I am so proud of the RAP Team for the great work they all did! Especially to Stephanie and Christine for making their Vision for the event a reality. We received a great deal of praise from those in attendance. Thanks to our board members who attended: Craig, Valerie, Mike, Claudia, Rosemary, Van, Aurora, & Rudy.
11. I attended the monthly Lift To Rise Board meeting on Nov. 19. Lift to Rise has completed their Annual Audit and are anticipating not needing a Fiscal Agent for any of the prospective grants they are seeking. Therefore, they provided me a letter notifying RAP that effective 7/1/19.
12. I attended the Alianza Kermes competition event in Coachella on Dec. 5.
13. I attended the Dec. 9 BOG Annual Strategic Planning session.