

The Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award
San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1580
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

2008 Award Nomination Form

This nomination form must be completed and received by 7/31/08 at the above address or at FAX number (805) 543-2346. PLEASE TYPE (no smaller than 12 pt font).

The Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award annually recognizes and rewards a local individual for outstanding efforts in advocacy and caring for local people in San Luis Obispo County. This award is designed to honor the dedication and commitment to caring about people exhibited by Isabel P. Ruiz. Mrs. Ruiz came to America in 1973 as a medical doctor (OB/GYN) trained in her native Peru, and she has worked and helped local people with accessing and utilizing the health care system. She is a role model for the Latino community as well as for women. In everything she does, she works to overcome barriers, improve the system of care for all, and advocate for the rights of the under-represented. Her philosophy has been to “be the bridge” whenever opportunities arise to help an individual become more self-sufficient.

Mrs. Ruiz’s approach has been to think outside the box, be open to new ideas and risk, identify solutions, take action for long term impact, educate those in power about the issues and potential solutions, support her colleagues in trying new strategies, and serve as a mentor-recognizing the potential of others and foster their growth to succeed.

Mrs. Ruiz has been the Director of EOC Health Services, Clinic Manager of Community Health Centers and Social Worker for San Luis Obispo County Health Department, a Community Board Member of French Hospital Medical Center, a Board Member of the American Cancer Society—California Division, a Board member of the Latino Outreach Council, a Board Member of the Oceano Community Center, a winner of the Cuesta College Women of Distinction Award, a leader in her church and her community.

This award is also designed to highlight and encourage those who follow in Mrs. Ruiz’s footsteps to remain committed to community organizing and advocacy to improve the lives of everyone in San Luis Obispo County.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Resident of San Luis Obispo County
- Demonstrated selfless desire to help others
- Demonstrated community leadership
- Demonstrated steady, ongoing advocacy to create change
- Demonstrated ability to influence others to create change

Name of Nominee: _____

Address _____

(city, state, zip)

Telephone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Person Making the Nomination

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

(city, state, zip)

Telephone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

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Please answer all of the following questions.

1. How do you know the nominee or the nominee's work? Has the nominee conducted this work via their professional or volunteer life?
2. What did the nominee do to qualify for the Humanitarian award?
3. Why was this important? Who or what did it affect, and in what way?
4. What community problem did this action address? How will the nominee's work create a long-term improvement for the community?
5. What is new or unique about the nominee's action or activity?
6. What role did the nominee play? Who else was involved & what roles did they play?
7. How long has the nominee been involved in community advocacy efforts?
8. Please attach letters of support or testimonials from community members impacted by the nominee's work.