

# 2017

## City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

### **SPECIAL AWARD**

- **Sally Mullen**  
For 25 years of service on the City of Santa Rosa Merit Awards Committee

### **BEAUTIFYING OUR COMMUNITY**

- **Santa Rosa Parks Foundation**  
For its support of City parks, and its outstanding fundraising efforts resulting in a new train at Howarth Park

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ENRICHMENT – Strengthening our neighborhoods**

- **Redwood Empire Mountain Bike Alliance**  
For their vision and hard work in creating and maintaining Santa Rosa's first public bicycle pump track at Northwest Community Park
- **Raíces Collective**  
For their dedication to empowering youth through artistic, cultural and environmental programs

### **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT – Expanding and enriching the artistic and historical culture of the City**

- **Santa Rosa High School Museum**  
In recognition of the volunteer efforts to create this unique museum and preserve Santa Rosa's local history
- **Zack Rhodes**  
In recognition of his vision in creating and facilitating the community art program FreeArtFridaySR
- **Nancy Wang**  
For her remarkable service with the Redwood Empire Chinese Association and her other ongoing volunteer efforts in the community

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES – Serving others, particularly young people, seniors and those in need**

- **First United Methodist Spirit Café**  
In recognition of its commitment to serving meals to the hungry and homeless in Santa Rosa
- **Joey R. Chasse**  
For his outstanding volunteer efforts with Schools for Hope, Marine Corps League and Coats for Vets
- **Unitarian Universalist Congregation Saturday Breakfast**  
For serving the community through a weekly meal for approximately 175 people who are experiencing homelessness
- **Jeanne-Marie Jones**  
In recognition of over 25 years of volunteer work, including 15 years as Director at F.I.S.H. food pantry, serving those in need
- **Welfare League**  
For the tireless volunteer efforts at the Welfare League Thrift Store and ongoing community programs
- **Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East**  
In recognition of its members' philanthropic and volunteer efforts in community and youth programs