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Tim Murphy & John Will to be Honored at Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon

SANTA MARIA VALLEY, CA – Organizing Sponsor the Santa Barbara Foundation along with Gold Sponsor the Santa Maria Times have named Tim Murphy and John Will as the 2021 Celebrate Philanthropy Honorees!

The Celebrate Philanthropy honor recognizes individuals, couples, or families who, through direct service or financial support, have demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable work to make the Santa Maria Valley a better place. Any community member can nominate, and nominations were open from May 25 to August 9, 2021.

Each year, the Santa Barbara Foundation serves as the event's Organizing Sponsor, facilitating the nomination process for an independent committee representing the Santa Maria Valley's diverse communities, which ultimately selects the new recipients.

The 2020 honoree, Maggi Daane, served Santa Maria and strengthened the community by volunteering at Marian Regional Medical Center and Allan Hancock College among several other volunteer commitments.

Tim Murphy

Tim Murphy has been involved with many organizations in a volunteer capacity, including the Elks Rodeo, the Elks Parade, and Boys & Girls Club Mid Central Coast (BGC MCC). He has also generously donated his time and resources to Central Coast nonprofits such as Jack's Helping Hand.

"Tim is an integral part of our organization," said Michael Boyer, nominator and Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast. "He is a long-term board member that has significant impact financially and in resource development. We are thrilled to honor him and his efforts."



Tim earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Cal State Fresno. That educational attainment led him to become President of Apio, now known as Curation Foods (a Landec company). He is now the current owner of Murphy & Associates. He also spent a few years as a Planning Commissioner for San Luis Obispo County and as a County Supervisor for the USDA. He and his wife Katy were inducted into the Jeremiah Milbank Society (a private giving society for major donors within the national Boys & Girls Club movement) in 2015 and have been annual members since. He also received the Salute to Volunteers award in 2016 from the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. Tim currently serves on the Boards of the Elks Parade and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast.

John Will

Over the past several decades, John Will and the J.F. Will Co. have discretely made contributions to many projects that benefit the public. The Will Family has a history of supporting community education, sports, and recreation in the Santa Maria Valley. John continues this tradition by providing cash and in-kind services to several community civic organizations, such as the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department, Santa Maria Police Council, St. Joseph High School, Santa Maria/Orcutt Library, Santa Maria Community Fireworks Show, and a number of faith-based organizations, among others.

“John has done so much for the Santa Maria Valley,” said Alex Posada, nominator and Chief Executive Officer of Director of Recreation & Parks for the City of Santa Maria. “For example, John Will was active in the City of Santa Maria's Measure U campaign, gaining community support for a 1 percent public safety sales tax override measure. This resulted in a new revenue source for police, fire, youth programs and community enhancements.”

John Will's efforts include sponsorships for events, providing advice, staff and equipment on construction projects. A few examples of this work are the improvements made to the roadway to "The Patch" community pumpkin patch at Los Flores Ranch, providing the transport and placement of large boulders along



East Main St. supporting the efforts of the Pioneer Valley High School Key Club, providing a survey crew for the installation of the new Inclusive Playground at Preisker Park, and assistance with a variety of projects for the Santa Maria Police Council.

Celebrate Philanthropy will be an in-person luncheon on November 4, 2021, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Santa Maria Country Club. Limited tickets are available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Purchase the \$35 tickets at: SBFoundation.org/CPAwards.

If you or your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2021 Celebrate Philanthropy honor, please reach out to Jordan Killebrew at Jkillebrew@SBFoundation.org.

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