

2009

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

Youth Services

Cesar Cruz – For advocating for teen health issues on high school campuses; being a Peer Educator for the SW Community Health Centers' Teen Advocacy Group, and the Safe School Ambassador Program.

MANA of Sonoma County – For their mentoring program to help Latina women pursue scholastic and career choices.

Alan Miller – For teaching life skills and job readiness training to at risk young people through marital arts.

Warren Dickinson – For his work as Site/Facilities Committee Chair for the Children's Village.

Community Services – Individual

Evelyn Cheatham – For donating hundreds of hours to the Worth our Weight culinary program and providing free Christmas dinners for over 20 years.

Jim Lanz – Founder of Piner High School Hall of Fame and continued fundraising on behalf of the school.

Judy Kennedy – For work on behalf of the Burbank Neighborhood and the Neighborhood Alliance.

Rhonda Roman – For raising funds through the annual Run to Stop Hunger.

Julie Chasen – For organizing the "Placemaking" event in the J.C. Neighborhood as well as many other neighborhood improvements.

Alan D'Ambrogio – For work at local charities including the Redwood Empire Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the local Humane Society.

Community Services – Org and Business

Mothers' Club – For programs serving the needs of local families and partnering with the City to adopt playground areas and plant new trees in parks.

Fountaingrove II Open Space Mtn. Assoc. – For work to reduce fire threat in wildland-urban fire areas; For the assistance in developing the Rincon Ridge Neighborhood Park.

Listening for A Change – For programs and school curricula that promote human diversity through education, oral history, and the arts.

Community Enrichment

No recipients

Neighborhood Enrichment

Steve Burns – For participating in the City's Graffiti Abatement program.

Rob Fisher – For improvements made to property at 824 Spencer St,

Santa Rosa City Schools District – For sensitivity in design and construction of DeSoto Hall on the Santa Rosa High School campus.

Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, USA – For work in picking up litter and helping to beautify Howarth Park.

Jim King – For over 40 years of caring for Juilliard Park roses and volunteer work on behalf of S.R. residents.

Cultural Enrichment

Narrow Way Stage Company – For providing opportunities for theater artists in all aspects of production.

Lisa Skelly – For artwork on the front of the Santa Rosa Middle School building.

Nissan of Santa Rosa – For the construction of the world's first "Green" dealership.