

SACRAMENTO HOTEL ASSOCIATION

Reader Board

DECEMBER 2019

Board President Honored

SHA members thanked outgoing Board President Shelly Moranville, general manager at the Residence Inn Sacramento Downtown, for her year of service as the Association's 2019 Board President.

At the December 9 Holiday Reception held at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, the members acknowledged Moranville's leadership and commitment in her role as the Board President. Moranville will serve as Past President of the Board in 2020.

During the reception, President Moranville thanked her Board colleagues for their support and leadership during her term. She also thanked SHA staff for their dedication in managing SHA's program of work.



Shelly Moranville, the 2019 SHA Board President, accepts her service plaque from Past President Sami Qureshi. Association members applauded Moranville's leadership and commitment to the Association.

SHA Presents Grant Check to Soil Born Farms

FUNDS RAISED AT 2019 CHALLENGE OF THE CHEFS

The 2019 Challenge of the Chefs Showcase was a benefit held for education programs at Soil Born Farms. During SHA's Holiday Reception in early December, SHA presented a check for \$8,383 to the organization. Soil Born Farms' mission is to create an urban agriculture and education project that empowers youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment and grows a sustainable community.

In late October, SHA sponsored the 4th annual Sacramento Hotels Farm-to-Fork Showcase: Challenge of the Chefs. (See event article page 2.) The Challenge featured festive Farm-to-Fork food stations from local hotels, tastings from area craft brewers and vintners, a silent auction and three culinary awards.



At SHA's December Holiday Reception, Sara Minnehan, Vice President of the Board of Directors of Soil Born Farms, thanks members for the funds raised at the 2019 Challenge of the Chefs helping benefit education programs at Soil Born Farms.



28th Annual Hospitality Gala

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Mark your calendar for SHA's 28th annual Hospitality Gala, scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020, at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West.

The evening is a memorable way to recognize exceptional hotel employees for demonstrating extraordinary customer service. In addition, discover which Associate member will take home the award for outstanding supplier.

During the gala, we'll also recognize this year's scholarship recipients, whose awards are sponsored by the Sacramento Hotel Association, the Sacramento Marriott Business Council and the Sacramento Kings.

HOSPITALITY GALA SCHEDULE

6:15 p.m. | Reception

7:00 p.m. | Dinner, Award Presentations and Entertainment

Invitations will be emailed in January.

Hats off to the participating executive chefs and their culinary teams for providing the savory and sweet tastings that were the true highlights of the showcase.

Vincent Paul Alexander C.E.C.,
Sheraton Grand Sacramento

Rolfy Chavez, *Hilton Sacramento Arden West*

Charles Connell, *DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento*

Michael Grande, *Hyatt Regency Sacramento*

Christina Lingren, *Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena*

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Patrick Prager, *Kimpton Sawyer Hotel*

Muagututia Tuala-Tamaalelagi
(Chef T), *Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova*

Craft Breweries and Wineries Supporting the Challenge of the Chefs

Almanac Beer Co.

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Big Stump Brew Co.

Boochcraft

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Jackrabbit Brewing Company

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JNSQ

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SACRAMENTO HOTELS SHOWCASE FARM to FORK CHALLENGE OF THE CHEFS

BENEFITS SOIL BORN FARMS

Hospitality representatives and friends of the industry celebrated Executive Chefs and their culinary teams from SHA-member hotels while raising funds for Soil Born Farms at the October 30 Challenge of the Chefs at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel.

The Sacramento Hotel Association continued its community support at its 4th annual Sacramento Hotels Farm-to-Fork Showcase: Challenge of the Chefs.

The Challenge of the Chefs featured festive farm-to-fork food stations, craft beer tastings from local brewers, wine tastings from area vintners and a silent auction of artful gifts and prize packages.

