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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**NOTE: THE VENUE OF THIS EVENT HAS CHANGED FROM THE MEETING PAVILION TO SEQUOIA HALL AT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY EVENT CENTER.**

## **Volunteer Recognition Event on May 14, 2009 will honor community participation at Samaritan House**

Volunteers who participate in all aspects of service to Samaritan House will be honored at the annual Samaritan House Volunteer Recognition Event, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at Sequoia Hall, San Mateo County Event Center, 2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo.

With the motto "Neighbor helping Neighbor," Samaritan House is a model of community involvement. The wide variety of services donated by community volunteers range from delivering food to providing free medical and dental care. Director of Volunteers Michele Canning says, "Generous people who donate their time are our greatest treasure. We simply could not accomplish all we do without the talent, compassion, and energy of our volunteers!"

At the Volunteer Recognition Event, Sammy Awards in 17 categories will honor volunteers who have shown exemplary effort in support of Samaritan House programs. The 2009 Sammy Awards will be presented to:

Shirley Innes, *Administration*  
Clare Cavanaugh, *Bread Basket*  
Roma Auerback, *Client Services*  
Dr. Richard Durando and Dr. Robert Silverman, *Dental Clinics*  
Ally Nuschy-Lenat, *Development*  
John Rossetti, *Dining Room*  
Kathy Levi, *Finance*  
John Parnis, *Food Pantry*  
Carol Terwilliger, *Holiday Assistance*  
Antonio Nava, *Kitchen*  
St. Timothy Catholic Church, *Kitchen Weekend*  
Emmy Denton, *Mobile Meals*  
Dr. Benjamin Sugar and Robert Woolf, *Redwood City Clinic*  
Central Peninsula Church, *Safe Harbor*  
Jeanne Burke, Arleigh Grossman, and Dr. Stephen Marks, *San Mateo Clinic*  
Lee Miller, *Worker Resource Center*  
Dr. Corinne Woo, DDS, *Project Smile*

The highest honor, the Kelly Award, will be presented to long-time board member Robert Fitzgerald, who has shared considerable expertise and given many hours of extraordinary service to Samaritan House.

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