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MORE THAN 100 CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATORS NAME THEIR ‘NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR’

Today, 109 California state legislators announced their selection of a “Nonprofit of the Year” in their districts. The honorees represent every legislative district in the state and address a diverse range of issues – from food insecurity and climate change, to at-risk youth, arts education, domestic violence, mental health and more.

“As a former nonprofit leader myself, I know first-hand the hard work and commitment it takes to run a mission-driven organization with real impact,” said Assemblymember Luz Rivas, chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector. “The challenges nonprofits have faced in the last two years have been extraordinary, and so has their ability to overcome them.” The awards program, now in its seventh year, is co-sponsored by the Assembly and Senate Select Committees on the Nonprofit Sector and the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits).

“Nonprofit organizations do amazing, vital work in communities throughout California,” said Senator Monique Limón, chair of the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector. “Nonprofits are also important partners to government and we legislators appreciate this opportunity to raise awareness for the impact of the sector in our state, the nation, and the world.”

The recognition as a Nonprofit of the Year brings deserved attention to outstanding nonprofits while illustrating the remarkable diversity and vibrancy of California’s nonprofit community. Honorees this year include such organizations as: Seniors Fight Back, Los Angeles, honored by Assemblymember Phillip Chen; Family Service Association, Moreno Valley, honored by Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh; Bright Futures for Youth, Grass Valley, honored by Assemblymember Megan Dahle; and Building Futures, San Leandro, honored by Senator Nancy Skinner.

The selected nonprofits will be honored at a luncheon on the lawn of the state Capitol today, June 8, which has been officially proclaimed “California Nonprofits Day” by a resolution authored by Assemblymember Vince Fong (AD 34).

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“Nonprofit organizations play such a critical role in our communities, and the last two years of the pandemic have only served to highlight that,” noted Jan Masaoka, CEO of CalNonprofits. “California Nonprofit of the Year gives elected officials the opportunity to shine a light on the important work nonprofits are doing in their districts and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities.”

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 nonprofits in service to communities is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

Each year, California assemblymembers and state senators are invited to honor a Nonprofit of the Year for their district. The event is co-sponsored by the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, the newly formed Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, and CalNonprofits.

CalNonprofits is a statewide policy alliance, 10,000-plus members strong, and a vital voice for California’s nonprofit sector. CalNonprofits brings nonprofits together to advocate for public policies that protect and strengthen their ability to serve communities throughout the state.

See the full list of honorees [here](#), locate by region [here](#) or download the attached list.

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