

2012

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

Community Services-Youth

Mary Hauf – For her volunteer work with the CalServes After-School Program at Meadow View Elementary School.

Allyson Ahlstrom – For developing Threads for Teens, a program for disadvantaged teenagers.

Ana Lopez – For her volunteer work at South Park Summer Day and Night Festival.

George Britton – For his contributions to the tutoring and mentor program at Santa Rosa High.

Judeth Breslin, Deborah Jackson, Jane Schwarten – For their work as surrogate grandparents at The Children's Village of Sonoma County.

Debbie Caro – For going over and above as a Girl Scout volunteer and Troop Leader for 30+ years.

Community Services

Bob & Joanie Schmidt – For their work at The Living Room which serves women and their children.

Roger McConnell – For his efforts to maintain low-cost housing options for senior citizens.

Lourdes Diaz – For teaching free aerobics at low-income apartment complexes.

Ernest Caldwell – For 20 years of volunteering at Southwest Adult Day Services.

Susan Hatch – For her volunteerism in Sonoma County's Secret Santa program.

Karen Fleming – For her service to the Adult Literacy League.

Community Enrichment

Hardy Soderholm – For his daily maintenance at Hidden Valley Park.

Kathy & John Dennison – For their maintenance at the Rural Cemetery, Galvin Dog Park, and Park-A-Month programs.

Neighborhood Enrichment

The Walkabouts – (Beryl Brown) for her work in raising awareness of pedestrian safety in Santa Rosa for the visually impaired.

Knox Presbyterian Church – For creation of Knox Community Garden.

Jack Blankenship – For his service to Habitat for Humanity and ReStore.

Art Ibleto – For his donation of food to countless events, fundraisers, and benefits.

Cultural Enrichment

Mary & Peter Menth – For their 40+ years of volunteerism with Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Charles M. Schulz Museum.

David Chung – For his involvement with the Redwood Empire Association, Adult Literacy League, Tzu Chi Foundation International, and the Santa Rosa Gateway Committee.

Marlene Ballaine – For her years of service to Artstart, The Living Room, and Listening for a Change.

Jean Porter – For her involvement with YMCA, Canine Companions for Independence, Southwest Community Health Center.