

# Community Foundation for Monterey County Receives 2012 Natividad Hero Award

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At Natividad Medical Foundation's annual meeting on February 16th, Community Foundation for Monterey County received the 2012 Natividad Hero Award for their support of Natividad programs, spanning seventeen years with donations of more than \$400,000.

CFMC's support for Natividad programs includes The Onyx Fund for Women, which has enabled essential surgeries for 29 women. A grant from the Women's Fund will fund a medical interpreter paid internship, including transportation and child-care for six indigenous women who will be trained to interpret medical information for Natividad patients who speak Triqui, Mixteco and Zapotec.

"Facing a surgery can be very scary especially for someone who doesn't speak our language," said Dr. Peter Chandler, Obstetrics and Gynecology Services Director at Natividad Medical Center.

"It's wonderful to cut through the cultural divide and make a real impact in people's lives," said Dan Baldwin, President of CFMC. "That the 29th beneficiary of The Onyx Fund for Women is here is a testament to that effort. The real heroes are the donors to the Community Foundation."

Also at the meeting, the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association opened its "Impressions of the Central Coast" juried exhibition, and Youth Orchestra Salinas and Ensemble La Campanella performed.

A \$240,050 donation from The Agricultural Leadership Council brought TALC's total donations to fund Natividad Medical Center's essential equipment to more than \$600,000 since its inception by John D'Arrigo in 2010.

"Each of you were inspired to answer the call to help the poor and medically underserved patients here at Natividad," said Linda Ford, President and CEO of Natividad Medical Foundation. "Each gift to Natividad begins three stories—for our healers, patients and givers."



Top to bottom (l to r):

Tina Starkey Lopez, Dan Baldwin, Julie Drezner and Tobi Marcus.

Craig Johnson, Dan Baldwin and John D'Arrigo.

Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association artists Carole Belliveau and Sibyl Johnson accept awards.

Natividad Medical Foundation President and CEO Linda Ford greets retiring Dr. Valerie Barnes.

New Natividad Medical Foundation Chair Cathy Schlumbrecht and the Comerica Bank team.

Check presentation from The Agricultural Leadership Council to Natividad Medical Foundation.