

# CBP El Paso QA inspector receives President's Volunteer Service Award, letter from President Bush



*Dave Arrieta, also known as Clumzy the Clown, warms the heart of a young patient at Shriners Hospital*

EL PASO, Texas (April 22, 2007) — Dave Arrieta, Quality Assurance Inspector in the L-3 Vertex U.S. Customs & Border Protection Program, received an unexpected high honor, the President's Volunteer Service Award. The news of the award came in the form of a letter from the White House and signed by President George W. Bush—congratulating Arrieta “for demonstrating the outstanding character of America through his service to others.”

Arrieta's passion for volunteerism comes from his role and work as a Master Mason and an El Maida Shrine Clown. “I have dedicated much of my time serving the Shriners Hospitals,” said Arrieta. “We (Shriners) are a Philanthropic Organization, never charging for our services or never wishing for individual recognition. We just wish that the children will remember our kindness and do the same if they should have the opportunity to help someone in need,” he said.

He was notified of the award by Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston, part of the Texas Medical Center group. Steven Reiter, hospital administrator, told Arrieta that the hospital had nominated him for the award based on his outstanding service to the children patients of the hospital. “I would like to personally thank you for your dedicated service to El Maida Shrine Center and Shriners Hospitals for Children—Houston. As a token of our appreciation, your name was submitted and accepted for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award,” Reiter stated.

Arrieta was not expecting such an honor from the President of the United States. “It was both shocking and humbling when I was presented with The Presidents Volunteer Service Award,” he said. In addition to the signed letter from the President on White House letterhead, Arrieta was presented with a special commemorative pin. “Wear this pin with pride,” said Reiter.



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