



Lives Free From Violence and Abuse

Fall 2017 Newsletter

Celebrating 40 Years of Monarch!

¡Celebrando 40 años de Servicios Monarca!

From developing one of the first Sexual Assault Response Teams in California to opening the only confidential domestic violence and sexual assault shelter in Santa Cruz County to becoming Monarch Services in 2013, we are committed to empowering individuals, families and our communities to take action against violence and abuse. We are thankful for those who have aided in the metamorphosis of Monarch Services! On August 18, 2017 past and current staff, volunteers, clients, and community and board members gathered to celebrate Monarch Services' 40th Anniversary at Seascape Golf Club. In addition to honoring Shelter Advocate **Maria Campos** for her twenty years as a staff member, longtime board member **Bob Katz** and former longtime board member **Martina O'Sullivan** were awarded for their service.



Desde ser uno de los primeros Equipos de Respuesta de Abuso Sexual (SART) en California a la apertura del único refugio confidencial de violencia doméstica y abuso sexual en el Condado de Santa Cruz y convertirse en Servicios Monarca en el 2013, estamos comprometidos a empoderar a personas, familias y nuestra comunidad a tomar medidas contra la violencia y el abuso. ¡Estamos agradecidos por aquellos que han ayudado en la metamorfosis de Servicios Monarca! El 18 de agosto del 2017 personal anterior y actual, voluntarios, clientes, la comunidad y miembros del consejo se reunieron para celebrar el 40 aniversario de Servicios Monarca en Seascape Golf Club. Además de honrar a la aliada del refugio, Maria Campos por sus veinte años como miembro del personal, los miembros del consejo, Bob Katz y antigua miembro del consejo, Martina O'Sullivan también fueron premiados por su servicio.



◀ Monarch Staff; Personal de Servicios Monarca
▼ Defensa de Mujeres Founder, Blanca Tavera



◀ Founding members of Women's Crisis Support & Battered Women's Shelter Project, l-r: Carol Walberg, Evelyn Bernstein, Sherry Drobner, Joanne Cameron

Staff Spotlight

Maria Campos



▲ Maria Campos (right), with her supervisor Maria Barranco, displaying her award for 20 years of service..

Welcome New Staff!

Monarch Services gives a big, warm, welcome to our wonderful new team members!



▲ L-R: Jarrod Gibbons, Finance Manager; Devan Haddad, Volunteer Coordinator; Sydney Rogers, Project Manager

I started to work at Monarch Services, then Women's Crisis Support, on March 10, 1997. I was offered a position as a Crisis Intervention Specialist, I told them that the title of the position sounded too long for a short person like me, but I accepted.

I didn't have a great deal of experience; however, I did share that I had experienced domestic violence in my personal life, and experienced sexual harassment during my job as a field worker. Working for Monarch was a new experience for me. I began to feel much more confident in my role as an Advocate, and more connected to the community, when I began to facilitate the Spanish support groups. Later, the Crisis Intervention Manager position was vacant and I got the job. I supervised Volunteers, On-Call Advocates, and the full-time Crisis Intervention Specialists. During this time the agency merged with Defensa de Mujeres.

During my time at Monarch, I raised my five children as a single mother. Not only have I grown a great deal in my professional career, but I have also grown in my personal life. I believe that I have been able to use my own experience to reach and help our clients begin to heal from their own trauma.

While the agency has gone through many changes, I have remained committed to helping ALL who come through our doors. Twenty years ago, the agency was run much different, and it is wonderful to see how much we have grown and how much our client systems have changed for the better. Today I work as a Shelter Advocate in addition to working within the On-Call program.

Unity Day

► Downtown Santa Cruz Unity Day. L-R: Monarch team members, Karen Ross and Sydney Rogers, holding up the clothesline; Monarch Staff



Upcoming Events



Board Recruitment

Monarch Services is currently recruiting community members for our Board of Directors.

Join a diverse Board that espouses Monarch's core values of:

- embracing the spirit of cultural humility
- understanding and dismantling systemic oppression
- making a lifelong commitment to self-reflection and self-critique of one's own power and privilege in society
- connecting each action Monarch takes to our mission of *Lives Free of Violence and Abuse*.

Contact us today to find out how you can join this team of changemakers and social justice advocates.

No board experience necessary.

Contact KalyneF@MonarchSCC.org for more information.

Fund Development Steering Committee

Interested in volunteering with us?

Monarch Services is looking to expand our Fund Development Steering Committee! We are looking for energetic individuals who enjoy assisting with awareness event planning and can provide strategic direction for our fund development plan. The committee meets monthly.



VOLUNTEER!

Contact Lecannl@MonarchSCC.org for more information.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

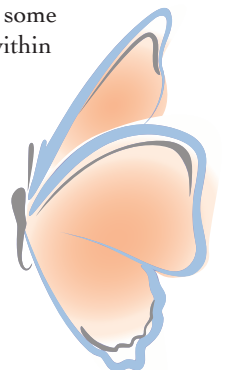
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For survivors of domestic violence, the color purple is meant to be a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence.

In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, [Second Street Café](#), [Surf City Coffee](#), [The Bagelry](#), [Santa Cruz PD](#) and [Capitola PD](#), among others in the county, are donning purple ribbons during the month of October, reaching over 1,000 people.

For more information on domestic violence, please visit our website at www.monarchsc.org.

Domestic Violence Statistics

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.
- Women between the ages of 18–24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.
- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.





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Women's Crisis Support
~Defensa de Mujeres
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Office Hours:
Mondays– Fridays, 9 – 5
Evening Hours Available.
722-4532 or 425-4030

Services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault:

- 24-Hour crisis line and emergency response
- Emergency Shelter
- Legal assistance
- Individual counseling
- Services for children and teens
- Domestic Violence and sexual assault support groups
- Community education and outreach

*All services are available
in English and Spanish
and are free or low-cost.*

Support Groups

English
Santa Cruz
Wednesdays 6 – 8 PM

*Childcare is provided.
Please call to confirm if you
are in need of childcare.*

Grupos de apoyo

En español
Watsonville
Martes 6 – 7:30PM

*Cuidado de niños es
disponible. Por favor de
llamar para confirmar si
usted está en necesidad
de cuidado de niño.*

Two Locations:

233 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville
1509 Seabright Avenue, Santa Cruz

24-Hour Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault Crisis Line
Linea de Crisis de Violencia
Domestica y Asalto Sexual las 24 horas
Website/sitio: monarchsc.org

Horas de Oficina:
Lunes–Viernes, 9 – 5
Horas por la tarde disponible.
722-4532 o 425-4030

Servicios para sobrevivientes de asalto sexual y violencia doméstica.

- Línea de crisis y respuesta de emergencia las 24 horas
- Refugio de emergencia
- Asistencia legal
- Consejería individual
- Servicios para jóvenes y niños
- Grupos de apoyo para sobrevivientes de violencia doméstica y asalto sexual
- Educación y alcance comunitario

*Todos los servicios
son disponibles en español
e inglés, y son gratis ó a bajo costo.*