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## **Samaritan House to Honor Community Participation at Volunteer Event In Foster City on September 12, 2013**

**San Mateo, California** - Volunteers who participate in all aspects of service at Samaritan House will be honored at the organization's annual Volunteer Recognition Event on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Foster City.

With the motto "Neighbor Helping Neighbor," Samaritan House's 2,000 annual volunteers represent caring individuals who are dedicated to helping their community. The wide variety of services donated by volunteers include delivering food, providing translation services to clients, and free medical and dental care provided by area professionals. "Samaritan House's success is due in large part to the unwavering dedication and energy of our volunteers," says Melissa Moss, Volunteer Manager at Samaritan House. "Their generosity is invaluable and vital to meeting the basic needs of our community."

At the Volunteer Recognition Event, Sammy Awards in 18 program categories will honor volunteers who have shown exemplary effort in support of Samaritan House programs.

Recipients of the 2013 Sammy Awards include:

- Administration - Louise Delafield
- Bread Basket - Trader Joe's team
- Client Services - Mary Lynn Ruiz
- Dining Room - Chris O'Leary
- Finance/Development – City Auction Crew
- Food Pantry - Ana Maria Jackson & Paula Corona (Kelly Award)
- Holiday Program - Saia (George) Bourke
- Kids' Closet - Susan Campo

- Kitchen - Pat Bader & Leonor Sanchez de Cordoza
- Mobile Meals - Eric Leong & Ashish Swarup
- Redwood City Medical Clinic -  
Burt McDowell, MD & Mimi McDowell, RN
- Redwood City Dental Clinic - Rob Cisneros, MD
- Safe Harbor - Dominick De Bellis
- San Mateo Medical Clinic - Rosemary A. Buduan, OD
- San Mateo Dental Clinic - Elena Ylundain
- Saturday Kitchen - Sai Baba Center of San Bruno
- Wee Care Schools
- Special Programs - Kerry Hyman

Samaritan House will present its highest honor, the Kelly Award, to long-time volunteers and sisters, Ana Maria Jackson and Paula Corona. The Kelly Award is given in recognition of the many hours of extraordinary service and considerable expertise that they have given to the organization and to the community.

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Since 1974, Samaritan House has been helping families regain self-sufficiency. Working with city and county governments, civic, religious, and school organizations, and over 2,000 volunteers, we provide bilingual counseling and case management, food, clothing for children, healthcare, rental assistance, shelter for the homeless, worker resources, and holiday assistance, all free of charge.

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