

## 2008

### City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

#### Youth Services

**Paul Coussens (posthumously)** – For establishment of the Santa Rosa Youth Athletic Field Trust.

**Steve Nielsen** – For work in providing a new play structure at Lincoln Elementary School.

**John Perry** – For 35+ straight season of service to youth; coaching, teaching, modeling positive character traits, building practice field.

**Forget Me Not Farm** – For providing opportunity to at risk and special needs children through gardening/interaction with loving arm animals.

**Debi and Marty Miramontez** – For years of service to girls, ages 5-14, through Santa Rosa All City Girls Softball League.

**Ralph Harms and Antonio Meza** – For mentor work at the Double Punches Boxing Club.

**Claire Hobbs** – For 7+ years of service for The Children's Village.

**Ridhi Goswami** – For being a leader to youth through the Teen Council, Sonoma County Teen Court, Kaiser Permanente Teen Advisory Council, and Youth Business week; Promotion of rich Indian heritage in the community.

#### Community Services – Individual

**Donna Zapata** – For 20+ years of service in education, mentoring, gang prevention, and community health programs.

**Jennifer Hedgpeth** – For over 6 years of service with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.)

**Joan Michalek** – For 25+ years serving Luther Burbank Home & Gardens.

**Sally Ludlow** – For years of service to Hospice VNA and Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop.

**Margo Warnecke Merck** – For advocating for housing for low income people, those with special needs, and seniors.

**Jim Wilkinson** – For years of work on behalf of neighborhood groups; Education and preservation of the City's historic heritage.

**Bill and Mary Louise Reinking** – For service on behalf of Becoming Independent, Canine Companions for Independence, United Way, the Volunteer Center, and Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

**Allen MacKenzie** – For Catholic Charities food distribution program, the cancer "Walk for Life" and Volunteer Chaplain for the Restorative Justice Catholic Detention Ministries.

#### Community Services – Org and Business

**Assistance League's "HOME" Program** – For providing low cost housing during times of medical need.

**LandPaths** – For partnering to provide land management, public access programs, and education.

**Junior League of Napa-Sonoma "SMILE DAY"** – For sponsoring a dental hygiene and care program to underprivileged children in Santa Rosa.

#### Community Enrichment

**Luther Burbank Art & Gardens Center** – For remodel of the building at 2050 – For remodel of the building at 2050 Yulupa Avenue

**Congregation Shomrei Torah** – For design/construction of the building at 2600 Bennett Valley Road

#### Neighborhood Enrichment

**Mark and Vicki Carrino** – For improvements made at 1960 Belmont Court.

**Jay Bretz and Lisa Lopez** – For remodel of property located at 1011 Nason Street.

**Superior Floor Coverings** – For rehabilitation of building and placement of public art at 601 Mendocino Avenue.

**Robert Fisher/MRF Development** – For design/construction at 514 B Street and “Mendocino Place” at 527-529 Mendocino Avenue.

**Dustin Zuckerman** – For “Tools to Lend” program.

### **Cultural Enrichment**

**Mark Parry** – For preservation and education of historic neighborhoods.

**Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Monument Committee** – For providing the Veterans Memorial Monument to the community.