



Monarch Services Expresses Gratitude for Community Support

Appreciation Reception Held in Honor of Donors

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Overview: Last Thursday, Oct. 3, *Monarch Services* recognized community members that have gone above and beyond to support *Monarch's* mission of "lives free of violence and abuse." This year, *Monarch* Executive Directors Kalyne Foster- Renda and Laura Segura honored *Santa Cruz County Bank* and Angela Chesnut for their dedication to preventing violence and supporting survivors of trauma in the Santa Cruz County Community.



Executive Directors Kalyne Foster-Renda (second from left) and Laura Segura (third from right) recognize Santa Cruz County Bank employees.

For the past eight years, *Santa Cruz County Bank* has supported *Monarch's* annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* event, which raises awareness of sexual and gender-based violence. *Santa Cruz County Bank* not only conducts fundraising outreach for this important community event, but also ensures to consistently raise awareness of the services *Monarch* provides. *Santa Cruz County Bank's* willingness to educate community members on the impact of violence in the community demonstrates its commitment to *Monarch's* mission.



Executive Directors Kalyne Foster-Renda (left) and Laura Segura (middle) recognize Angela Chesnut (right.)

Monarch Services Board Member Angela Chesnut was recognized not only for her consistent commitment to *Monarch's* values of creating a community free of violence, but also specifically for organizing an empowering community event called *Women Who Rock Our World*. Singlehandedly, Angela brought together the all-women's rock band *Ace of Cups* and organized a powerful panel of trailblazing women in celebration of the strength of women, the steps made forward in creating equity and the work yet to be done.

The work *Monarch Services* does would not be possible without the unwavering support of community members like Angela Chesnut and *Santa Cruz County Bank*. Providing survivors of violence with resources to cope with trauma and work toward healing is vital, but this mission takes a village to execute. *Monarch* is incredibly grateful for its donors, volunteers and community supporters.

About Monarch Services:

Monarch Services has a 40-year history in Santa Cruz County of providing advocacy and resources to community members affected by violence. Services include court accompaniments, restraining order assistance, counseling, emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, outreach, education and support groups. *Monarch Services* is the only rape crisis center in Santa Cruz County and includes an emergency response team. All services are available in Spanish and English and are free or low cost