



## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS BUSINESS AWARD: DONNA BAKER



Donna Baker moved to Monrovia with her husband, David, in 1987 when they purchased a 1910 Craftsman home. With her volunteer spirit, Donna immediately got involved in her new community by volunteering with

the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group. In 1995, Ms. Baker was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission by Mayor Bob Bartlett, where she served for the next 20 years.

Donna Baker started real estate in 2001, after a 30-year career as a high-level administrative professional. Since 2002, Ms. Baker has been the #1 Realtor in her office and is consistently one of the top agents in Monrovia. She works for Douglas Elliman and anchors their Monrovia location, specializing in architecturally significant and historic properties. Donna's commitment to her community has allowed her to earmark every commission check she receives to give back in any way possible to thank the people of Monrovia for placing their trust in her when selling or buying a home.

When not selling homes, she is very involved in her community. Donna traveled to Thailand to work on the Jimmy Carter Work Project with Habitat for Humanity, and supports many community organizations and activities, including Foothill Unity Center, Monrovia schools, City of Hope Blood Drive, youth baseball, Monrovia Chamber of

Commerce, and many more, with a major focus on young people. Donna was on the Board of the Santa Anita Family YMCA for over seven years and served as President from 2008 to 2010. While at the Y, Donna became very involved with the Monrovia Youth Alliance, an organization for at-risk kids. She also served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills, was President of Quota Club of Monrovia, President of the Monrovia Day Association, and is currently a Board Member and Fundraising Chair for the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness and Recreation Foundation.

In 2014, Donna was awarded the Woman of Distinction Award by Congresswoman, Judy Chu, representing the City of Monrovia. Additionally, Donna was appointed by Assemblyman Chris Holden to the Small Business Advisory Board for District 41, also representing Monrovia, and also served on the Women's Advisory Board. Ms. Baker received the coveted Iris Award as 2008 Citizen of the Year from the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce. That same year she was recognized by the Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills as the recipient of the Mary Wilcox Youth Advocacy & Community Leadership Award, an honor Donna cherished because of her friendship with Mary Wilcox while she was on the City Council. In addition, Donna has always been a supporter of the Monrovia Association of Fine Arts, a nonprofit group that encourages awareness of the arts. In 2012, she was honored with the Renaissance Award from MAFA for her contributions to the community. The Arcadia Association of Realtors recognized Donna for her community activism by awarding her the 2014 Community Service Award.