



Transform Health Care into Healing<sup>SM</sup>

## **The Agricultural Leadership Council (TALC) Surpassed \$2 Million To Benefit Natividad Medical Foundation**

**Salinas, CA (April 7, 2016)** – John D’Arrigo, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board, D’Arrigo Bros. Co., of California, and the members of The Agricultural Leadership Council (TALC), presented a check for more than \$315,000 to the Natividad Medical Foundation (NMF) at the 2016 Natividad Hero Award and Annual Donor Celebration. TALC has now raised more than \$2 million to support the Natividad Medical Foundation’s work to transform health care into healing at Natividad Medical Center.

“We know that by supporting Natividad Medical Foundation, we are impacting the lives of people all throughout our diverse community,” John D’Arrigo said. “We’re especially excited by the role we are playing to enhance care for everyone by purchasing medical equipment and supporting interpreting services. We unlock the talent of Natividad’s doctors to heal with the very latest medical equipment in the Trauma Center. And we make sure that every patient can communicate with their physicians through **Indigenous Interpreting+.**”

TALC was honored as “Outstanding Philanthropic Service Organization of the Year” at the Central Coast’s National Philanthropy Day in November 2014 at Pebble Beach’s Inn at Spanish Bay. TALC was founded in 2010 by John D’Arrigo, a third generation California farmer and president of the D’Arrigo Bros. Co., of California. The group’s donations to Natividad Medical Foundation have helped the Foundation purchase medical equipment and support community healing services such as spiritual care and interpreting services at the Medical Center.

Dr. Gary Gray, Chief Executive Officer of Natividad Medical Center, points to the support received from individual and foundation donors such as the D’Arrigo family, Mike Haynes of Cinderella Carpet One, Monterey Peninsula Foundation and TALC. “Together with many others, they combine their efforts through the Foundation to support programs like CHOICE to end the cycle of violence. They equip doctors with more healing power through advanced medical equipment and services in the Trauma Center and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). And, they broadly engage diverse communities to ensure all patients have the high quality health care and healing environment they deserve,” said Gray.

“Natividad Medical Foundation has been our essential partner in transforming a safety-net hospital into a provider of high quality care for all,” said Gray.

### **About Natividad Medical Center**

Natividad Medical Center is a 172-bed acute care hospital owned and operated by Monterey County. As the safety-net hospital providing health care to the residents of Monterey County for nearly 130 years, Natividad provides health care access to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital operates with a medical staff of over 300 physicians and has several specialty clinics and outpatient primary care clinics operated by the Monterey County Health Department. Natividad Medical Center is a Level II Trauma Center providing the immediate availability of specialized personnel, equipment and services to treat the most severe and critical injuries.

### **About Natividad Medical Foundation**

Natividad Medical Foundation transforms health care into healing by developing innovative programs to enhance the Medical Center and support its high quality care. Established in 1988, Natividad Medical Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. For more information, visit [www.natividadfoundation.org](http://www.natividadfoundation.org).



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