



# Q OVERVIEW

## A COMMUNITY THRIVES CHALLENGE

We need your help! We're in the middle of an exciting crowdfunding challenge that'll bolster advancement opportunities for deserving individuals within our PaperPros division. Here's why we're participating – and asking you to be one of the many difference-makers as we work toward our \$25,000 goal:

The Opportunity Village PaperPros division is in great need of technologically-advanced scanning devices that will enable us to provide services on a much larger scale. With your help and belief in our mission, the funds we raise for this equipment can not only aid in scanning millions more documents per year and put us in the running for new contracts, but also transition employees with disabilities to a higher paying job. The best part? It's creating 8 new jobs for Southern Nevada adults with intellectual disabilities, with the potential for many more.

It's even more of a win-win. Our participation in this fundraiser may help Opportunity Village be eligible for six unique grants courtesy of the Gannett Foundation's A Community Thrives initiative, ranging from \$100,000 to \$10,000, designed to help fund a certain project or program within our organization - but only if we raise at least \$6,000 before May 11, 2018.

Please visit [crowdrise.com/opportunity-village](http://crowdrise.com/opportunity-village) to donate - and be sure to share, share, share!



Dean stays busy as an important member of the PaperPros team

## OUR LEGENDARY BBQ IS BACK FOR 2018!

Y'all won't want to miss the best bash this side of the south itself, featuring mouthwatering 'cue, down-home merriment, a live auction with a 2018 Range Rover Velar going to the highest bidder, star-spangled country tunes by Jackson Michelson and much more, all benefiting the individuals we're so proud to serve here at Opportunity Village. Rope a circle around that date and get ready to corral your favorite cowboys and cowgirls for a night that's all fun, no bull. Presented by Jaguar Land Rover Las Vegas.

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 • 5:30PM**

**Ralph and Betty Engelstad Campus of Opportunity Village and Sean's Park  
6050 S. Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113**

Attire: Throw on your jeans and add some boots, buckles and baubles – we're going country chic!

Buy tickets at: [OVBBQ.com](http://OVBBQ.com)

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# INTRODUCING LEVI!

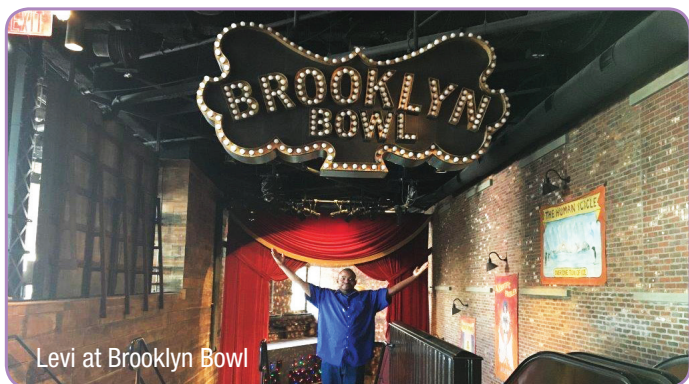
We at Opportunity Village constantly tell everyone we meet about the incredible people we serve. Each one is different, like you and me, but at the same time, each has one thing in common: a disability that makes them climb hurdle after hurdle to succeed. We thought you would enjoy meeting a few of the 1,300 people that rely on us every month, like Levi.

Right after leaving school, Levi found a job at Nellis Air Force Base. He worked in the commissary, but without any support, he found himself laid off from his job. After many months of looking for a job, Levi came to Opportunity Village's Pathway to Work Program at the suggestion of his case manager at Desert Regional Center.

After being out of work for many months, Levi found that he needed to relearn the skills he once proudly possessed. He was determined not only to relearn the skills he had lost, but also to learn everything possible to make himself a great job candidate. With the help of his OV Job Coordinator, who drew up task lists and pictures for him to study at home, Levi excelled.

The Opportunity Village Job Developer and Levi began to search for possible job openings and he applied at popular local concert venue Brooklyn Bowl. Soon, he was called for an interview. He practiced his interview skills with focused determination and aced the interview! Levi began his new job at Brooklyn Bowl in November 2017 and continues on his path to excellence. He still studies new job responsibilities at home in order to continue to excel.

Levi is a determined and motivated man, enjoying the freedom he has through his social and financial independence. Even more important, he is so proud to be an essential part of the Brooklyn Bowl team.



