



TITO ROSADO

PAST APPRENTICE AND GLAZIER OF THE YEAR

SPOTLIGHT

On Tito Rosado:

Title Foreman for Twindows, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)

Hometown Northeast Philadelphia

Family Wife Maria; daughter Annette; son Arnaldo (T.J.)

Hobbies Spending time with family, travel, softball

Honors Apprentice of the Year (1993) and Glazier of the Year (2009)



ABOUT TITO

Arnaldo "Tito" Rosado joined the Air Force after high school, spending six years in the service. After his honorable discharge, a local PIC career program suggested Tito become a glazier or electrician. "I had no idea what a glazier was," Tito remembers. "But I think I made the best decision. I've not had one disappointing moment in my career."

Tito's career spans 31 years in which he has seen and done pretty much everything in the realm of glazing. Currently, he works as a foreman in the Twindows, Inc., shop in Philadelphia, Pa. He also

goes into the field to run jobs and manage installation of curtain wall, storefronts, and other glazing. Prior to joining Twindows, Tito worked for Almond Glass for 20 years. "I've only been with Twindows for 15 months," he explains, "But it's a great place to work. I feel appreciated and I appreciate what they do for me."

EXPERIENCE

Tito has worked on projects large and small. He managed the interior glass scope for Revel Casino in Atlantic City, N.J., which encompassed everything from entrances and revolving doors to glass handrails and partitions. He also ran the Family Court project in Center City, Philadelphia. The Kimmel Center remains a favorite project for its dramatic interior glass installations.

Tito's hard work and commitment were rewarded twice – with recognition as 1993 Apprentice of the Year and 2009 Glazier of the Year. Tito also served as a part-time FTI instructor for 12 years, teaching apprentices about hardware, layout, and structural glazing. He stepped down recently as retirement approaches.



TWO FAMILIES

"My whole family is proud of what I do," says Tito. "But I couldn't do it without them." He has been married to Maria for 35 years. His daughter Annette is 34, a college graduate who works for the City of Philadelphia. She and her husband Jacob gave Tito and his wife their first granddaughter, Adriana (7), the family's pride and joy. Tito's son Arnaldo, Jr., T.J. for short, is 29 and works alongside his father as a laborer at Twindows. Tito's mother is also very much a part of his family life.

"But my second family is the glaziers of Local 252," Tito adds. "Over the years, they have treated me like their own son. I couldn't do it without them either." He says the union has guided him with both encouragement and training to become successful. Tito has paid this guidance forward by encouraging apprentices to take advantage of everything that's offered, from continuing education to encouragement and support.

He advocates for young glaziers not only to learn their trade well, but to be observant about all aspects of a project. "It takes more than one person. It takes a team. Be informative of your surroundings to help the team."

TRAVEL BUG

The Air Force took Tito across most of the U.S. and fostered a travel bug that has never waned. Tito and his family try to vacation as much as possible. Recent trips include Cancun and Puerto Rico. He especially enjoys taking granddaughter Adriana along on trips.

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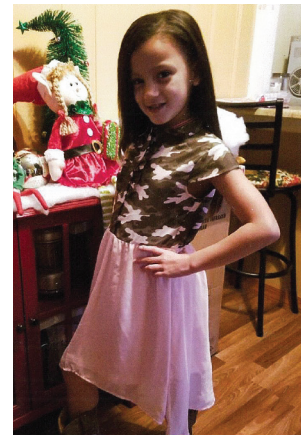
"I love my softball," Tito declares with enthusiasm. He has played for decades, on four different teams. When his children were younger, he coached both in baseball and softball. Among the many friends Tito has met through the glazing community, his softball buddies are some of the best. He currently plays on The Dinosaurs, an over-50 team of guys from the building trades who he calls "first-class gentlemen." Many are already retired. "We all play for the love of the game and camaraderie." Tito says this sense of friendship is similar to how he feels at the union hall, and why he tries not to miss a meeting.

RETIREMENT PLANNING

In less than three years, Tito will retire from glazing with a total of 34 years under his belt. He expects to travel, spend more time with his family, and most importantly, continue his involvement with Local 252. "I will stay with 252," he explains. "They are a part of me and I have so much still to give back."



From top: Tito with his family: son T.J., wife Maria, and daughter Annette; granddaughter Adriana; Tito's Air Force portrait; Tito accepting the Glazier of the Year Award in 2009



On the front: Tito on the job and with his wife Maria in Puerto Rico