Attendees sampled savory and sweet offerings from the executive chefs and culinary teams of the Courtyard Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo, Courtyard Marriott Sacramento Midtown, DoubleTree by Hilton, Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena, Hyatt Regency Sacramento, Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova and Sheraton Grand Hotel. All chefs were required to use two key ingredients—sweet potatoes and pears—in each of their offerings.

The judges awarded both the *Top Savory* and *Top Sweet* awards to Vincent Paul Alexander C.E.C., Executive Chef at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. The *Top Plated* award for presentation went to Muagututia Tuala-Tamaalelagi (Chef T), Executive Chef, Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova.

Thanks to our food judges—Terese Hollander Esperas, project manager, Soil Born Farms; Patrick Mulvaney, proprietor and chef, Mulvaney's B&L; and Al Sams, morning show host, KHYL V101.1, iHeart Media Sacramento—for sampling all the fabulous food selections.

Special thanks to the participating hotels, breweries and wineries for their involvement and support of the event. We appreciate the promotion of the Challenge of the Chefs by Sacramento Magazine, Sacramento365 and Visit Sacramento. Kudos to the Kimpton Sawyer team for serving as hosts of this year's event. Also, thanks to PSAV and Bella Bloom for their support.



BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATION

This year's Sacramento Hotels Farm-to-Fork Showcase: Challenge of the Chefs benefited a local organization whose mission is to create an urban agriculture and education project that empowers youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment and grows a sustainable community. Soil Born Farms is about growing food, mentoring youth and future farmers, teaching people how to cook and garden, creating urban farms and preserving wild spaces, developing partnerships and improving access to fresh produce throughout our community and, at the core, it is about making a difference. It means transforming a shared vision of healthy food for all into a local reality. www.soilborn.org



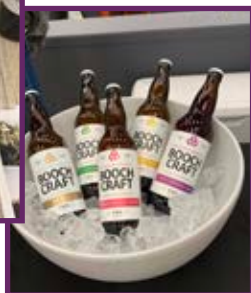
Sheraton Grand Executive Chef Vincent Alexander (far right) earns two awards—Top Savory and Top Sweet at the 2019 Challenge of the Chefs. SHA Board President Shelly Moranville (third from left) presents the awards to the Sheraton Grand team—(from left) Cook Ryan Miranda, Sous Chef Jen Padilla and Executive Chef Vincent Alexander.



Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova Executive Chef Muagututia Tuala-Tamaalelagi (ChefT) and his team—(L to R) Sous Chef Christopher Chavez and Banquet Manager Hugo Herreros—accept the award for Top Plated from SHA Board President Shelly Moranville.



Soil Born Farms shares information about their organization with attendees at the Challenge of the Chefs.



LangeTwins and Boochcraft pour tastings along with 10 other libations vendors during the Sacramento Hotels Farm-to-Fork Showcase: Challenge of the Chefs at the Kimpton Sawyer.

2020 Scholarship Program

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ADVANCE ONE'S EDUCATION AND CAREER!

The Sacramento Hotel Association is pleased to announce its 2020 Scholarship Program. The scholarship information packet is available for download at www.sacramentohotelassociation.com on the home page.

We invite college and university students to apply for the scholarships available to students studying for a career in business administration, marketing, tourism, human resources, finance/accounting, culinary arts management, lodging management or other hospitality-related field.

SHA Member Hotels and Companies: Please notify your team members about this scholarship program for students attending local colleges and universities. Each scholarship grant is for \$2,000. Special thanks to the Sacramento Marriott Business Council and the Sacramento Kings for their contributions to the program and to the golfers and sponsors who raise scholarship funds by their participation at SHA's annual golf tournament.

The application deadline is **February 3, 2020**. The scholarships will be awarded at the February 28, 2020, SHA Hospitality Gala at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West.



Savory and sweet offerings showcase farm-to-fork fare at the Challenge of the Chefs. Kudos to the executive chefs and culinary teams for their tasty and creative offerings.