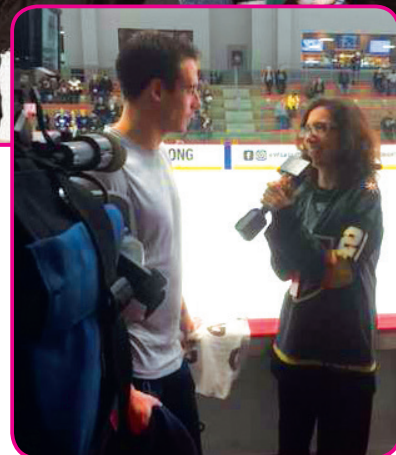
# INTRODUCING VANESSA!

Vanessa, a participant in our Fine & Performing Arts program, was given the opportunity to showcase her talent, charisma, and depth of sports knowledge as a guest reporter for the NHL's newest franchise and our home team, the Vegas Golden Knights. In December, she was invited to attend the VGK FanFest in Downtown Las Vegas, where she was gifted a personalized jersey to wear while interviewing players and coaches on the red carpet. After her first gig as a reporter, she was invited back for a practice session at City National Arena. VGK's media team gave her tips and tools to hone her reporting skills, which she put to great use during on-ice interviews with a handful of players that included star goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury!

Vanessa even attended the coaches press conference, where she was invited to ask one of the first few questions. The Golden Knights created a video package of Vanessa's interviews that day that was featured on their website and was played on the jumbotron at a game! **(You can also find the full video on the Latest News page at [OpportunityVillage.org](http://OpportunityVillage.org).)** Additional Opportunity Village clients had the chance to be recognized on-ice during the national anthem and enjoy a VGK game as part of the league's "Hockey is for Everyone" initiative in February.



Vanessa at the Vegas Golden Knights FanFest



# MEET KARA!

Kara is one of the stars working at the West Oakey Employment Resource Center. She loves being able to work surrounded by her friends and is proud of the relationships she has with her bosses.

In her off time, Kara is a great book reader, loves good movies, going to the gym and taking photos for her family and friends. It's not surprising that she is a huge fan of the Raider team and cannot wait until they become her home team.



Kara at  
Oakey Campus  
(ERC)

# THANK YOU OV DONORS

Levi, Vanessa, and Kara are just a few wonderful examples of individuals at OV achieving their dreams. The amazing work accomplished here and the successes of the people we serve are only possible because of your support. Your gifts are used to sustain myriad programs and services, which make it possible for individuals like Levi, Vanessa, and Kara to achieve Pride, Purpose, and a Paycheck. Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of the people we are so honored to serve. **We rely on your continued support to ensure that all at OV have access to opportunities and can lead lives previously unattainable.**

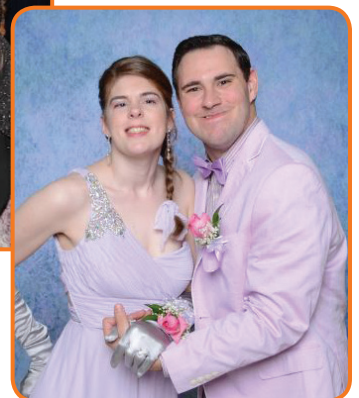


# STARLIGHT BALL

The Starlight Ball will take place on **Friday, April 6th from 5:30-8:30**. This is a special evening for Opportunity Village clients to enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing free of charge. *Dressed to the nines*, attendees are given corsages and have photos taken by a professional photographer. After a seated dinner served by OV Staff and Board Members, they are off to dance the night away. *It's the perfect way to celebrate Spring!*



Living it up at the  
Starlight Ball



# OVATION

Our annual Fine & Performing Arts spring showcase, OVation, is set to take place on **Thursday May 24th at 6pm**. Participants from the FPA program get to show off all of the skills they have learned in their classes by performing routines in music, dance, and theater. The theme of this year's show is "A World of DiscOVery," and the performers have been learning about cultural music and dances from all over the world! The performance, which is open to the public, will feature Hawaiian songs played on the ukulele, traditional African dance and so much more!



On stage with OVation



**"We are not limited by our disabilities as long as others do not disable us in spirit."**

*- Cary Harned, Sr. Grants & Major Gifts Officer*

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity Village relies heavily on people in the community who donate their time to helping serve men and women with intellectual disabilities.

To get involved, please visit:

[opportunityvillage.org/pages/volunteer](https://opportunityvillage.org/pages/volunteer).