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Natividad Medical Foundation annual donor celebration

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More than 120 foundation friends and supporters attend the Natividad Medical Foundation Annual Donor Celebration March 8 at Corral de Tierra Country Club.

Dr. Gary Gray announced NMC was one of 115 Top Hospitals recognized across the country by Leapfrog Group. The hospital rated in the top three percent of hospitals nationwide and also received a grade of “A” in the Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Safety Grade.

NMF, a nonprofit fundraising organization in support of Natividad Medical Center, started the night by presenting its 10th annual Hero Award to The Haynes Charitable Foundation.

The Haynes Charitable Foundation, which began giving to NMF in 2011, pledged \$300,000 in 2015 to fund medical equipment and services at Natividad Medical Center. “We’re not really the heroes. The volunteers and staff at Natividad are the real heroes,” said Mike Haynes, President of The Haynes Charitable Foundation and Cinderella Carpet One.

The evening featured the unveiling of the new Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association exhibition, “From Morning Mists to Setting Suns” Healing Landscapes Exhibition. The exhibition, sponsored by SSB Construction, is at the hospital April 1 through the end of the year. MBPAPA artists are donating 30% of all sales to support the spiritual care program at Natividad Medical Center.

John D’Arrigo, a third-generation grower and President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of D’Arrigo Bros. Co., of California, presented a check from The Agricultural Leadership Council for \$250,800 to NMF, though he noted the check amount was incorrect because two more pledges came in the day of the event, taking the total amount donated to more than \$260,000.

TALC, founded by D’Arrigo in 2010 with a group of 22 farming families, is now made up of 161 Salinas Valley agricultural industry leaders.