SHA Calendar of Events

Online registration at
sacramentohotelassociation.com
click on Events.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

SHA Luncheon Meeting
Sheraton Grand Hotel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

SHA Hospitality Gala and Awards
Hilton Sacramento Arden West
Employee and Supplier Recognition Awards

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020

SHA Luncheon Meeting
Holiday Inn Sacramento
Downtown-Arena

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

CH&LA Lodging Industry
Legislative Action Summit
Sheraton Grand Hotel

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

SHA Luncheon Meeting
The Citizen Hotel

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

SHA Luncheon Meeting
Hyatt Regency Sacramento

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

SHA Luncheon Meeting
Kimpton Sawyer Hotel

JULY AND AUGUST

No SHA Luncheon Meetings

Fall meeting and event dates to be announced.



Hotel Industry Supports More Than 1 in 25 American Jobs

NEW RESEARCH UNDERSCORES SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HOTEL INDUSTRY

Underscoring the significant economic impact and strong growth of the hotel industry, a new study released September 9, 2019, finds that hotels support more than 1 in 25 American jobs—8.3 million in total—and contribute nearly \$660 billion annually to U.S. GDP.

Conducted by Oxford Economics, the study was sponsored by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AHELF) and showcases the breadth and depth of the hotel industry and its value to the communities we serve. The study is part of AHLA's Dreams Happen Here campaign, which highlights the ways hotels power our economy, support our employees, grow and groom employees, and serve the world's travelers. The Oxford analysis includes a breakdown of the industry's economic impact in every state and congressional district in America. View the report and additional information here.

This report builds on the dynamic growth the hotel industry has seen in the last decade. Hotel industry sales have increased 43.5 percent since 2010, with 1.3 billion guests staying in American hotels last year. As the industry attracts more guests, employment has expanded to new highs, reaching 2.3 million hotel jobs directly on property—a gain of more than 160,000 hotel jobs since 2015. The total number of U.S. jobs supported by the hotel industry has increased by 1.1 million since 2015.

ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS FROM THE RESEARCH INCLUDE:

- Hotels support a total of \$395 billion in wages, salaries and other compensation, both directly at our properties and in the communities we serve.
- A representative hotel with 100 occupied rooms supports more than 240 local jobs and generates \$18.4 million in guest spending.
- For every \$100 hotel guests spend on lodging, another \$222 is spent at the destination—totaling \$278 billion per year spent on transportation, dining, shopping, etc. at U.S. businesses during stays.
- Hotels generate \$186 billion that goes back to communities through local, state and federal taxes.

“Hotels are an industry of opportunity, and we are proud to make dreams come true every day for the millions of guests we serve, and the 8.3 million people whose jobs we support,” said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of AHLA. “We are at a critical moment for our industry. Demand for hotels has never been higher, but we are also facing the tightest labor market in a generation.”

U.S. Department of Labor figures show there are nearly one million job vacancies in the hospitality sector.

GSA Releases FY2020 Per Diem Rates

The General Services Administration (GSA) has announced the lodging per diem rate for fiscal year 2020 slightly increased from 2019 for the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County. There was no change to the amount for meals and incidental expenses.

The federal per diem rates for FY 2020 went into effect October 1, 2019. For Sacramento, the lodging rate (excluding taxes) is \$140. The daily meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) for FY 2020 remain unchanged at \$66.



Hotel Profile

The Westin Sacramento

INTERNATIONAL HOUSEKEEPERS WEEK CELEBRATION

The Westin Sacramento celebrated International Housekeepers Week (IHW), September 8-14, 2019. The staff at The Westin Sacramento recognized and thanked their team members for their work while enjoying a series of fun activities.

Held every year during the second full week of September, International Housekeepers Week (IHW) is a week dedicated to recognizing the efforts of hard-working custodial staff members. The true heroes of any lodging operation, cleaning employees have one of the toughest jobs in a property, but also one of the most important.

Today, IHW is celebrated globally in thousands of lodging properties.



