2019 Showcase Awards





Camp Fire Relief California Park Rehabilitation Hospital, Chico

When flames from the deadly Camp Fire approached, staff at California Park Rehabilitation Hospital in Chico, safely evacuated 27 residents. However, many employees who lived in nearby Paradise lost their homes and possessions. The Cal Park team set up a GoFundMe account, solicited support from the community and across the United States and raised \$120,000. The money was distributed to employees in need and to a local charity to support disaster relief efforts. To symbolize unity, Cal Park created and distributed t-shirts depicting fire scenes. The design proved so popular that the facility is selling the t-shirts to benefit another community relief effort.



Thanksgiving Feast Amaya Springs Healthcare, Spring Valley

The Heart to Serve Program quadrupled its giving potential on Thanksgiving when four skilled nursing facilities joined forces to prepare, deliver and serve a Thanksgiving feast to 1,300 people. Skilled nursing residents prepared more than 600 pounds of roast beef, 500 pounds each of carrots and potatoes and six cases of lettuce. The team delivered the goods and served the meal at Father Joe's Village in San Diego. Amaya Springs organized the event with help from Brighton Spring Valley, Brighton San Diego, Point Loma Healthcare and Rockport. The Heart to Serve program gives residents at 70 Rockport facilities the opportunity to prepare and personally serve food each month at area shelters.



Day of Hope Country Oaks Care Center, Santa Maria

Each year, the Marian Foundation and Santa Maria Times sponsor the Day of Hope. The goal of the fundraiser is to sell as many newspapers as possible to support cancer patients and their families. Six residents, some who are cancer survivors, as well as staff and families volunteered to get up early and sell newspapers. The team raised more than \$300, but more importantly, residents had the satisfaction of contributing to the community and making a difference in someone else's life.