



46TH ANNUAL GOLDEN PLATE AWARDS

SEEDS OF HOPE

PLANTED BY OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2026
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

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At the core of Foothill Unity Center are its people—those who show up to serve our neighbors in times of need. Our 46th Annual Golden Plate Award honors the “**Seeds of Hope**” planted by these community heroes, as they have been selected for their sense of compassion and commitment to strive towards a better tomorrow. This is an opportunity to join us for a celebratory luncheon that not only recognizes these individuals and organizations but directly supports Foothill Unity Center’s ongoing mission to help those in need obtain self-sufficiency.

2026 GOLDEN PLATE AWARDS:

HEART IN HAND HUMANITARIAN AWARD

CARL FOOTE LEGACY AWARD

YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

BUSINESS AWARD



HEART IN HAND HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The **Heart in Hand Humanitarian Award** commemorates and honors a person who goes above and beyond for their community, not just with Foothill Unity Center but within communities and organizations at large. The recipient of this award prioritizes giving back while also displaying the highest form of humanitarianism. This great honor is awarded to those who have worked endlessly to support their communities through different avenues of volunteer work and various forms of philanthropy.

CARL FOOTE LEGACY AWARD

The **Carl Foote Legacy Award** is one that was instituted in honor of an exceptional volunteer and his incredible philanthropic work with Foothill Unity Center and other organizations throughout his lifetime. With his namesake, we hope to honor volunteers and individuals that have demonstrated dedication and who have tirelessly contributed their time, resources, and hearts to Foothill Unity and their respective communities.

YOUTH SERVICE & BUSINESS AWARDS

Under the **Neighbors to Neighbors Award** there are three subcategories which are highlighted individually. These three categories include businesses, government entities, and volunteer organizations that have contributed immensely to their communities. These organizations, agencies, and entities may include youth based volunteers, faith based organizations, and much more. The entities honored with this award are ones that constantly work to uphold Foothill Unity's mission and vision of universal self-sufficiency in our surrounding communities while also meeting people's needs with dignity and respect. For our 46th Golden Plate Awards, we are honoring a youth group organization and a business.

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HEART IN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

FRANK CHANG - UNIVERSAL BANK

Frank Chang has been the owner, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Universal Bank since 1994; however, the Bank was established in 1954. Since his commencing he has proudly provided strategic leadership and overall direction for the organization. In this role, Mr. Chang oversees the Bank's daily operations, financial performance, and long-term growth strategy, with a focus on delivering sound banking solutions and exceptional service to the communities Universal Bank serves. Under his leadership, the Bank is recognized for its commitment to prudent financial management, customer relationships, and community engagement.

In addition, Mr. Chang is known for his hands-on leadership style and dedication to building a strong, value-driven institution.

CARL FOOTE LEGACY AWARD

ANGELA MARTINEZ - BANK OF AMERICA

I joined Bank of America in 2005 and have had the privilege of growing through a variety of roles—from starting as a front line associate to now serving as the Operational Lead for our Glendale location, where I lead a team of over 200 employees. Throughout my career, I've been passionate about creating an environment where people can succeed and thrive.

Giving back to the community is something I truly value. I've encouraged and organized volunteer efforts for the Foothill Unity Center and partnered with organizations like Proyecto Pastoral, which provides critical support to families in need. These experiences have been incredibly rewarding and remind me of the importance of service beyond the workplace.

Outside of work, I love traveling with my family and cherish every moment as a proud grandmother of three. Staying active is also a big part of my life—I work out regularly and have built many friendships through fitness.

In everything I do, I strive to work hard, support others, and make a positive impact both at work and in the community.

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YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Two of the taglines at La Salle College Preparatory are “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve” and “Learn, Serve, Lead”. Service to those on the margins is a key component of a Lasallian education. At La Salle students do not have to complete a specific number of service hours in order to graduate, rather, service is infused in the life of the school. At La Salle, we provide service opportunities with agencies like Foothill Unity Center with the hopes of creating lifelong servers. Since the fall of 2002 the entire senior class participates almost weekly in service during their religious studies class at a local agency. Since 2005 La Salle has been serving at both the Monrovia and Pasadena locations of Foothill Unity Center. This opportunity has given students the opportunity to see and serve those in need. Often our students have spoken with and listened to people share their stories. We are ever thankful for Foothill Unity to give us the chance to help the local community.

BUSINESS AWARD

RENI ROSE - BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY

I moved to Sierra Madre in 1987 from New Orleans, where more than 30 members of my family still reside. My Federal Government career began in New Orleans with the Department of Energy and ultimately led me to Southern California, where I worked for NASA at JPL in Pasadena. Shortly after relocating, I began studying for my real estate license and earned it that same year.

My real estate career started with Berkshire Hathaway (formerly Prudential), and in 2011 and I became the owner and President of the company.

Since 1993, I have consistently ranked within the top 1-2% of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services agents nationwide, and I have been the #1 producer in my office since 1988. A testament to the level of service provided is that 85% of my business comes from repeat clients and referrals. I am also proud to be a recipient of the prestigious “Legend” Award for long-standing excellence, an honor bestowed on only 76 associates.

I genuinely enjoy what I do, and my passion for real estate becomes clear after just a few minutes of conversation. Simply ask, “How’s business?”

Giving back to the community is also deeply important to me. Foothill Unity has been one of my favorite local charities ever since Greg and Glenda Vanni first introduced me to the organization when they invited me to their home to attend a Foothill Unity function many years ago.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting our event through sponsorship provides a wonderful afternoon of live music played by a harpist, a plated lunch, along with gaining recognition in a growing community. Your contribution helps to uplift our neighbors with dignity and respect at a time of uncertainty, and we are grateful for your generosity.

ALL SPONSORS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Full table of 8 seats
- Logo/Name on electronic brochure and program
- Logo/Name in event materials and website
- Logo/Name featured in social media recognition posts
- Logo/Name prominently displayed at luncheon event

In addition to these benefits, sponsors will also receive:

GOLDEN GARDEN SPONSOR (\$5,000)

Half-page ad in upcoming printed newsletter

BLOOMING SPONSOR (\$2,500)

Quarter-page ad in upcoming printed newsletter

SPROUTING SPONSOR (\$1,000)



Questions? Please email julie@foothillunitycenter.org

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

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SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

COMPANY (OPTIONAL): _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- \$1,000 - **SPROUTING SPONSOR**
- \$2,500 - **BLOOMING SPONSOR**
- \$5,000 - **GOLDEN GARDEN SPONSOR**

All sponsorship levels include a full table of 8 seats and will be featured in our e-brochure, event slideshow, social media recognition posts and prominently displayed at luncheon event.

ADDITIONAL TABLES OR TICKETS

\$360 - FULL TABLE (8 SEATS) _____ # INDIVIDUAL TICKETS (\$45 EACH)

PAYMENT METHOD

- CHECK
- CREDIT CARD AMEX DISCOVER MASTERCARD VISA

AMOUNT: _____ CARD NUMBER: _____

EXP DATE: _____ SECURITY CODE/CCV: _____

CARDHOLDER NAME (AS IT APPEARS ON CARD): _____

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please email a copy of this form to julie@foothillunitycenter.org

Logos must be submitted in a vector, JPEG or PDF format to wendy@foothillunitycenter.org

DUE DATE: March 6th, 2026



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