CH&LA Lodging Industry Legislative Action Summit – March 24, 2020

The California Hotel & Lodging Association (CH&LA), along with its partners, will host the 19th Annual CH&LA Lodging Industry Legislative Action Summit on March 24, 2020, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento. The Summit is an opportunity to gain information about legislative processes in Sacramento, what critical legislative issues the lodging industry is facing and how delegates are influencing important legislative proposals.

This CH&LA summit offers insights into the current legislative issues and access to California's political leaders. Mark your calendars!



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Ban on Single-use Plastic Bottles Used for Personal Care Products

LAW GOES INTO EFFECT IN 2023 AND 2024

In early October 2019, Gov. Newsom signed into law AB 1162, which bans single-use plastic bottles used for personal care products and imposes fines for noncompliance. The bill, which takes effect in 2023, will apply to lodging properties with more than 50 guest rooms. Properties with fewer than 50 guest rooms must discontinue the use of the small plastic bottles by 2024.

In the new law, the definition of a “small plastic bottle” means a plastic bottle or container with less than a six-ounce capacity that is intended to be nonreusable by the end user.

If a lodging property does not comply with the ban, its owners and operators could be subject to monetary fines. On the first violation, a written warning will be given along with a \$500 fine for each day the lodging property is in violation. Any second or subsequent violations would result in a \$2,000 fine.

Many of the major hotel brands have already taken steps—or are planning—to replace the individual soap, shampoo and conditioner bottles with bulk dispensers in their showers.

This new legislation comes at a time when many cities and companies are moving to ban single-use plastics such as grocery bags, straws and water bottles.

In related actions, a number of hotels are increasing the number of water stations in key public spaces at hotels for guests who wish to refill reusable water bottles. For meetings and events, hotels plan to serve water in carafes or other containers, with bottled water available upon request.



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People Column



Mo Abou has joined the **Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena** as assistant general manager. His most recent roles have been working as a task force manager covering food and beverage operations at the Embassy Suites Monterey Bay and Hilton Long Beach. Abou began his hospitality career in Rome, Italy, 30 years ago. He moved to the United States in 2000 where he started as a restaurant server and quickly advanced in his career in all aspects of operations through positions with Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt and IHG. Abou loves to travel and has visited more than 30 different countries and cities...still 30 more to go. During his free time, he enjoys fine food and wine.

Sacramento Tourism Marketing District (STMD)

COMMITTEE LEADERS ELECTED AND NEW APPOINTMENT MADE

David Huber, CHA, general manager at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast, was elected Chair of the Sacramento Tourism Marketing District (STMD) Committee by Committee members in July 2019.

Elected as Vice Chair of the STMD Committee was Nikki Carlson, general manager at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel.

In June 2019, the SHA Board of Directors appointed Barry Miller, general manager at the Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena, to complete an unexpired STMD Committee member term through 2021.

The current STMD Committee members, by geographic zone, include:

ZONE 1

Nikki Carlson, *General Manager, Kimpton Sawyer Hotel*

Barry Miller, *General Manager, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena*

Scott Vandenberg, *General Manager, Hyatt Regency Sacramento*

ZONE 2

Royce Pollard, *General Manager, DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento*

Sami Qureshi, *General Manager, Hilton Sacramento Arden West*

ZONE 3

Steve Young, *Director of Operations, Geweke Hospitality*

ZONE 4

David Huber, *CHA, General Manager, Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast*

The Sacramento Tourism Marketing District was established to provide additional funding to increase the level of sales and marketing activity as it relates to Sacramento as a tourism, meeting and event destination. The funding, raised by the industry, is directed by the industry. The funds flow directly into sales and marketing activities that are reviewed and monitored by a Tourism District Committee of industry peers—hotel managers appointed by the Sacramento Hotel Association Board of Directors.

