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## **Community Congratulates Erik & Judy Frost, Frank & Scottie Ortiz for Lifetime of Service to Santa Maria Valley**

**SANTA MARIA, CA** – The Santa Maria Valley community came together on Thursday, November 7 to honor Erik & Judy Frost and Frank & Scottie Ortiz at the annual Celebrate Philanthropy luncheon sponsored by the Santa Barbara Foundation and The Santa Maria Times. The Santa Maria Country Club was packed with 240 individuals who joined in celebration of the honorees lifetime of service to the region.

“Erik & Judy Frost are the kind of folks every community needs,” Said nominator for the Frost’s, Jon Hooten. “They are very generous of their time, support and wisdom.”

“Frank & Scottie Ortiz are role models,” said nominator for the Ortiz’, Kim Davis. “They are on frontlines working together to change our community one child at a time.”

Santa Barbara County Supervisor Steve Lavagnino welcomed the attendees and served as master of ceremonies at the event. Santa Maria City Council Member Etta Waterfield presented the awards to both couples, who were humbled by the honor. Each honoree took a moment to share their gratitude.

“We couldn’t have hoped for a better community than Santa Maria,” Said Judy Frost, 2019 Celebrate Philanthropy Honoree. “The former honorees of this award and folks in this room have been and continue to be our role models. We have learned from so many of you and grateful to be honored.”



“It is difficult to be recognized for something we enjoy and love doing,” said Erik Frost, 2019 Celebrate Philanthropy nominee. “We are two individuals who have clearly failed at retirement.”

“Frank and I have volunteered with our hearts for the children in our community,” said Scottie Ortiz, 2019 Celebrate Philanthropy Honoree.

“I am the guy who likes to congratulate others,” said Frank Ortiz, 2019 Celebrate Philanthropy Honoree. “I want to take this moment to thank the Frost’s, Steve Lavagnino, the Santa Barbara Foundation, and all the community members in this room. Volunteerism is something that anyone can do and so many of you do it every day.” The event concluded with Santa Barbara Foundation President & CEO, Ron Gallo who noted, “The most important ingredient of humanity is volunteerism. It continues to be a defining value of our country and we could not have better examples for our community than the Frost’s and Ortiz.”

The Santa Barbara Foundation encourages the community at large to start thinking of nominations for next year. Nominations can include individuals, couples or families, who through direct service or financial support, have demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable work and has served as a catalyst for change in the Santa Maria Valley. Nominations for the 2020 Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon will open in the spring of next year.

For more details about the 2019 Honorees please visit:

[SBFoundation.org/celebratephilanthropy](http://SBFoundation.org/celebratephilanthropy)

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