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### **More Than 100 California State Legislators Recognize and Honor Nonprofits of the Year**

San Francisco, June 23, 2021 – Today, one hundred and nine California state legislators announced their selection of a “[Nonprofit of the Year](#)” in their district. The one hundred and thirteen honorees range from nonprofits in health and food banks to nonprofits in music and sports. This annual effort – in its sixth year – creates a way for legislators to recognize an exceptional nonprofit in their district.

[Assembly Concurrent Resolution 80](#) authored by Assemblymember Luz Rivas (D-San Fernando Valley), the chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector joined by Senator Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), chair of the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, proclaims June 23rd as California Nonprofits Day this year. As the voice for California’s nonprofits and a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations, the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits) has been pleased to work with both chairs and their committees to raise the profile of California’s nonprofit sector.

“California nonprofits are a vital part of our economy,” said Assemblywoman Rivas. “The challenges of the past year have stressed how important nonprofits’ services are to our communities throughout the state. As someone who created and managed a nonprofit, I know how much passion, effort, and time it takes to run these essential organizations, even without the stresses of a global pandemic. I want to thank our nonprofits across the state for stepping up during a critical time of need. I am proud to author ACR 80, which recognizes and celebrates California Nonprofits Day.”

“As Chair of the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, I want to congratulate all of this year’s nonprofit of the year honorees! You are all examples of the powerful, life-changing impact that California nonprofits have on our communities, and you deserve to be recognized for your efforts,” remarked Senator Limón.

“I also want to recognize your resiliency during this challenging time,” Senator Limón continued. “You have stepped up to provide families with essentials, were on the front lines of keeping our communities safe, and found ways to adjust your mission to ensure our communities continue to thrive.”

The recognition as a Nonprofit of the Year brings deserved attention to outstanding nonprofits while illustrating the remarkable diversity and vibrancy of California's nonprofit community. Honorees this year include organizations like: Stop AAPI Hate selected by Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Family Assistance Ministries honored by Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), High Fives Foundation chosen by Assemblymember Megan Dahle (R-Truckee), and Fresno Freedom School selected by Senator Melissa Hurtado (D-Fresno)— to name just a few of the more than one hundred honored organizations.

“The pandemic and shelter-in-place orders that are starting to lift have put nonprofits — usually hidden in plain sight — in the spotlight,” explains Jan Masaoka, CalNonprofits CEO. “By selecting an organization to recognize as a Nonprofit of the Year, our elected officials celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts and ensure communities see and appreciate the collective impact nonprofits are making.”

California’s nonprofits have continued to step up for their communities during the pandemic as they always do, but have also been adversely impacted by the crisis. Nonprofit health clinics, food banks, senior nutrition programs, and other essential services continue to work far beyond their usual capacity. Across the nonprofit community, 32% of nonprofits have been forced to reduce activity below 50%, and 14% have completely shut down. Many nonprofits are suffering deep financial losses from a drop in earned income, and despite some temporary relief from federal loan and state relief programs, will be laying off staff once those loan funds are expended.

According to “[Causes Count](#),” a 2019 [report](#) by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4th largest employer by industry in the state, employing more than 1.2 million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate more than \$273 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid volunteer labor mobilized for nonprofits in service to communities is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

The full list of nonprofit honorees is below:

### **ASSEMBLY HONOREES**

Assemblymember Megan Dahle (District 1) honored High Fives Foundation  
Assemblymember Jim Wood (District 2) honored Mendocino Firesafe Council  
Assemblymember James Gallagher (District 3) honored SAYLove  
Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry (District 4) honored On The Move  
Assemblymember Frank Bigelow (District 5) honored Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe  
Assemblymember Kevin Kiley (District 6) honored Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center  
Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (District 7) honored Center for Workers’ Rights  
Assemblymember Ken Cooley (District 8) honored Carmichael Parks Foundation  
Assemblymember Jim Cooper (District 9) honored A New Lodi  
Assemblymember Marc Levine (District 10) honored Mount Tamalpais College

Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua (District 13) honored YMCA of San Joaquin County  
Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (District 15) honored LifeLong Medical Care  
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (District 16) honored Axis Community Health  
Assemblymember David Chiu (District 17) honored Stop AAPI Hate  
Assemblymember Philip Ting (District 19) honored OMI Collaborative  
Assemblymember Bill Quirk (District 20) honored Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center  
Assemblymember Adam Gray (District 21) honored Salvation Army Merced Corps  
Assemblymember Marc Berman (District 24) honored Coastside Hope  
Assemblymember Alex Lee (District 25) honored SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network)  
Assemblymember Devon J. Mathis (District 26) honored Turning Point of Central California  
Assemblymember Ash Kalra (District 27) honored Gardner Health Services  
Assemblymember Evan Low (District 28) honored Parents Helping Parents  
Assemblymember Robert Rivas (District 30) honored Clinica de Salud de Valle de Salinas  
Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula (District 31) honored Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability  
Assemblymember Rudy Salas (District 32) honored Bakersfield Sikh Women's Association  
Assemblymember Thurston Smith (District 33) honored A Better Way Domestic Violence Shelter  
Assemblymember Vince Fong (District 34) honored JJ's Legacy  
Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham (District 35) honored Santa Barbara County CASA  
Assemblymember Tom Lackey (District 36) honored Antelope Valley Meals on Wheels  
Assemblymember Steve Bennett (District 37) honored Community Partners in Caring  
Assemblymember Suzette Valladares (District 38) honored Santa Clarita Food Pantry  
Assemblymember Luz M. Rivas (District 39) honored Chicas Mom  
Assemblymember James C. Ramos (District 40) honored Mentone Area Community Association  
Assemblymember Chris R. Holden (District 41) honored ChapCare  
Assemblymember Laura Friedman (District 43) honored Thai Community Development Center  
Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (District 44) honored Safe Passages Youth Foundation  
Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (District 45) honored ONEgeneration  
Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (District 46) honored San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Strength United, and Bienestar Human Services  
Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes (District 47) honored El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center  
Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio (District 48) honored Project 29:11  
Assemblymember Ed Chau (District 49) honored Herald Christian Health Center  
Assemblymember Richard Bloom (District 50) honored Topanga COVID Coalition and Hollywood Harvest  
Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo (District 51) honored Southeast Asian Community Alliance (SEACA)  
Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (District 52) honored OPARC  
Assemblymember Miguel Santiago (District 53) honored Koreatown Youth and Community Center  
Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan (District 54) honored Black Women for Wellness