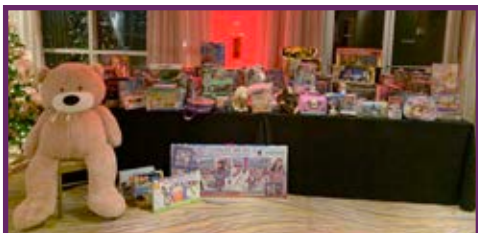
In the Spirit of the Season

TOYS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Generous members helped brighten the season for local children by donating toys in conjunction with SHA's annual holiday reception.

For the 12th consecutive year, members donated an array of toys and gifts for the Operation Cratchit gift room, a project of the Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center in North Sacramento.

SHA members gathered December 9 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento for the holiday reception. Special thanks to our Hyatt Regency hosts for a festive evening of industry friendship along with tasty treats at this annual event.



SHA members donate an array of toys and gifts for Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center in North Sacramento at the December 2019 Holiday Reception at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. The Center's Executive Director Julie Rhoten (R) and Board of Trustee's 1st Vice President Jackie Garman join SHA members at the Holiday Reception.

23rd Annual Hospitality Classic

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Cheerful teams of golfers and generous sponsors came together on October 14 for the 23rd annual Sacramento Hospitality Classic at Valley Hi Country Club. Hospitality leaders, colleagues, clients and vendors enjoyed a fabulous event.

Special thanks to City of Sacramento Treasurer John Colville and Deputy Chief Ken Bernard, from the Sacramento Police Department, for joining us at this year's tournament.

The annual Sacramento Hospitality Classic golf tournament is sponsored by the Sacramento Hotel Association to raise funds for its scholarship program for college/university students. SHA was fortunate to have a number of sponsors supporting the various components of this year's event—their contributions are a key factor in the success of the Sacramento Hospitality Classic (see sponsor list).

"The best food at any golf tournament" is how participants continue to describe the Classic's flavorful fare at the awards reception. An array of savory and sweet treats delighted hungry golfers and sponsors after the tournament. Chefs and culinary teams from DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento, Embassy Suites Sacramento, Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena, Hyatt Regency Sacramento, McClellan Hospitality/The O'Club Events Center and Sheraton Grand Hotel presented the awards reception.

As the score cards were being tallied, participants pulled out their tickets and got ready to win donated prizes—gift baskets, hotel stays, golf bags, dinner certificates and more.

Congratulations to our tournament winners. The winning team members received golf art gifts from the J. Fitzpatrick Collection.



FIRST PLACE

Team: Kimpton Sawyer Hotel

Gavin Hamano
Marshal Ranger
Claire Kapp
Rachel Brown

SECOND PLACE

Team: Embassy Suites Sacramento

Clay Purcell
Vishwa Nand
Darryl Smalley
Jack Pfau

THIRD PLACE

Team: GES – Global Experience Specialists, Inc.

George Nyberg
Brad Walker
John Glaeser
Matt Campbell

LONG DRIVE

Women – Tyra Jarvis
Men – Joby Ralston

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN

Women – Rachel Brown
Men – Donald Konomos

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DONATIONS

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Kimpton Sawyer Hotel
Longest Drive – Men's
Yellow Cab Company of Sacramento
Longest Drive – Women's
California State Railroad Museum Foundation
Hole Flags
Residence Inn Downtown at Capitol Park
Beverage Carts
Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena
Prestige Cleaners

HOLE SPONSORS

AVMS
Downtown Commons (DOCO)
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23RD ANNUAL HOSPITALITY CLASSIC

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RECEPTION SPONSORS

Special thanks to our Awards Reception hosts.

DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento

Embassy Suites Sacramento

Hilton Sacramento Arden West

Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

McClellan Hospitality/The O'Club Events Center

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

PRIZE SPONSORS

Courtyard Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo

DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento

Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront

(two prizes)

Hyatt Regency Sacramento (multiple prizes)

Kimpton Sawyer Hotel (multiple prizes)

Prestige Cleaners (two prizes)

Residence Inn Downtown at Capitol Park

Sacramento Convention Center Complex

Sheraton Grand Hotel

Valley Hi Country Club

Visit Sacramento

Yellow Cab Company of Sacramento

(multiple prizes)



The GES-sponsored team takes home third-place honors (L to R) George Nyberg, Matt Campbell, Brad Walker and John Glaeser.



