



**Kevin Cabrera, Executive Director**

Heritage Museum of Orange County

Kevin Cabrera has benefitted the entire community with his hard work, leadership, passion, innovation, and commitment to Santa Ana. As Executive Director, his emphasis on collaboration has resulted in many new and renewed relationships with community organizations that are moving the Heritage Museum forward.



**Erika Benavides**

Love Santa Ana Initiative

Love Santa Ana mobilizes churches, community groups, and the business community to work together to bring beauty, hope, and transformation to some of the most challenged areas of Santa Ana. This has become a reality through the commitment of Erika Benavides. To date, this collaborative effort has assisted in motivating new resident leaders and hundreds of volunteers to help transform the Eastside, Willard and Pico-Lowell neighborhoods through impactful days of service and beautification projects.



The Community Building Awards are an opportunity for Santa Ana's Resource Network to recognize those individuals or organizations who are continuously creating a positive environment, increasing productivity, and making Santa Ana a great place to live, work and play. This award encourages recipients and challenges others to continue the creation of special projects that contribute to our community.



**SANTA ANA  
COLLEGE**

Santa Ana Community Building  
Legacy Award Recipient

**Dr. Erlinda J. Martinez**

Dr. Erlinda J. Martinez has had a 40-year career encompassing El Camino, Mission, Cerritos and Santa Ana Colleges. Under Dr. Martinez' leadership, Santa Ana College was one of 11 community colleges in California chosen to begin offering four-year degrees in a limited number of subjects. Students at Santa Ana College will be able to earn bachelor's degrees in Occupational Studies starting in 2017. Our community has benefitted from her commitment and service to students in higher education.

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Program

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### James Coghlan, DVM

17th Street Animal Hospital

James Coghlan opened his 17<sup>th</sup> Street Animal Hospital 20 years back, with the goal to serve neighborhood pets and their medical needs. He has saved many lives and has been generous in treating pets of those with modest incomes. Dr. Coghlan is a human, full of compassion and a heart of gold.



### Scott Overpeck

Laundry Love

Laundry Love is an amazing program that brings awareness to the problems that homeless and under-resourced families face. Through the leadership of Scott Overpeck, many individual's dignity has been re-built, not just by supporting their basic need of having clean laundry, but also a place where people build relationships and a support system.



### Relámpago Del Cielo

Relámpago del Cielo is a nonprofit cultural arts organization which supports the study and preservation of traditional Mexican performing arts through music, folklore, and dance. They serve as a cultural enrichment service to the community through outreach presentations and educational activities.

### 10Ten Newsong Church– The Mix

Newsong church has been inviting their neighbors and the Santa Ana community to a Wednesday night community experience that offers a free dinner, free workshops, and free classes. As an example, The Mix has supported the reactivation of the Willard neighborhood. Newsong has been an inspiration and has encouraged many throughout the community.



### Eric Scandrett

Santa Ana Most Beautiful Yard Program

Eric Scandrett has helped to improve and build a better community in his neighborhood and the City, at large. Eric has supported and sponsored the annual Most Beautiful Yard program for the past ten years, including through cash awards to the winners. Our community is most appreciative.



### Brad Brafford

Episcopal Church of the Messiah

Brad Brafford has long been a leader of faith-based and secular community building amongst the LGBTQ community in Santa Ana and greater Orange County. He is an important advocate for promoting awareness, opportunity and community amongst local gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Brad is the driving force behind the establishment of two important Santa Ana institutions: The Metropolitan Community Church and the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.



### Pastor Kevin Brown

Lives Worth Saving

Lives Worth Saving-Human Trafficking (LWS-HT) is a faith-based-organization dedicated to identifying, locating, recovering and ensuring safe, and effective aftercare for victims of trafficking. This is accomplished—most recently on Harbor Blvd. through a collaborative effort with faith and community based organizations and elements of the criminal justice system.



### Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove have served youth from Garden Grove and our Santa Ana communities for decades. BGCGG has maintained their position as an indispensable partner in the work of enhancing educational opportunities and well-being of Santa Ana families west of the Santa Ana river.



### Chris Schmidt & Dylan Thompson

Community-Oriented Policing (COP)

Chris Schmidt and Dylan Thompson have created a series of community policing forums that are spanning over a four month period and will help our police create a new and improved community policing plan for Santa Ana. Chris and Dylan have set an excellent example by opening a dialogue with the community to help make the relationship healthier between the residents and the police.