

February 9, 2010

TO: Volunteer Organizations
Non-Profit Health Care Organizations

FROM: Kathleen King, Community Health Trust of the Pajaro Valley

RE: ***The 2010 Phil Rather Award for Leadership in Health Care***

The ***Phil Rather Award for Leadership in Health Care*** was created by the Community Health Trust of the Pajaro Valley to annually recognize and honor individuals, businesses and organizations whose contributions of time, effort and/or funding help make a difference in the quality of health care for Pajaro Valley residents.

The Trust presented the first Rather Award in 1999 to its namesake, Phil Rather, former President of both the Watsonville Community Hospital Foundation and the Watsonville Community Hospital Board of Directors. As an individual, Mr. Rather set the tone for the award with his record of leadership and service for 30 years as a champion of health care for the residents of the Pajaro Valley. Other recipients have included:

- The DiCicco Family
- Dr. Janet Bell
- Bonnie Gutierrez
- Jorge Sanchez (Individual) and the Hospital Service League (Organization)
- Salud Para La Gente
- Ed & Doris Mann (Individuals) and Hospice Caring Project of Santa Cruz County (Organization)
- Mary Boyd (Individual) and Central Coast Alliance for Health (Organization)
- Dr. George Wolfe (Individual) and Youth Resources Bank (Organization)
- Kathleen Kilpatrick (individual) and Healthy Kids Collaborative of Santa Cruz County (Organization)
- The Richard and Mary Solari Charitable Trust (Individuals) and Jovenes SANOS (Organization)

With the Rather Award, the Trust continues annually to identify and recognize an individual and/or organization that has had a positive and broad-based impact on improving the health of Pajaro Valley residents. We strive to honor those who've provided:

- Volunteer leadership for health care causes
- Leadership in fund raising for health care
- Extraordinary services and/or achievement in health care (in other words, for going above and beyond their job).

Your nomination for the 2010 ***Phil Rather Award for Leadership in Health Care*** would be much appreciated. We want to celebrate the value of those who lead and serve as champions of quality health care for the residents of the Pajaro Valley.

The nominee selected will be notified and the Award will be presented at a reception hosted by the Community Health Trust on **Wednesday, May 19, 2009.**

Please feel free to make copies of this notice and nomination form to share with interested individuals or organizations. For more information, please call the Trust office at 761-5639.

Please mail, fax or email your nomination to the Trust no later than March 4, 2010:

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