Representatives from Republic Services and AVMS greet golfers with refreshments and snacks.



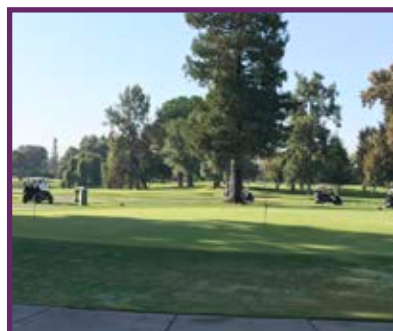
The group from the Kimpton Sawyer garners first place while being cheered on by Hotel General Manager Nikki Carlson (center); the golfers include (L to R) Gavin Hamano, Claire Kapp, Rachel Brown and Marshal Ranger.



Special thanks to the reception sponsors for the fabulous food at the Awards Reception.



Second-place honors go to the Embassy Suites group (L to R) Darryl Smalley, Clay Purcell, Vishwa Nand and Jake Pfau.



A beautiful autumn day for a golf tournament!



13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

The Hospitality Industry Helping in the Community

13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Enthusiastic volunteers from 17 member hotels and four vendor companies collaborated for a day of improvements, donations and community beautification during the 13th annual SHA Community Service Project held Saturday, September 7.

More than 240 volunteers completed a variety of outdoor and indoor tasks within the Meadowview neighborhood. Volunteers offered a helping hand in landscape work, facility cleaning, painting, donation sorting and more. Volunteers also created original greeting cards that were given to Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center. These cards will brighten the days of the center's patients. Volunteers graciously donated new backpacks and school supplies, which will be distributed to students for the school year by the ReIMAGINE Mack Road Foundation.

Locations where volunteers completed services projects include the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center, the community garden, ACC Senior Services/Meals on Wheels, ARI Community Services/Asian Resources, Inc., Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC), Developmental Disabilities Service Organization (DDSO), Fern Bacon Elementary/City Year, John Bidwell Elementary, John D. Sloat Elementary, John Still School, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California/Saybrook Apartment Complex, Mack Road Valley Hi Community Center and ReIMAGINE Mack Road Foundation, Mercy Housing/Kennedy Estates, Sacramento Children's Home/Meadowview Family Resource Center, two Sacramento Public Libraries/Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library Branch and Southgate Library Branch, The Salvation Army Del Oro Division and the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership/Food Closet.

On Saturday morning, volunteers started at the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center. Hot coffee and chilled juices were provided by Hilton Sacramento Arden West, and breakfast burritos were provided by The Citizen Hotel and Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown-Arena. SHA Board President Shelly Moranville welcomed volunteers and thanked them for their participation in the project as they assembled for a service-filled day.

Special thank you to Steve Johnson, program supervisor at the Sam and Bonnie



Pannell Community Center, and the Center staff for providing our assembly site this year. They also hosted our pre-event planning meetings and kindly served as our host location for event staging and meal functions.

Project coordinators from the City of Sacramento and participating organizations also joined the Sacramento Hotel



Association for a successful day of service. We appreciate the continued collaboration with the City of Sacramento to plan and implement SHA's annual community service project. Sincere appreciation to several key project leaders: Mary Lynn Perry, volunteer engagement specialist for the City of Sacramento; Richard Perez, program coordinator at the Parks & Recreation Department; and Bill Maynard, the City's community gardens champion.

Participating volunteers sported purple t-shirts this year as they deployed to their project sites. Shirts were sponsored by SHA and Visit Sacramento and showcased all the team logos on the backs of the shirts.

Another special thank you to all the team leaders for their time and energy in attending planning meetings, recruiting volunteers, organizing donated items and coordinating teams and tasks onsite.

