

United Way of Santa Barbara County:

88th Annual Awards Celebration

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HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS of local individuals and organizations, key to the United Way's 2010-2011 campaign, took place at the 88th Annual Awards dinner held at the Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore. Janet Garufis, President and CEO of Montecito Bank & Trust and United Way's Campaign Chair, presented the evening's awards assisted by mistress of ceremonies Debby Davison.

"The Santa Barbara United Way Awards dinner is unique in its public and enthusiastic recognition of the volunteers and businesses who are the heart of the campaign's success," shared Garufis. "I feel privileged to work with Steve Cushman and the fabulous forty campaign cabinet who contacted hundreds of generous local businesses and individuals and encouraged them to support our community through a United Way workplace campaign!"

Special appreciation was given to Joe Holland, a long-time United Way

volunteer who has served on the allocations committee, Board of Directors, and other community impact committees for more than 12 years; AGIA Insurance Services was honored for their employee and corporate contributions and involvement in volunteer activities; and to Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, recognized for their continued outstanding



Joe Holland, County of SB and George Leis, SB Bank & Trust

employee and corporate participation in helping United Way reach their community driven 10-year goals.

"I have been involved with United Way for many years, first in Los Angeles and now here," shared Garufis. "Paul Didier, Steve Ortiz, and the dedicated United Way team are one of the reasons that Santa Barbara volunteers and businesses are so committed to making the United Way's annual programs a huge success."

A total of 29 awards were presented. The 2010-2011 Annual Award Winners include:

Community Impact Volunteer of the Year: **Joe Holland**, County of Santa Barbara; Outstanding Fun in the Sun Champion: **Wells Fargo Bank**; Outstanding Fun in the Sun Partner: **Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast**; Outstanding Day of Caring Partner: **Stan Martinez**, Albertsons;



Glenn Gunsolley; Matt Erickson, UCSB; Michelle Cervantes, Visiting Hospice of SB; Marcelo Lopez, City of SB; and Justin Redmond, Visiting Hospice of SB



Santa Barbara Bank & Trust: Marilyn Freeman; Carolyn Snyder; Lee Foster; Mary Jean Vignone; Penny Sharrett; Randy Weis, CRO, SBB&T Community Relations Officer; and Amber Ortiz



Sheila and Steve Cushman

Outstanding Community Partner: **Santa Barbara High School Dons Net Café**; Building Strengths in Young People – Most Outstanding Supporter: **Casie Killgore**, Santa Barbara School Districts; Community Impact Organization of the Year: **Santa Barbara Bank & Trust**;

Legacy Supporter of the Year: **Tom Brashears**; Alexis de Toqueville Award for Outstanding Philanthropy: **John Wigle**, AGIA Insurance Services; Outstanding Volunteer of Time, Talent & Treasure for Individual Leadership Giving: **Ken Stokes**; Community All Star - Leadership Circle

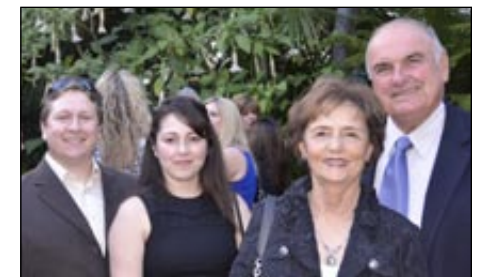
Individual of the Year: **Steve Cushman**, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce; Best New Campaign: **Mentor Worldwide**; Outstanding Leadership in the Workplace:

Cottage Health System; Young Leader of the Year: **Lee Foster**, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust; Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager 1-100 Employees: **Ingrid Steele**, DuPont Displays; Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager 100-250 Employees: **Beth Chi**, Community West Bank; Outstanding Employee Campaign Manager More Than 250 Employees: **Scott McGolpin**, County of Santa Barbara;

Outstanding Campaign Cabinet Member: **David Edelman**, The Fielding Graduate University; Outstanding Division Award Education: **UCSB**; Outstanding Division Award Public: **City of Santa Barbara**; Outstanding Division Award High Tech: **GE Fanuc**; Outstanding Division Award Business: **Marborg Industries**; Outstanding Division Award Finance: **Montecito Bank & Trust**; Outstanding Division Award Non-Profit: **Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care**



Janet Garufis, President and CEO of Montecito Bank & Trust and United Way's Campaign Chair; Paul Didier, President & CEO United Way of SB County; and Debby Davison, mistress of ceremonies



John Isacc; Elizabeth Castañeda, MarBorg Industries and Louise and David Borgatello.



Montecito Bank & Trust: Jamie Gilles, Janet Garufis, Ambia Jeckell, Vanessa Dominguez, and Kimberly Delgado

of Santa Barbara; Outstanding Division Award Health: **Cottage Health System**; Largest Overall Campaign: **County of Santa Barbara**; Most Outstanding Employee and Corporate Campaign: **AGIA Insurance Services**; Outstanding Division Award Professionals: **Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner, and Morrisset**; Community Goals Partner-Most Outstanding Supporter: **Lauren McElroy Herrera**, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of Santa Barbara.



Cottage Health System: Mary Meola, Grainne Sibon, and Patrice Ryan

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