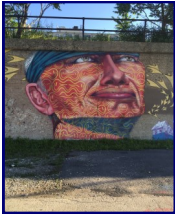


Employee of the Month—Armando Padilla



If you have driven by 16th Street and Sangamon Avenue in Chicago, you may have noticed our employee of the month's portrait adorning the wall of the underpass. Armando explains that a Nash Brothers' crew was working at this location. After speaking with the crew members, the artist asked Armando if he could use his image in a painting. Armando agreed and as a result he has a wonderful story to share with his family and friends.

Armando has been an employee of Nash Brothers for seventeen years and enjoys working at different locations throughout the city and suburbs. When asked what advice he might share with a new employee, he said that first it is important to stay healthy and to take care of yourself. Secondly, Armando emphasizes the importance of remaining safe by learning the details of the specific project. "Be prepared!" he said. And finally, Armando added, "Keep your nose clean!"

Armando shared information about his interests. He is a certified master gardener and active participant in his community garden. Wishing to learn how to make mead or honey wine, Armando became a beekeeper. Armando is also a self-taught artist and enjoys sketching architecture that he finds interesting. Unfortunately, the conversation came to an end but we know whom to consult with questions from perennials to Chicago landmarks. Thank you, Armando, for the work you do!

A Fond Farewell

On August 12, Kasen Pierce and Tyree Wooding completed the internship program at Nash Brothers. We will miss their enthusiasm! The following is a list of some of their many accomplishments this summer:

- Entered daily job information and prepared an invoice for a time and material project
- Created a database of employee information
- Created visual aids depicting cost to date, gross profit, and total recognized revenue for jobs completed during 2016
- Learned about safety procedures, visited a job site, and spoke with a foreman about job protocol



Nash Brothers celebrated time spent with Kasen and Tyree. We know wonderful opportunities await during college and beyond.

Safety Update

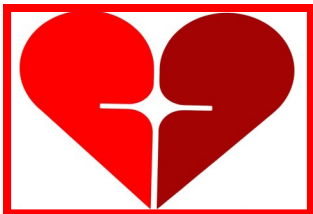
Nash Brothers has worked 696 days injury free. There have been no OSHA recordable incidents or motor vehicle incidents. Nash Brothers has been event free for 344 days.

Inspired to Run

On October 9, 2016, I will represent Nash Brothers and run in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, my first and a daunting personal challenge, to raise funds for Misericordia Heart of Mercy. I have had the opportunity to visit the Misericordia campus and have been inspired by the sense of community and belonging that the residents feel. Opportunities for meaningful work and social experiences are many. Completing a marathon is an exciting goal, but finding a way to assist others while doing so has been the real motivation.

Please read the Misericordia mission statement below:

The Mission of Misericordia Heart of Mercy is to support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who choose our community by providing the highest quality residential, training, and employment services. We provide the continuum of care designed to meet each person's changing needs and maximize his or her independence, self-determination, interpersonal relationships, and engagement in the community. Through our dedicated families, employees, volunteers, supporters and community networks, we offer an environment that fosters each person's spirituality, dignity, respect, and quality of life.



Misericordia must raise \$15 million yearly for program costs not covered by the government. Misericordia is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Please consider contributing to Misericordia. You may visit the link below to do so.

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/meaghan-sweeney-1/bank-of-america-chicago-marathon-for-misericordia?mid=SIV0AA2>

A Return to School Days

While watching my daughter start her walk to school yesterday, I noticed that she took her phone from her backpack and started texting. Her eyes focused downward unaware of traffic or children around her. The National Safety Council website states that according to a study by the Nielsen Company, kids age 13 to 17 send more than 3,400 texts a month. "That's seven messages every hour they are awake." The following safety tips may be found on The National Safety Council website. They are now posted on our refrigerator!



- **Never walk while texting on the phone.**
- **If texting, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.**
- **Never cross the street while using an electronic device.**
- **Do not walk wearing headphones.**
- **Be aware of the surroundings.**
- **Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if a child must walk on the street, he or she should face oncoming traffic.**
- **Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.**
- **Cross only at crosswalks.**