Dear Celebrate Philanthropy Nominee,

Congratulations on being nominated for the 2023 Celebrate Philanthropy award! The following information is being provided to give you background information on the nomination and selection process.

The purpose of this award is to honor individuals, couples or families who have a long history of giving back to the Santa Maria Valley community – and ultimately encourage others to continue this generous work.

Preference will be given to nominees who:
- Demonstrate a personal commitment to philanthropy.
- Encourage or motivate others to become philanthropic leaders.
- Give significant support (time and/or money) to nonprofit organizations.
- Participate in broad-based charitable activities.
- Work to improve the quality of life for residents in the Santa Maria Valley.
- Exhibit qualities such as creativity, collaboration and effective stewardship of community resources.

Nominations are open from August 1 to September 8, 2023. An independent selection committee will review all of the nominations and choose this year’s honorees. We encourage you to work with your nominator to ensure that the information being provided is accurate. All nominations will be kept confidential between the nominator, you and the selection committee.

You will be notified in August if you are selected as an honoree. If you are selected, please be advised of the following expectations:
- You will be interviewed for an article that will appear in the Santa Maria Times prior to the event.
- Your photo will be taken to be included with the article.
- Your participation is essential at the Celebrate Philanthropy celebration on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to help us inspire philanthropy in the Santa Maria Valley! Please feel free to contact Katherine Sanders at (805) 880-9392 or KSanders@SBFoundation.org if you have any additional questions.