

2022 Merit Awards

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

BEAUTIFYING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Robert Ashe** for his daily commitment to keeping our waterways and trails free of litter.

COMMUNITY HEROES

- **Food for Thought** for their extraordinary service in providing healing nutrition and compassion to people in our community living with serious medical conditions.
- **Patricia Moreno and Ana Salgado** for their continued dedication to providing information to the community during challenging times through their bilingual programming on KBBF radio.
- **Susan Hayes** for her 15 years of service to Catholic Charities advocating for the underprivileged in our community.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- **Rachel Evans** for her commitment to youth in the development of physical fitness, creativity, and overall mental health through dance.
- **Sonoma County Lowrider Council** for their dedicated service in the creation of The Marylou Lowrider Patrol Car and its symbol of cultural inclusion.

SERVING OTHERS

- **Ian Rich** for founding Operation Blanket and his dedication to assisting the unsheltered in our community.
- **Regina Brennan and Nzinga Woods** for founding the Sonoma County Black Forum, providing healthy food to those in need during the COVID pandemic.
- **Tyler Wallace** for creating the Council on Aging-Student Leadership Alliance, which funded lunches for our at-home senior citizens through his creative leadership.

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Jane Engdahl** in recognition of her commitment to building community in the Burbank Garden neighborhood through community events.