

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA



*Commission for Women*

Fiscal Year 2007-2008



# Mission Statement

The Commission for Women promotes the well-being and equal status of women in Santa Barbara County.

- Helps women in need;
- Collaborates with other agencies;
- Facilitates, recognizes, and recommends programs;
- Gathers and disseminates information;
- Conducts public hearing;
- Advises the Board of Supervisors.



# 2006-2009 Goals

## Efficient Government

Will create a strategic relationship with the Board of Supervisors and act in a meaningful advisory capacity to the Board, encouraging and supporting them in developing and implementing programs that enhance the status and well-being of women in our county.

## Organizational Effectiveness

Will promote the visibility of the commission and its goals and priorities.



## 2006-2009 Goals

### Quality of Life

Will actively advocate for issues impacting women in our community by recruiting, educating, and mobilizing community supporters including leveraging alliances and coalitions with the public and disenfranchised communities and empowering women to advocate for themselves.

### Community Health & Safety

Will form effective, on-going collaborations with other community organizations that impact the societal issues that affect the health, well-being, safety, and security of women in our community.



# 2006-2009 Goals

## Citizen Involvement

Will reflect and give voice to the diversity of women in our local community through our activities and Commission membership.

## Families and Children

Will be a resource for women to express community concerns about issues affecting children and families.



# CFW Public Policy Priorities

## 2006-2007:

Family Planning  
Health Care  
Hot Topics

## 2007-2008:

Violence Against  
Women  
Women Veterans  
Women in Prison

## 2008-2009:

Violence Against Women  
Economic Justice &  
Pay Parity  
Women & Aging



# 2007-2008 Accomplishments

## **Women's Service Award Recognition Program**

*Recognized one organization from each district that works to help women in the community.*



# 2007-2008 Accomplishments

## 2008 Service Award Recipients

### First District

*New Beginnings  
Counseling Center*

### Second District

*St. Vincent's  
Of Santa Barbara*

### Third District

*Support Our Troops  
Project*

### Fourth District

*Young Educated  
Latina Leaders (YELL)  
Conference*

### Fifth District

*Girl Scouts of  
California's Central  
Coast*





# **2007-2008 Accomplishments**

## **Collaboration with other Agencies**

### **Co-Sponsorship Smart Money Conference**

*-An educational conference on equity and justice for women*

### **Co-Sponsorship Women's Economic Justice Project**

*-Provided bus transportation to women of the Santa Barbara area to attend the conference*

### **Co-Sponsorship of the Santa Barbara Women's Literary Festival**

*-A celebration of women writers promoting literacy, diversity, and social justice*

*-Awarded four scholarships to attend the Literary Festival*



# **2007-2008 Accomplishments**

## **CFW Memberships**

- **Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW)**
- **California Commission on the Status of Women**
- **National Association of Commission for Women (NACW)**

# 2007-2008 Accomplishments

## CFW Participation

- **Quarterly & Annual Conferences**
  - California Commission on the Status of Women
  - National Association of Commission for Women
- **California Governor's & First Lady's Conference**
- **Keynote Speakers at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Santa Barbara Inter-Branch Luncheon**



# CFW Community Visibility

## CFW Website

[www.countyofsb.org/cfw](http://www.countyofsb.org/cfw)

## CFW Resource Guides

## KEYT News

Media Coverage of the Friends of the CFW  
Welcome Home Luncheon

## Community Guest Speakers

at Regular Monthly Meetings including: Rotary Club,  
Support Our Troops, Drug Court Program, MUJER  
Program



## 2007-2008 CFW Sponsored Activities

### **Women's Equality Day Resolution, 2008**

- *Presented to the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Valley*

### **Friends of the Commission 'Welcome Home: Honoring Women Veterans Luncheon'**

- *Featured Guest Speaker: Barbara Ward, California Office of Women and Minority Veterans*
- *Other Guest Speakers Included: Lois Capps, Congresswoman and Salud Carbajal, Board of Supervisors Chair*

### **Updated & Reformatted CFW Community Resource Guide**

- *Published 5,000 copies since 2005*
- *Distributed to local agencies that service women in need*



# 2008 Future Opportunities

- Forums on Women's Issues
- Guest Speakers & Collaborations with groups involved with CFW priority issues
- Complete the final year of the CFW Three Year Action Plan



# 2008 County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women



**Santa Barbara County Commission for  
Women  
Thanks and Appreciates**

**The County of Santa Barbara  
Board of Supervisors  
&  
EEO Staff**

