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During these uncertain times we can all use some Shining Stars in our lives. AchieveKids has many of these and is proud to present our next edition of

AchieveKids Shining Stars

These are people that have shown compassion and empathy for others during this health crisis and sheltering in place. Individuals that are rising above the fold, advocating for our families, and showing extreme passion for the work that we do and always wanting to do more. Taking the initiative to reach out and connect and helping to ease the feeling of isolation is critical right now.

Chris Quesada, Information Technology Director

Very quietly and without fanfare Chris Quesada, our Director of Information Systems, made it possible for staff to connect with families and for everybody at AchieveKids to work seamlessly from home.

He had to train most of us on protocols as well as field numerous questions from staff over the first weeks, set up and fix remote connections, deal with many random issues, buy new equipment, all at the same time that he brought new servers on-line. Through all of this he has remained calm and always has a smile on his face, even though he has been working late into the evening and on weekends.



In short, we would not have been able to do the impressive amount of distance work we are doing now without what Chris has done behind the scenes. We are grateful for his depth of knowledge and quick response so that we can all continue to work during this time of sheltering in place. He has definitely gone above and beyond for AchieveKids.



Rayleen Chavira, Operations Associate



From the start of the school closure Rayleen Chavira has been the first in line to offer her support. Rayleen brings a thoughtful, caring, and positive approach to all of the projects she takes on, and always has our student's best interests at heart.

Currently, Rayleen is the point-person for our Second Harvest Food Bank ordering, pick-up, and delivery to families. She organizes food delivery boxes and coordinates support from other team members to ensure that we are working to meet the needs of our students and families. Using a no contact doorstep delivery process we are able to provide food for our families so they don't have to leave their homes.

Rayleen shows tremendous leadership and always has a plan that can be thoughtfully executed. She takes great pride in working alongside her teammates who all strive to make a difference in the lives of others. We are truly honored that Rayleen is a part of our AchieveKids family.

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