HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Board of Supervisors to Honor Local Heroes of Human Services

Sacramento, CA - The fourth annual Heroes of Human Service Awards Recognition event will take place tomorrow, November 30, 2010 during the county's Board hearing. The awards ceremony, presented by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the county's Human Services Coordinating Council, will honor residents of Sacramento County who have touched the lives of others through their advocacy, dedication, service and support.

During the ceremony, each Supervisor will present resolutions to honorees from their district and also recognize several outstanding honorable mention candidates. A total of 10 honorees and 31 honorable mention candidates will be recognized from the five supervisorial districts.

The Honorees:

District 1District 2District 3Dr. Luz GuerreroBob CrimminsEd LongstrethEric RodriguezMay O. LeeEdward McGadney

District 5
Chad Thompson

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Ella Doyle

Richard and Linda Gunn

Additionally, 31 Honorable Mention candidates will be recognized:

Dr. Priya Batra, Christina Borgman, Dave Cook, John Kraintz, Tracie Rice-Bailey, Steve Lusk, Ronald T. Montez, Toni Moore, Kristin Paisley, Billie Robbins, Richard "Trino" Savala, Jarrod Carter, Danette Doll, Jeanne Lemkuil, Joaquin Ngarangad, Lisa Scott-Lee, Rithy Thong, Donna L. Yee, PhD, Michalynn Horton, Toni Martin for IRA/BIG, Dr. Glen Middleton, Teresa Olivas, Rosalinda Stoffel, Chloe Walker, Tommie Whitlowe, Rachael Beutler, Randal Broadhurst, Kristen Lyall, Chris Mann, Manuel Saenz, and all DHHS Social Workers.

The work of these heroes can be exemplified through the stories of Honorees like Ella Doyle. Ella is a volunteer with Cordova Community Food Locker. Only 5' tall and 82 years of age, she has been packing 18 pound food bags for 19 years, for five hours each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The manager, Ed Eyan, teases and tells the clients that Ella was 6' tall when she started. She is tiny, but she is mighty!

Dr. Luz Guerrero volunteers her expertise in internal medicine as the medical director with the Sacramento-based Bayanihan Clinic. The mission of the Bayanihan Clinic is to provide culturally and linguistically sensitive primary care to the underserved population, with special emphasis on aiding Filipino World War II Veterans and the uninsured population in Sacramento and surrounding communities. "Dr. Guerrero goes to the clinic every Saturday because she wants to be there," said Dale Mendoza, former clinical affairs coordinator for the Bayanihan Clinic. "She has a full-time job and family but she is very dedicated, has a great bedside manner, and lovingly volunteers her time."

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As we look forward to the next year, our community will most certainly face a growing number of socio-economic challenges that will demand more attention from our human service providers. These challenges provide our entire community an opportunity to engage in and embrace the efforts demonstrated by Ms. Doyle and Dr. Guerrero. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Human Services Coordinating Council are proud to honor these Heroes of Human Service.

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When: 10:00 a.m. - Tuesday, November 30, 2010 - Reception to follow

Where: County of Sacramento Administrative Building

1st Floor, Board Chambers

700 H Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Great photo opportunity!

Honorees and Honorable Mentions available after ceremony for questions – <u>THEIR STORIES ARE</u> FASCINATING AND INSPIRING

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