



24th ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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FOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM 2017 ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Four community organizations serving youth, women and families have been selected as this year's nonprofit community partners by the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame. In appreciation of the positive work they do, these selected partners will each receive a portion of the proceeds from the 24th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building B, in Pleasanton.

The 2017 Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame nonprofit community partners are:

CALICO

Website: http://www.calicocenter.org/our_role/our_impact

Founded in 1997, CALICO serves over 600 toddlers, children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities each year, helping them achieve justice and heal from experiences of abuse. Children and adults come to CALICO due to sexual abuse and exploitation, physical harm, neglect, drug endangerment, or severe violence. For these individuals, CALICO often provides the first opportunity to recount traumatic experiences and take a first step toward recovery. As the only child advocacy center in Alameda County, CALICO plays a crucial role in supporting local youth in their recovery from trauma.

Magnolia Women's Recovery Programs, Inc.

Website: <http://www.magnoliarecovery.org/>

Magnolia Women's Recovery Programs Inc. is a not-for-profit organization committed to educating clients, their children, family members, and others on illegal drugs and how they are destroying communities. Daily programs empower women to reconnect with their lives and families. Magnolia helps women to rediscover their individual essence of love, compassion, and beauty. Magnolia women learn to walk in dignity, restore their families and become contributing members of the community.

OneChild

Website: <http://onechildca.org/about-onechild/>

OneChild was founded by Bernie Dutra and is a non-profit organization that provides new clothing and school supplies to disadvantaged children. One Child began in Fremont and now serves families throughout the Bay Area. The goal of OneChild is to promote self-esteem in underprivileged children, so they may appreciate their individual worth. Onechild has supported more than 5,000 children and continues to empower local youth.



School of Imagination

Website: <http://www.schoolofimagination.org/about-soi/>

Founded in 2001, the School of Imagination and Happy Talkers in Dublin has helped thousands of children with special needs – including those with autism and developmental delays – to find productive paths to learning and personal growth. The organization brings out the extraordinary in every child by providing groundbreaking, collaborative and individualized educational, therapeutic and family support services. In addition to cutting-edge early intervention services, the program provides a full inclusion preschool, empowering special needs children to learn alongside typical peers and providing them the greatest chance to succeed in a “mainstream” educational environment.

“Each of these organizations does heroic work in serving our most vulnerable populations,” said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair. “The selection of these community partners reminds us that the role of the Women’s Hall of Fame is to strengthen our communities, in addition to celebrating the outstanding achievements of local women.”

In addition to supporting nonprofit community partners, the Women’s Hall of Fame sponsors the Mary V. King “Leading the Way” Youth Scholarship program to help young women further their educational pursuits. The scholarship is named for the former Alameda County Supervisor and co-founder of the Women’s Hall of Fame.

The 2017 Women’s Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building B, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton. The event is hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

To learn more about the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame, go to <http://whof.acgov.org>.