

2019 Merit Awards

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

SERVING OTHERS

- **Wendell Nordby** for his ongoing volunteer efforts in the community and remarkable service with the Salvation Army.
- **Sonoma County Pride** for creating an atmosphere of inclusion and greater visibility for all LGBTQI+ community members.
- **Barbara Toschl** for assisting the most vulnerable of families regain stability after experiencing the devastating Tubbs wildfires.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- **Janis Jordan** in recognition of her outstanding effort to revitalize and restore Rincon Valley Grange.
- **Jeff Kan Lee** for his dedication to documenting community events and sharing his photography with the public.

BEAUTIFYING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Bill Dodson** for his leadership role in beautifying and healing the community through art in the Coffey Park rebuild.
- **United Flyers of Sonoma Disc Golf Club** in recognition of their vision and hard work in creating and maintaining a disc golf course at Youth Community Park.

COMMUNITY HEROES

- **Matthew J. Martinez** for his remarkable efforts during the Nueva Apartment fire to protect homes and assist his neighbors.
- **Dennis Hart** for his tireless dedication to providing water and a gathering space to evacuees after the Tubbs wildfires.
- **Adam Peacocke** for his extraordinary service to the community as a member of the ROC: Rebuilding Our Community, Sonoma County Churches United, Violence Prevention Partnership and Santa Rosa Together Steering Committee.

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Vita Iskandar** in recognition of her commitment after the Tubbs wildfires in helping those who lost their homes traverse the post fire process.
- **Nohemi Palomino Andrade** for creating a lively and connected community within the Roseland and South Park neighborhoods.
- **Lani Jolliff** and **Steve Wadleigh** for helping the Coffey Park neighborhood owners of "standing homes" navigate the challenges of living in a construction zone and welcoming returning neighbors back into the community.