

# My Best Moment in 2005

For transportation operations supervisor **June Singleton-Reece** the moment came when the Miami Heat beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas Day. Operator **William Lindsey's** moment was when his wife came home from the hospital. Losing 200 pounds was it for supervisor **Regina Bird**. A few days into a new year, June, William and Regina were among several Metro South Bay staff members who recently revealed what was their highlight moment in 2005.

"Mine was when my granddaughter survived Katrina," remarked **Janett Smith**. "She was living in Louisiana at Xavier University and lost all of her belongings due to the hurricane," said the operator. "But she came home with her life."

Recreation was in **Craig Smith's** and **Victor Andrews'** minds. "My best moment was going to Bryson's Ski Lodge," said Craig, an assistant transportation manager, while Victor, an operator, indicated that hanging out in his boat at Lake Havasu in Arizona was his highlight. Jobwise, **Cynthia Burks** was thrilled when she made full-time operator while transportation operations supervisor **Edward King** was happy and proud on being put in charge of training operators for the new articulated 60-foot Metro Liners.

For operator **Anthony Johnson** and mechanic **Darryl Cheaves**, their moments were simply expressed. "Right here, right now," said Anthony, and Darryl remarked, "Being alive and blessed."

Operator **Meyette Breaux** had her highlight when she and her family spent seven hours in cooking meals for the homeless. "We have always had food and a steady job, and we just wanted to help others," explained Meyette, who prepared 100 meals of baked chicken, steamed rice, sweet potatoes and cake. "My children and my brother's basketball team formed an assembly line at home where we cooked the food," said Meyette. "When we passed out the meals downtown I could see the project was good for my children and the homeless we served," she said.



For custodian **Kim Hearn** the best moment in 2005 definitely was when a 24-year old Marine came home from Iraq in August.

"My son Ryan had been overseas for 8 ½ months and I was thrilled when I saw him safe again," Kim said.

When her son was in Iraq Kim kept in touch by calling him every six weeks and mailing letters every couple of weeks.

"Ryan returns to Iraq in September," said Kim, who will once again count the moments until her son is back home.



From left, Meyette Breaux, Regina Bird, June Singleton-Reece, Edward King, Craig Smith, William Lindsey, Victor Andrews, Darryl Cheaves, Anthony Johnson, Cynthia Burks, and Janett Smith

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