

Montecito Bank & Trust Donates \$1,000,000 in Community Dividends®

BEGINNING THE HOLIDAY SEASON with a million dollars in gifts for local nonprofit organizations, Montecito Bank & Trust held their 9th Annual Community Dividends® luncheon at the Four Seasons Biltmore on November 21st.

“Local nonprofit organizations contribute so much to our quality of life. We are grateful once again to be able to take a meaningful share of our profits and distribute them to organizations in the communities we serve. We hope that others will join us in giving this year, particularly with the economic challenges upon us,” shared Michael Towbes, chairman of Montecito Bank & Trust.

One hundred and fifty-nine nonprofit organizations located from Solvang to Westlake Village received donations totaling \$1,000,000. The bank, with eight branch offices from Solvang to Westlake Village and one under construction at the corner of Storke and Hollister in Goleta, distributed Community Dividend checks to selected organizations serving Santa Barbara, Montecito, Goleta, Carpinteria, the Santa Ynez Valley, Ventura and Westlake Village.

“This is our ninth Community Dividends event,” stated bank President and Chief Executive Officer Janet A. Garufis. “Helping our communities grow and prosper is the essence of who we are, and it is the patronage and loyalty of our customers who make it possible for us to continue this event. It is a privilege to support so many nonprofits in our service area and an honor to show our appreciation for the important contributions they make to the vitality of our communities.”

Montecito Bank & Trust, an S Corporation, is a locally owned community bank founded in 1975 and known for its ongoing support of the community through unique giving programs like Community Dividends® and Anniversary GrantsSM. Proudly celebrating its 36th anniversary, the bank has branch offices in Santa Barbara, Montecito, Goleta, Carpinteria, Solvang, Ventura and Westlake Village. It offers a variety of competitive deposit and lending solutions for businesses and consumers, including consumer loans, business loans and lines of credit, equipment finance, commercial real estate finance, SBA loans, credit cards, merchant services, online banking and cash management. Its Wealth Management Division, located in Montecito, Solvang and Ventura, provides full investment management as well as trust services for all of the bank's branch office markets.



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