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Marc's Story

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Marc Holt

Doorman

Omni Hotel San Diego

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Marc Holt got his start in tourism in 1994 working as a valet for a new casino in Tunica, Mississippi, a small town just south of Memphis. His wife's brother, a Marine, had been living in San Diego and pitched the idea of moving to Marc's wife. After a bit of deliberation, Marc and his family decided to pack up their things and make the move from Memphis to America's Finest City in 2009 with the hope of finding new opportunities.

Now, more than 10 years later, when visitors first arrive at the Omni Hotel San Diego, Marc's warm smile is the first thing they see. As a doorman for the Omni, Marc has seen it all from party-goers to Padres fans to international vacationers.

"I'm proud to be a part of this industry," said Marc. "I love showing off my city and welcoming visitors to San Diego. It's a major part of my livelihood. It just brings me joy. I think it keeps me youthful too."

As a husband and father, Marc has a lot of responsibilities from paying bills to school field trips to supporting his son's acting career. Tourism has provided him with a stable income to fulfill all these responsibilities for more than 20 years.

"I love tourism. When people visit our city, it allows me the chance to earn money and provide for my son and wife; it allows me to do those things that I need to do for them as a father and as a husband."