



Congratulations to 2017 Nonprofit Awardees and Nominees!

2017 AGENCY AWARDS

Advocacy/Social Justice - Central Coast Center for Independent Living
Animals - SPCA for Monterey County
Arts & Culture - Monterey Museum of Art
Children, Youth & Families - The Wahine Project
Education -- Girls, Inc. of the Central Coast
Environment -- Return of the Natives
Healthcare -- (Tie) Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool & Sun Street Centers
Human Services -- (Tie) Veterans Transition Center & Papillon Center for Loss
and Transition

STAFF "UNSUNG HEROES" AWARDS

Innovation -- Susie Hanson, Teddy Bears with Heart
Leadership -- Norm Cotton, Mid-Coast Fire Brigade
Personal Achievement -- Juan Redondo, International School of Monterey

2017 AGENCY NOMINEES

- 831vibe
- Breakthrough Men's Community
- CASA of Monterey County
- Central Coast Center for Independent Living
- Communities for Sustainable Monterey County (CSMC)
- Community Emergency Response Volunteers of the Monterey Peninsula
- Community Human Services
- Girls Inc. of the Central Coast

- Hands to Help Seniors
- Kernes Adaptive Aquatics (Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool)
- Monterey Museum of Art
- Papillon: Center for Loss and Transition
- Read to Me Project
- Return of the Natives Restoration Education Project
- Sun Street Centers
- Surfrider Foundation - Monterey Chapter
- Teddy Bears With Heart
- The Food Bank of Monterey County
- The SPCA for Monterey County
- The Wahine Project
- Valley Health Associated
- Veterans Transition Center

2017 UNSUNG HERO NOMINEES

- Albert Velasquez, Principal of Laurel Wood Elementary School
- Amanda Mouisset, Training Manager for The SPCA for Monterey County
- Becky Mann, Director of Programs for Alliance on Aging
- Chris Fitz, Executive Director for Breakthrough Men's Community
- Christina McKnew, Nursery Coordinator for Return of the Natives
- Janis Barber, Deputy Probation Officer/Intake Coordinator, Rancho Cielo Silver Star Program
- Juan Redondo, 7th & 8th grade Math & Design Technology Instructor, International School of Monterey
- Linda Gomez, Associate Director, Kernes Adaptive Aquatics (Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool)
- Melissa Wolf, Executive Director, UnChained
- Myrna Ezekiel, Parent Education Coordinator, Community Human Services
- Nancy Miccoli, Office Administrator, Legal Services for Seniors
- Norm Cotton, Captain – Firefighter, Mid-Coast Fire Brigade

- Rob Capili, Editor in Chief for 831vibe
- Sandy Farrell, Ensemble Admin./ Former President of the Board of the Aditi Foundation
- Stephanie Susidko, Program Manager , Valley Health Associates
- Susan Hanson, CEO , Teddy Bears with Heart
- Susana Matthews, PYP Grade 3 Instructor, International School of Monterey