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Sustainable San Mateo County Announces 2013 Sustainability and Green Building Award Recipients

Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC) is proud to announce the winners of this year's 14th Annual Sustainability and Green Building Awards, held in memory of Ruth Peterson, longtime SSMC supporter and former board chair who passed away last June. In honor of Ruth, SSMC is adding a new award category, the **Ruth Peterson Award**, and awarding it to **Rosalyn Koo** for her commitment to SSMC.

The **SSMC Sustainability Award** recognizes businesses, community groups, city programs, and individuals that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to improving sustainable practices within our county. The **Green Building Award**, sponsored by **SSMC**, **RecycleWorks**, and the **San Mateo County Chapter** of the **American Institute of Architects (AIA)**, highlights environmentally friendly design, recognizing owners, architects and builders.

"Our recipients and all the nominees display the passion and dedication to the community that we've come to expect over the years. We look forward to sharing their inspiring stories," said Adrienne Etherton, SSMC Executive Director.

Recipients will be honored at an awards dinner and benefit on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Emcee **Shelly Masur** will lead a jam-packed evening that will include a video highlighting each winner's accomplishments and silent and live auctions hosted by State Senator **Jerry Hill**. The theme this year, **Education—The Root of Sustainability**, celebrates the importance of education in creating sustainable citizens and communities. Tickets are available at www.sustainablesanmateo.org/awards or at ssmc.brownpapertickets.com.

Sustainable San Mateo County Sustainability Award Recipients

- **Bruce Greenstein, Skyline College**, San Bruno
- **Sonrisas Community Dental Center**, Half Moon Bay
- **RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching)**, Redwood City
- **Recology San Mateo County**, San Carlos

Green Building Award Recipients

- **Education- Lower and Middle Schools Project, Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton**
Owner: Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton; Architect: WRNS Studio; Builder: Herrero Contractors, Inc.
- **Industrial- Shoreway Environmental Center, San Carlos**
Owner: RethinkWaste/SBWMA; Architect: J.R. Miller & Associates; Builder: SJ Amoroso, Inc.
- **Multi-Family Housing - 636 El Camino, South San Francisco**
Owner: MidPen Housing Corp.; Architect: BAR Architects; Builder: Devcon Construction, Inc.

Thank you to SSMC's generous sponsors: Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Bohannon Development Company, Lyngso Garden Materials, South San Francisco Scavenger, David Crabbe Architect, RethinkWaste/SBWMA, Recology San Mateo County, Boston Private Bank and Trust Company, Edible Silicon Valley, Rosalyn Koo, Bill Schulte. To become a sponsor, please contact Executive Director Adrienne Etherton at (650) 638-2323 as soon as possible so SSMC can include you in promotional materials.

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Ruth Peterson Award: Rosalyn Koo

A life-long volunteer and social activist, Rosalyn Koo served on the Board of Directors of Sustainable San Mateo County from 2006 through 2012. As a long-time friend of Ruth Peterson's, Roz was essential to the development of SSMC during these years, making connections and providing ideas, advice, and generous financial contributions. She has made a career out of providing assistance to low-income seniors, serving on the Board of Self-Help for the Elderly for the past 25 years and leading the agency through phenomenal expansion. Roz has received many awards for community service including her induction into the Women's Hall of Fame in San Mateo County.

2013 Sustainability Award Recipient Summaries

Bruce Greenstein, Skyline College

Bruce Greenstein is an environmental science professor at Skyline College where he inspires his students to become leaders of energy-efficiency, green-business entrepreneurship, and building performance. Professor Greenstein created the Solar & Building Science Learning Center at Skyline College to educate, train, and rejuvenate the green-economy workforce so they may address our current and future energy challenges, greenhouse-gas emission reduction goals, and overall quality of life for our community.

Sonrisas Community Dental Center

At Sonrisas Community Dental Center, young children to seniors on the San Mateo County Coast, who lack access to dental care because of under or no employment, pregnancy, or homelessness, receive free dental education and free or significantly reduced cost treatment. Serving 1,200 patients through 4,100 visits in 2012, Sonrisas aims to restore dental health to people in need through preventative education while empowering individuals to take control of their oral health and live happier, more productive, pain free lives.

RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching)

RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) in Redwood City provides teachers, educational staff, and community groups with donated educational materials from San Mateo County businesses and residents. Founded in 1994, RAFT's goal is to inspire, engage, and educate children with hands-on learning. Their 1,500 members have served 95,000 children in various educational programs throughout the area.

Recology San Mateo County

Recology San Mateo County's motto of "Waste Zero" is reflected throughout their collection services to 93,750 residences and 11,000 businesses in San Mateo County. A 100% employee-owned company, Recology encourages customers to recycle and compost before sending residual waste to the landfill. In addition, they practice sustainable procurement, energy conservation, and provide a living wage for their employees.

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2013 Green Building Award Recipient Summaries

Lower and Middle Schools Project, Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton

The Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton project is an excellent example of effectively applying sustainable design strategies to a school campus. The result is a beautifully integrated campus that is composed of unique buildings, each of which responds sensitively to its individual programmatic requirements and site opportunities. The simple and attractive interpretive exhibits for the greywater and stormwater are especially noteworthy and appropriate for a school campus.

Shoreway Environmental Center, RethinkWaste/SBWMA

The Shoreway Environmental Center establishes a high bar for sustainable recycling and material handling facilities in San Mateo County. Residents of the Peninsula can all be proud of its successes, including its LEED Gold certification; its inspirational Educational Center that offers free student and public tours; the super efficiency of the Materials Recovery Facility, which is powered almost entirely by on-site photovoltaics; and how it reflects and communicates the agency's core sustainable goals and values.

636 El Camino, MidPen Housing

Revitalizing an area along El Camino, this 109 unit workforce housing development exemplifies South San Francisco's commitment to the vision of walkable, sustainable development along the "Grand Boulevard," a pedestrian oriented, transit-rich El Camino Real. Ranging from three to five stories, the development provides retail frontage enlivening El Camino along with several mid block courtyards for residents to enjoy and children to play safely. Solar panels and solar hot water are only a few of the sustainable features of the creative addition to this South City neighborhood.

More about SSMC

SSMC is a non-profit, public benefit corporation dedicated to the long-term improvement of our region's economy, environment, and social equity by providing fact-based information about sustainability. For more information, please visit www.sustainablesanmateo.org

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