

Monarch Services Expresses Gratitude for Community Support at Reception

On Oct. 3, Monarch Services recognized community members who have gone above and beyond to support Monarch's mission of "lives free of violence and abuse."

This year, Monarch Executive Directors Kalyne Foster-Renda and Laura Segura honored Santa Cruz County Bank and Angela Chesnut for their dedication to preventing violence and supporting sur-

vivors of trauma in the Santa Cruz County Community.

For the past eight year, Santa Cruz County Bank has supported Monarch's annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, which raises awareness of sexual and gender-based violence,

Santa Cruz County Bank not only conducts fundraising outreach for this important community event, but also

ensures to consistently raise awareness of the services Monarch provides.

Santa Cruz County Bank's willingness to educate community members on the impact of violence in the community demonstrates its commitment to Monarch's mission.

Monarch Services Board Member Angela Chesnut was recognized not only for her consistent commitment to Monarch's values of creating a community free of violence, but also specifically for organizing an empowering community event called Women who Rock Our World.

Singlehandedly, Angela brought together the all-women's rock band Ace of Cups and organized a powerful panel of trailblazing women in celebration of the strength of women, the steps made forward in creating equity and the work yet to be done.

The work Monarch Services does would not be possible without the unwavering support of community members like Angela Chesnut and Santa Cruz County Bank.

Providing survivors of violence with resources to cope with trauma and work toward healing is vital, but this mission takes a village to execute. Monarch is



Angela Chesnut

incredibly grateful for its donors, volunteers and community supporters.

Monarch Services has a 40-year history in Santa Cruz County of providing advocacy and resources to community members affected by violence.

Services include court accompaniments, restraining order assistance, counseling, emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, outreach, education and support groups.

Monarch Services is the only rape crisis center in Santa Cruz County and includes an emergency response team. All services are available in Spanish and English and are free or low cost. ■

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