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**One Hundred and Five Nonprofits Honored by California Legislators
as Nonprofits of the Year**

San Francisco— With nonprofits so strikingly heroic during the COVID-19 crisis, 105 California state legislators are taking the opportunity to honor a local "Nonprofit of the Year." Ranging from nonprofits that provide health care and operate food banks to arts and sports-related nonprofits, this annual honor asks legislators to choose one exceptional nonprofit to spotlight. Click [here](#) for the list of legislators and the nonprofits they are honoring this year.

As the voice for California's nonprofits and a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations, the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits) has been pleased to work with Assemblywoman Monique Limón (Santa Barbara) in her role as chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector to put on the California Nonprofit of the Year effort each year since 2016.

This recognition brings attention to outstanding nonprofits while illustrating the remarkable diversity and vibrancy of California's nonprofit community. Honorees this year include organizations like the Community Environmental Council selected by Assemblymember Limón, Rise Up Industries in Santee chosen by Assemblymember Randy Voepel (Santee), Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural and Bookstore in Sylmar honored by Senator Robert Hertzberg (Van Nuys), and the Sacramento Housing Alliance recognized by Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (Sacramento) — to name just four of the more than one hundred organizations.

Honored nonprofits are usually feted at an event in Sacramento, but this year they will celebrate locally. The California Nonprofit of the Year awards demonstrate the links between elected officials and nonprofits bringing much-deserved attention to the nonprofits' causes courtesy of their state assemblymembers and senators.

"The pandemic and shelter-in-place orders of the last few months have put nonprofits — usually hidden in plain sight — in the spotlight," explains Jan Masaoka, CalNonprofits CEO. "By selecting an organization to recognize as a Nonprofit of the Year, our elected officials celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts and ensure communities see and appreciate the collective impact nonprofits are making."

California's nonprofits continue to step up for their communities during the pandemic as they always do but have also been adversely impacted by the crisis. Nonprofit health clinics, food

banks, senior nutrition programs, and other essential services are working far beyond their usual capacity. Across the nonprofit community, 32 percent of nonprofits have been forced to reduce activity by half or more, and 14 percent have completely shut down. Many nonprofits are suffering deep financial losses from a drop in earned income, and despite some temporary relief from federal loan programs, will be laying off staff once those loan funds are expended.

“It is imperative we take note of the valuable contributions nonprofits make to our communities and our state, especially during these troubling times,” said Assemblywoman Limón.

According to “Causes Count,” a 2019 [report](#) by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4th largest employer by industry in the state, employing more than 1.2 million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate more than \$273 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid volunteer labor mobilized for nonprofit in service to communities is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

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