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BAGNALL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY GIVEN TO

KERMAN BERIKER AND THE INN AT RANCHO SANTA FE

Mike Bagnall was the man behind the idea of honoring people in our community who are the inspiration for the work of local non-profit organizations. For seven years the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation has presented an annual award to someone in the community who demonstrates “excellence in philanthropy” .

This \$1000 grant award, from the Michael L. Bagnall Memorial Fund, was established in Mr. Bagnalls memory by his family and friends. It acknowledges people in the community who with non-profit partners have shown creativity, vision and innovation in working to implement new programs to better serve the Rancho Santa Fe community.

In order to qualify for the award the following criteria must be met. The organization must conduct its primary activities within the covenant boundaries of Rancho Santa Fe and the organization must be a qualified 501 (c) (3) institution.

On the evening of November 14th , members of the Foundation and the staff of The Inn gathered at the annual board dinner hosted by The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe to honor this year’s recipient, Kerman Beriker and The Inn for their generosity to all of the non-profit organizations in our community. Mr. Beriker selected the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center to be the recipient of the \$1000 award.

Mr. Beriker has managed The Inn for a little more than two years. A native of Switzerland, he was the former CEO and general manager of the Beverly Hills Hotel for ten years. The Inn was the first building in Rancho Santa Fe, designed by noted architect Lilian Rice in the Spanish Revival style. The Santa Fe Land Improvement Company asked her to design a guesthouse where prospective property owners could stay while in town. The Inn opened in 1924 as La Morada. Since then it has changed hands several times — as well as its name — but it

remains the focus of village life. "Everything started from the Inn," Beriker says. "When you look at how the Inn is positioned, it's the center of everything in town. It offers beautiful views of the Village of Rancho Santa Fe. It is a paradise here."

In selecting Mr. Beriker and The Inn as the 2007 recipient of the Bagnall Award, Mr. Hillgren acknowledged the important role that La Morada has played in the life of our community for more than 80 years. And as the Managing Director, Kerman Beriker embodies all of the qualities that Mike Bagnall envisioned for the recipient of the Bagnall Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

Those who have received the award before are:

- 2001 - Joanie Wafer - Kids Korps USA
- 2002 - Bob Cleary - RSF Senior Center
- 2003 - Fran Foley - RSF Historical Society
- 2004 - Jack Edman - Community Concerts of RSF
- 2005 - Karen Moller - The Country Friends
- 2006 – Muffy Walker - NeighborHelp