Assemblymember Phillip Chen (District 55) honored Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council  
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (District 56) honored Calexico Neighborhood House  
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon (District 57) honored SPIRITT Family Services  
Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (District 58) honored FoodHelp and Montebello Blue Hearts Charity  
Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer (District 59) honored Inner City Visions  
Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes (District 60) honored Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center  
Assemblymember Jose Medina (District 61) honored Riverside Community Health Foundation  
Assemblymember Autumn R. Burke (District 62) honored Mar Vista Family Center  
Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (District 63) honored SELA Collaborative  
Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson (District 64) honored Strength Based Community Change (SBCC)  
Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva (District 65) honored Project ReBound  
Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (District 66) honored South Bay Cares  
Assemblymember Kelly Seyarto (District 67) honored Animal Friends of the Valleys  
Assemblymember Steven S. Choi (District 68) honored American Red Cross of Orange County  
Assemblymember Tom Daly (District 69) honored WISEPlace  
Assemblymember Randy Voepel (District 71) honored New Chances  
Assemblymember Janet Nguyen (District 72) honored National Asian American Coalition  
Assemblymember Laurie Davies (District 73) honored The Friendship Shelter  
Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris (District 74) honored Pacific Marine Mammal Center  
Assemblymember Marie Waldron (District 75) honored Fallbrook Food Pantry  
Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath (District 76) honored Community Resource Center  
Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (District 77) honored San Diego Humane Society  
Assemblymember Christopher Ward (District 78) honored PATH San Diego  
Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber (District 79) honored Multicultural Health Foundation  
Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez (District 80) honored Employee Rights Center

## **SENATE HONOREES**

Senator Brian Dahle (District 1) honored Clean Up The Lake  
Senator Bill Dodd (District 3) honored St. Helena Hospital Foundation  
Senator Jim Nielsen (District 4) honored Point of Contact (Chico)  
Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman (District 5) honored Emergency Food Bank Stockton/San Joaquin  
Senator Richard Pan (District 6) honored Health Education Council  
Senator Steven M. Glazer (District 7) honored La Clinica de la Raza  
Senator Andreas Borgeas (District 8) honored Central California Animal Disaster Team  
Senator Nancy Skinner (District 9) honored St. Mary's Center  
Senator Robert Wieckowski (District 10) honored Fresh Lifelines for Youth  
Senator Scott D. Wiener (District 11) honored Self-Help for the Elderly  
Senator Anna M. Caballero (District 12) honored Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas (CSVs)  
Senator Josh Becker (District 13) honored Streetcode Academy  
Senator Melissa Hurtado (District 14) honored Fresno Freedom School

Senator Dave Cortese (District 15) honored Empower and Excel  
Senator Shannon Grove (District 16) honored CityServe  
Senator John Laird (District 17) honored El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO)  
Senator Robert M. Hertzberg (District 18) honored Mid Valley YMCA  
Senator Monique Limón (District 19) honored Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)  
Senator Connie M. Leyva (District 20) honored Fairplex  
Senator Scott Wilk (District 21) honored Circle of Hope  
Senator Susan Rubio (District 22) honored Asian Youth Center  
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (District 23) honored Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House  
Senator Maria Elena Durazo (District 24) honored Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action  
Senator Anthony J. Portantino (District 25) honored Friends in Deed  
Senator Ben Allen (District 26) honored AllTogether LA  
Senator Henry Stern (District 27) honored Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission  
Senator Melissa Melendez (District 28) honored SoCal Coyotes  
Senator Josh Newman (District 29) honored OC United  
Senator Sydney Kamlager (District 30) honored Community Alliance with Family Farmers  
Senator Richard Roth (District 31) honored Music Changing Lives  
Senator Bob Archuleta (District 32) honored Nino Latinos Unidos Foster and Adoption Agency  
Senator Lena Gonzalez (District 33) honored AOC7  
Senator Thomas J. Umberg (District 34) honored Casa Youth Shelter  
Senator Steven C. Bradford (District 35) honored Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program  
Senator Patricia C. Bates (District 36) honored Family Assistance Ministries  
Senator Dave Min (District 37) honored Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA)  
Senator Brian W. Jones (District 38) honored California Indian Legal Services  
Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (District 39) honored The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank  
Senator Ben Hueso (District 40) honored Imperial Valley Food Bank