

2016

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

NEIGHBORHOOD ENRICHMENT – Strengthening our neighborhoods

- **Aguilar Family (Antonio, Maria, Mario, Fatima, and Edgar)**
In recognition of their volunteer service and commitment to the Apple Valley Community Garden.
- **Santa Rosa Cinco de Mayo Committee**
For bringing their vision of a safe, family-friendly cultural event in Roseland to reality.
- **Volunteers of the Burbank Housing Management Corp (Roberto Montes, Lucia Toledo, Sue Cannedy, Francisca Melendes, Lola Reynoso, Sara Magana, Rosa Lara, Margarita Galindo, Paula Solorio, Magdalena Martinez, Veronica Rodriguez, Evangelina and Sergio Montoya, and Ana Santos)**
For their ongoing commitment to organizing and distributing produce, baked and canned goods at three Burbank Housing sites.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT – Expanding and enriching the artistic and historical culture of the City

- **Santa Rosa Symphony: Simply Strings Program**
For providing music education to underserved children in the local community.
- **Sandra Frary and Ray Owen**
For their volunteer efforts over many years to research the burials at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY – Fostering sustainability and protecting the environment

- **Wendy Herniman**
To recognize her exemplary volunteerism at Pepperwood Preserve and Dwight Center for Conservation Science.
- **Southeast Greenway Campaign**
For their vision and work towards creating an urban greenway for the community on land that was formerly designated for a highway.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – Serving others, particularly young people, seniors and those in need

- **Rosalyn Harvey**
For her volunteer commitment to the tattoo removal program at Social Advocates for Youth.
- **Michael & Leila O'Callaghan**
For their tireless commitment to serving the poor and homeless in the local community.
- **Akash Kalia**
For transforming the Palms Inn into housing for homeless and low-income residents.
- **Tamara Boulton**
In recognition of her volunteer commitment to Angels' Attic, a downtown thrift shop whose entire proceeds are donated to charities.