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# Hayward Area Recreation and Park District FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECT 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Community members recognized for their exceptional contributions to the District*

**Hayward, CA** (January 13, 2016) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) Board of Directors is pleased to announce and congratulate the 2015 Board of Directors' Award recipients for 2015.

### **Award History**

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District appreciates all of the individuals and organizations who provide important volunteer service to the District and the community and have honored these individuals and organizations with an award program since 1962. The Awards are an opportunity for the Board to appreciate and formally recognize individuals and organizations whose efforts exhibit the District's mission of providing high quality leisure facilities and/or programs to its residents on a voluntary basis.

### **2015 Award Recipients**

The 2015 Individual Award recipient is Mr. Randy Vanderbilt who was nominated by the H.A.R.D. Park Department. Mr. Vanderbilt has been part of the Castro Valley community for many years. He is active in organizations such as the Boards of the Arts Foundation, Castro Valley Rotary Club, and Castro Valley Sports Foundation. Mr. Vanderbilt has been a committed volunteer by assisting with multiple projects to improve parks within the District including the Earl Warren Dog Park, Sulphur Creek Nature Center, Rowell Ranch, and the Adobe Art Center.

The 2015 Organizational Award recipient is Care, Advancement, Respect, and Hope (CARH) who was nominated by the H.A.R.D. Foundation and the Sulphur Creek Nature Center. While in existence up until 2015, CARH contributed in multiple ways for 42 years to the special needs community within the District and throughout the Bay Area. The Sorensdale Recreation Center and Sulphur Creek Nature Center received grant funding from CARH to continue and expand services for the special needs. Additionally, over the years, the CARH Board of Directors which was made up of volunteers, also coordinated programs, worked events, organized holiday functions, and provided special birthday parties and picnics for the special needs community.



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The 2015 Special Recognition Award recipient is Hattie Hyman-Hughes who was nominated by the H.A.R.D. Foundation and Sorensdale Recreation Center. Mrs. Hyman-Hughes, who was once employed by H.A.R.D., has been a community figure who has not only contributed personally but also professionally to the community. As the Executive Vice President, Nonprofit Group, and President of the Fremont Bank Foundation, she was instrumental in the Foundation's donation towards the Sorensdale Recreation Technology Center which serves special need students. She has also exhibited her personal commitment to the community as an active volunteer for the Rotary, Tri-City Homeless Coalition, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, Kidango and the Always Dream Foundation.

The award nomination submissions for Mr. Randy Vanderbilt, CARH and Mrs. Hattie Hyman-Hughes can be viewed at [www.HaywardRec.org/awards](http://www.HaywardRec.org/awards).

The recipients will be recognized at a luncheon in their honor on Friday, January 22, 2016.

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