

Andrew & Phyllis D'Arrigo Honored as Heroes by Natividad Medical Foundation

Formation of Agricultural Leadership Council Announced



On February 25, 2010, at a luncheon at the National Steinbeck Center, Natividad Medical Foundation (NMF) recognized Andrew & Phyllis D'Arrigo with the NMF 2010 "Hero" Award for their generous \$100,000 gift to purchase medical equipment for women and children at Natividad Medical Center.

The "Hero" Award was established in 2008 by NMF to recognize and honor individuals or organizations that have made a significant philanthropic contribution to fulfilling Natividad Medical Center's mission to continually improve the health status of the people of Monterey County through access to affordable, high quality healthcare services. Previous recipients include the Barnet J. Segal Charitable Trust and Dr. Valerie Barnes, Director of Pediatric Services at Natividad Medical Center.

John D'Arrigo, Andrew & Phyllis' son and President of D'Arrigo Bros.,

also announced the formation of The Agricultural Leadership Council. The Agricultural Leadership Council donated an additional \$160,000.

After visiting Natividad Medical Center on two occasions, John D'Arrigo said, "Seeing the compassion and dedication of NMC's doctors and nurses planted a seed in my heart and mind that I wanted to do something to help. The result was bringing together 22 farming families to help provide NMC with the tools they need to continue providing high quality healthcare. It's that simple."

The Agricultural Leadership Council, established as an ongoing body to philanthropically support Natividad Medical Center by purchasing needed medical equipment for the hospital to help further their mission to improve the health status of farm workers and their families, includes the following members:

- John D'Arrigo-D'Arrigo Bros. Co. of CA
- Dennis Caprara-RC Farms
- Tom Nunes-The Nunes Co., Inc.
- Ed Boutonnet-Ocean Mist Farms
- Eddie Silva-Silva Farms
- The Honorable Dennis Donohue-Royal Rose, LLC
- Bruce Taylor-Taylor Fresh Foods, Inc.
- David Gill & Jaime Strachan-Growers Express, LLC
- Tom Russell-Pacific International Vegetable Marketing, Inc.
- Steve Church-Church Brothers Produce
- Bob & Rick Antle-Tanimura & Antle
- Bardin Bengard-Tom Bengard Ranch
- Donna & Albert Oliveira-G.O. Vineyard Management Corporation
- Mark Drever & Steve Taylor-New Star Fresh Foods, LLC
- Chris Bunn-Yuki and Bunn Families
- Sammy Duda-Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.
- The Nucci and Ramsey Families-Mann Packing
- Miles Reiter-Driscoll's
- Ray DeRiggi-Dole Fresh Vegetables
- Phil Adrian-Coastline
- Lou Huntington-Huntington Farms