



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/Human Resources
Department No.: 064
For Agenda Of: 3/2/2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 20 Minutes on
3/16/2010
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Susan Paul, Assistant CEO/HR Director, x 2817
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SUBJECT: The County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women
Women's History Month Service Awards

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a date for Women's History Month Service Awards Presentation for March 16, 2010. One organization of the year from each Supervisorial District will be honored with a certificate and reception following.

Summary:

The five organizations honored in 2010 will be:

- 1st District: Casa Serena
- 2nd District: Single Parents Arriving Ready for College (SPARC) Program, Santa Barbara City College
- 3rd District: Family Strengthening Program, People Helping People of Santa Ynez Valley
- 4th District: Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County
- 5th District: Marion Medical Breast Care Center

A celebratory reception will follow the ceremony and the public is invited to attend.

Background:

March is National Women's History Month and a time to celebrate the contributions women make everyday throughout the Santa Barbara Community. Many outstanding local organizations advocate for women in need on a regular basis. To recognize, honor and celebrate the achievements of these organizations, the County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women established the National Women's History Month Service Awards, which is celebrated in March of each year.

Performance Measures:

NA

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

NA

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

NA

Special Instructions:

NA

Attachments:

Award Recipient Descriptions

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2010 Service Award Recipients

1st District **Case Serena**

The mission of Casa Serena, Inc. is to provide effective treatment services and a safe, sober living environment to women suffering from the disease of alcoholism or who are addicted to alcohol and other drugs; to introduce them to the philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12-Step process. Residents engage in group and individual counseling sessions and are taught the tools of the recovery process in order to live their lives free of alcohol and drugs. Casa Serena instills a sense of hope, self-esteem and community in women attempting to change their lives. Casa Serena serves approximately 85 - 100 women and their children (approximately 10 - 25 children) each year. Since 1959, Casa Serena has served approximately 10,000 women.

2nd District **SPARC Program (Single Parents Arriving Ready for College)** **Santa Barbara City College**

SPARC (Single Parents Arriving Ready for College) is a 6-week summer bridge program for single parent students new to college, returning to college, or current single parent students struggling academically. Throughout the six-week program, students work through 10 topics to help prepare them for life as a college student as well as for life in general. Interpersonal communication, personal accountability, dealing with different personalities, setting priorities and goals, and problem-solving are just some of the topics covered in the course.

3rd District Recipient **Family Strengthening Program** **People Helping People of Santa Ynez Valley**

Over the past year, the Family Strengthening Program has provided support and services to 514 unduplicated individuals. The Family Strengthening Program provides critical "safety net" services to women so that they are able to maintain the health and safety of the families. Bilingual and bicultural Family Service Coordinators work at school-based "Family Resource Centers" in order to reduce the barriers that prevent women from being able to access services such as Food and Emergency Services (Rent & Mortgage Assistance, Mobile Home Repair, Utility Assistance); Community Health Care Access, Children's Dental Fund, Drug and Personal Counseling; Early Mental Health Counseling; Domestic Violence Prevention, Advocacy, Parent Education, Christmas-Fulfill-A-Wish. The goal of the Family Strengthening Program is to offer support, information and resources so that women are able to make positive choices for herself and her children, to fulfill their potential and to attain self-sufficiency.

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2010 Service Award Recipients **4th District**

Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County

The Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County is a giving circle that responds to the community's most urgent needs by making substantial gifts in the North County. Giving circles are women who want to make a difference that pool their money and time so that they can have a bigger impact than they would by donating individually. The Women's Fund educates and inspires women to become leaders in philanthropy, emphasizing the power of collective giving and the rewarding personal experience that active philanthropy. Members and supporters of the fund translate their values into action to as a catalyst for change on behalf of the women, children, and families in North County. There are estimates that approximately 400 giving circles exist, perhaps more. In its first two years, the Fund has donated almost \$200,000 to such organizations as - The Dorothy Jackson Family Resource Center, Catholic Charities of Santa Barbara County, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, Pacific Pride, and People Helping People, among others.

5th District

Marion Medical Breast Care Center

Breast cancer can be frightening. But with the Marian Breast Care Program, you're not alone. The Breast Care Program's Nurse Navigator guides you through the course of treating breast cancer, from prevention to post-treatment. Patients receive crucial, individual education and support by an experienced cancer nurse from the time of biopsy throughout the course of treatment. Also, services are offered in counseling, genetic testing, nutritional support, exercise and prevention and management of lymphedema.