

The Faces of Affordable Housing

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4th GRADE TEACHER
Norwood Creek Elementary School

"If you ask a person to name five people who impacted their life the most, almost everyone will name a favorite teacher. Teachers inspire students and often help them turn their life around. Sometimes we don't even know until much later the help we've provided."



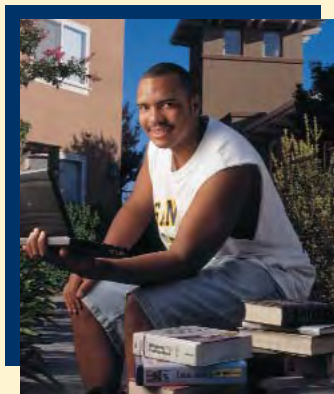
PROFESSIONAL DANCER
Self-employed

"As a dancer, I teach, train, and coach people about vibrant living. The arts are so inspiring to people and it helps them find themselves. I enjoy counseling people to achieve wellness through dance."



PARKING MAINTENANCE
Standard Parking

"Working for Standard Parking, I help maintain the public lot. As part of my position in maintenance, I help keep the garage safe and clean for our customers."



COMPUTER ENGINEER STUDENT
San José State University

"If we didn't live at Oblone Court, I wouldn't be able to finish my degree. My wife and I were living in a studio before. Our baby was born just sixteen days after we moved. We would have had to move back to L.A. and live with my parents if this opportunity hadn't come up."

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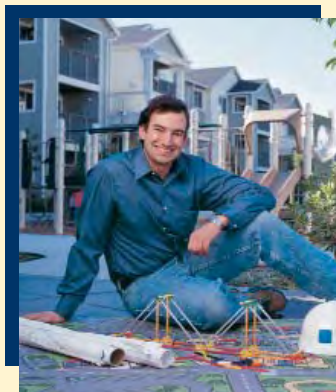
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BUS DRIVER

Student Transportation of America

"I love being able to work and provide for my four sons. I was part of a certificate program to become a driver three years ago. I especially enjoy helping physically and mentally challenged kids, and having split shifts so that I can go home to be with my own children."



DRAFTER

*Kier & Wright
Civil Engineers and Surveyors*

"I get to take part in the planning and design of different buildings, not just commercial, but residential as well. I work on affordable housing projects, like the one I live in and other projects in Santa Clara. I help make developments like this become a reality."



SECURITY OFFICER

*Pinkerton Security on-site at
Lucent Technologies*

"Working the evening shift at Pinkerton allows me to do volunteer work and go to school during the day. I study sign language at San José City College and would love to work with kids as an interpreter."



OFFICE ASSISTANT

*Closing the Achievement Gap
Task Force (CTAG)*

"In my position as Office Assistant in the African American Studies Department of San José State, I help the Department Chair, assist professors, and help students. I'm also a Girl Scout Troop Leader at Edenpond Community Center."

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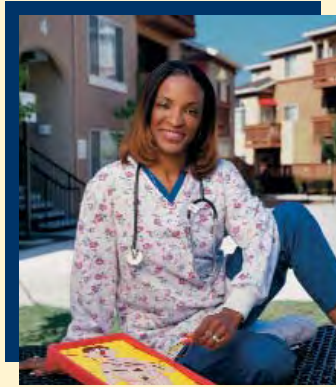
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LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE
Satellite Dialysis Center

"I'm pleased to be living at Blossom River. It is so expensive to live in the Silicon Valley and difficult as a single parent. I work in the dialysis outpatient unit, where people come in three times a week. It's important just being there for people to make sure they are comfortable."



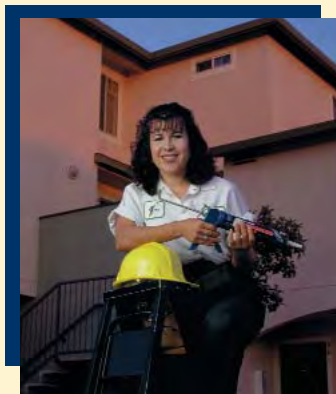
ROUTE DELIVERY DRIVER
Black Mountain Water

"I get to provide quality drinking water to people. There are a lot of older people on my route that I help to set-up. If they are unable to lift the bottle, I am able to assist them by taking the bottles inside and lifting them onto the dispenser."



MAIL COLLECTOR/ LETTER CARRIER
United States Postal Service

"I contribute to the community members by ensuring that customers receive their mail on time and are 100% satisfied. I change the locks for the route-boxes; when a person loses their wallet or purse, I help them by expediting replacement keys."



WEATHERIZATION INSTALLER
Economic Social Opportunities

"When I go to a home, I check for carbon monoxide leaks. I especially help out Seniors and low-income people. I look at the heater and the water heater to make sure everything is fine. If there are any cracked or broken windows, those get fixed, and I finish by caulking everything."