

Heroes in Education



Anthony D. Trujillo
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Fidelity at School recognizes Anthony D. Trujillo, president of Holman's USA, LLC, as one of its Heroes in Education.

Since 2011 Holman's has donated more than 40 iPads to six different public school classrooms for autistic children through its Technology for Autism program.

"It's my passion to help these kids. I know it's making a difference,"

Anthony says. For example, one student who has autism and cannot communicate verbally was able to tap the snack he wanted on an iPad app designed for that purpose.

"Otherwise he wouldn't have been able to get it out. No one would have known that he even wanted a snack," Anthony says.

If children with autism can find ways to communicate and become integrated into mainstream classrooms, Anthony says they have a much better chance at a productive life.

"I'm honored to be recognized, but it's the teachers who are the real heroes in education," he says, naming teachers who were December recipients of the Holman's program: Cristal Wilson, Mark Twain Preschool; Ritamarie Theiler, McCollum Elementary School, Heather Diluzio, Pajaritio Elementary School and Peggy Hulick, Petroglyph Elementary School.

"Anthony and his father, Tony, have long been proponents of education in Albuquerque," says Phill Casaus, director of the APS Education Foundation.

"Anthony's efforts toward putting cutting-edge technology in APS autism classrooms have really made a difference -- teachers rave about what his donations do for their kids every single day. He does this without fanfare or expectation -- he just really wants to help."

Every fall, the company hosts Holman's Annual Technology for Autism Golf Tournament to raise money for the effort.

Fidelity at School is a nationwide program designed to help at-risk middle school students acquire the foundational skills they need to achieve academic success. Through the time and talent of Fidelity employees, Fidelity at School will help America's neediest kids to ignite their spark, continue to learn and stay on track for college, careers and life.

