

# Chen Quarterly

## The Holiday Issue

### CHEN EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Paula Fonseca



January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Marlon John



January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Amy Parkinson



January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Kathy Horrigan



January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Juliana Jaramillo



February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Angela Baron



February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Safiya Goombs, P.E.



February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Dr. Ben Chen, P.E.



February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Talia Garcia, P.E.



February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Marcus Austin, G.C.



February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ivan Marquez, E.I.



March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Carlos Tijerino



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On November 7th, Chen and Associates celebrated our 22nd anniversary of service in South Florida. In the past 22 years, we have grown from a one person firm to 33 employees in three offices. During this holiday season, I am thankful to all of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in us as we strive to continue to be the most responsive firm in South Florida!



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Our employees have been actively giving thanks by giving back to the community this season as well – our community service committee sponsored a holiday toy drive for Toys for Tots (page 3), a Thanksgiving Food Drive (page 2),

and participated in the first annual October Greenfest (page 3). Also, our Social Activities Committee planned our second annual Halloween contest and Thanksgiving Potluck (page 2). Chen and Associates is also honored to be named among the Best Firms to Work For and one of the fastest growing firms in the country (below). We are also proud to have completed an exciting streetscaping project for the City of Margate.

Thank you again for a successful 2008. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Peter Moore, P.E.

### CE NEWS' BEST FIRMS TO WORK FOR 2008 CONTEST

Chen and Associates finished 35<sup>th</sup> in CE News' Best Firms to Work for 2008 Contest! Chen and Associates was the only engineering firm based in Florida to have made the top 50 list. Chen and Associates also finished 19<sup>th</sup> in the Small Business category which honored firms with 100 or fewer employees.

152 firms entered this year's contest which is scored in two parts: the first step is grading a corporate survey about a firm's corporate culture, benefits, performance recognition, compensation, professional development, recruiting and retention. The second half of a firm's score is generated from an employee satisfaction survey. Thanks to all employees who participated in this year's survey!



### ZWEIG LETTER HOT FIRM 2008

Management consulting and research firm ZweigWhite has identified the 200 fastest-growing architecture, engineering, and environmental consulting firms for its annual ranking, *The Zweig Letter Hot Firm List*. This annual list features the design and environmental firms that have outperformed the economy and competitors to become industry leaders. Chen and Associates placed 77<sup>th</sup> on the Zweig Letter Hot Firm list, up from 129<sup>th</sup> place in 2007! The list is calculated on the basis of percentage growth and dollar growth.





## THANKSGIVING POT LUCK

Chen and Associates's Social Activities Committee organized the Second Annual Thanksgiving Potluck in our Miami Beach office. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, each employee brought in a dish including traditional favorites such as mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and of course, turkey! Celebrating our diverse backgrounds, employees also brought congri, boiled yuca, spanikopita, ackie and saltfish, lechon asado, and ropa vieja to share. The event was a chance for our Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach and West Palm Beach staff to socialize and give thanks for being part of Team Chen! It also marked the first annual "Best Dish" contest. The winners were Shanene Wright for her Baked Cheese & Macaroni and Ooey Goey Butter Pumpkin Cake and Omar Archilla for his two varieties of empanadas: chicken and guava.



The Chen Family enjoys Thanksgiving on the patio of our Miami Beach office.



"Best Dish" winners Shanene Wright and Omar Archilla.



The Chen Team enjoys the dessert and drink table!

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Chen and Associates' Community Service Committee organized the firm's Second Annual Toy Drive to benefit South Florida families in need. Toys for Tots campaigns are conducted annually in nearly 500 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

America has over 14 million economically disadvantaged children; since 1947, Toys for Tots has collected and distributed

more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children. To find a drop off location near you, please visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



## LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA OCTOBER GREENFEST

On October 4th, Chen and Associates participated in the first annual Lauderdale-by-the-Sea October GreenFest. The event kicked off the Broward County Adopt-A-Street Program in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; Chen and Associates has signed up for Washingtonia Avenue, located one block south of Town Hall. The community service committee will organize several cleanups throughout the year for this street.

Marcus Austin, G.C. (left) and Joel Brownsey take a break from cleaning up litter.



## SECOND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CONTEST RESULTS



Shaun Bamforth (left) and Chris Anderson were winners of Chen and Associates' Second Annual Halloween Contest!



L to R: Marlon John; Peter Moore, Shaun Bamforth, Sharon Poss, Jennifer Fought, Safiya Goombs, Talia Garcia, Andres Diaz; and Peter Dueño get into the spirit!

## 2ND ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Community Service Committee organized the second annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in November, benefiting the Cooperative Feeding Program. For over 22 years, the Program has assisted the hungry and homeless of Broward County by providing more than 1.2 million meals a year. Chen and Associates, in association with the Broward Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, collected over 190 pounds of food for families in need!



COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM



For more information on this important charity and how you can help, please visit [www.feedingbroward.org](http://www.feedingbroward.org).

## MARGATE BOULEVARD PROJECT COMPLETE

Chen and Associates designed and performed construction services for the Margate Boulevard Streetscaping Project which included a roundabout for the City of Margate Community Redevelopment Agency. Different components that were coordinated included traffic analysis, electrical design for specialized lights, landscaping, brick pavers and structural components of a large clock tower that was installed in the roundabout.

The relocation and addition of the roadway and pedestrian scale lighting was extensive. In addition to providing FDOT standard roadway lighting, the decorative fixtures met the aesthetic and safety needs of the City. In addition, the project involved a variety of step-down transformers for the underground electrical and low voltage landscaping lighting, in the end involving three separate service points coordinated with FPL.



Before



After