Courtyard Marriott Midtown, Crowne Plaza, Larkspur Landing, Residence Inn Downtown, Thunder Valley Casino Resort and The Westin Sacramento provided snacks for the teams of volunteers and the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova supplied waters and sodas throughout the day.

After a morning of fulfilling community service work, volunteers reassembled at the Community Center to celebrate the contributions they provided to the community with a picnic lunch. Picnic lunch food was provided by the DoubleTree Hotel, Hyatt Regency, Kimpton Sawyer and Sheraton Grand. An additional thank-you to the Embassy Suites for paper and plastic ware for the picnic, and Courtyard Marriott Cal Expo and Fairfield Inn Cal Expo for providing table linens.

During the celebratory picnic lunch, City Councilmember Larry Carr thanked volunteers for assisting in the Meadowview community. During his remarks, he updated volunteers about activities in District 8.

Activities continued after the picnic lunch including a raffle drawing for donated prizes, gift baskets and gift certificates. Each volunteer received a complimentary raffle ticket. Fun trophies were presented in several categories such as "Most Enthusiastic," "Break Champion," "Most Entertaining," "Best Dressed" and "Dirtiest Shirt." Thank you to the Embassy Suites for its sustaining sponsorship of these fun trophies.

The City of Sacramento Volunteer Program provided each volunteer with a logo-imprinted water bottle as a compliment for their efforts.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and participation, the 13th Annual Community Service Project was a tremendous success for all those involved. Please consider joining us in this community improvement effort next year!

HATS OFF TO OUR HARDWORKING TEAMS

AVMS

California Hotel & Lodging Association
California State Railroad Museum Foundation
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Residence Inn Downtown at Capitol Park
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Thunder Valley Casino Resort
The Westin Sacramento

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PROJECT PARTNERS

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SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES

Southgate Library

Heather Harrison, Library Supervisor

Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

John Esquivel, Library Supervisor

THE SALVATION ARMY DEL ORO DIVISION

Salvation Army Citadell/Oak Park

Annie Duesbury

Center of Hope Shelter

Brenda Taylor

SOUTH SACRAMENTO INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET

Lori Sugar, Food Closet Manager

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS

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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY HELPING IN THE COMMUNITY

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“The Embassy Suites Team killed it at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Green Haven Library!!!!!!!!!!!! They had wonderful attitudes, functioned very well as a team, and were very professional. Also, just great people to talk with. Our staff LOVED having them here! A big THANK YOU from the library! Thanks Embassy Suites Team.”

~John Esquivel, Library Supervisor, Sacramento Public Library – Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven

“Thank you! The volunteers (Thunder Valley Casino Resort team)

were amazing and fun! We appreciate you and so does our Community!”

~Ian Levin, Community Center Program Coordinator, Mack Road Partnership/ReIMAGINE Mack Road Foundation

“My group (California State Railroad Museum Foundation team) was

fabulous! This was a great experience.”

~Pamela O'Brien, Family Resource Center Coordinator, Meadowview Family Resource Center (Sacramento Children's Home)

“On behalf of City Year Sacramento and Fern Bacon Middle School, I wanted to extend a huge thank-you. The Hotel Association volunteers from DoubleTree made a great impact on campus and were a blast to work with on the project. I hope that there will be more opportunities for collaboration in the future!”

~Joseph Matty, Impact Manager, Fern Bacon Middle School

“The work of your volunteers (Sheraton Grand team) was VERY much appreciated!”

~Angela Novotny, Principal, John D. Sloat Elementary School

“It was an honor for CHOC to host SacVolunteers - City of Sacramento Volunteer Program/Sacramento Hotel Association's 13th Annual Community Service Day on Saturday 07SEP at #CHOCAuberryPark in #Sacramento. #CHOCHousing and our Auberry Park residents remain grateful and thankful for this much-needed grounds assistance, also extending our thanks to SHA Executive Director Teresa Stephenson and her amazing team.”

~Facebook Posting from Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC)

