



2006 Service Award Recipients

First District

Planned Parenthood

Our mission is to actively promote family planning and healthy, responsible reproductive and sexual behavior through the provision of high-quality, comprehensive, educational, counseling, medical, and referral services. We support the availability of these services, particularly to individuals whose access to other sources of help is limited. We promote public understanding, acceptance and support for reproductive choice and family planning services. We also promote public understanding of global problems that stem from population pressures and encourage support of programs working toward solutions to these problems.

Second District

Girls, Inc.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara celebrates 46 years as an affiliate of a 140 year old national non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Through educational, research-based programs, activities and advocacy, Girls Incorporated offers girls ages 5 to 18 years with opportunities to experience success as they prepare to lead independent and fulfilling lives. Girls Incorporated is a vigorous advocate for all girls and recognizes that girls today continue to experience the impact of past and continuing discrimination on the basis of gender. Because gender biases continue to play a pivotal role in shaping girls' opportunities and expectations, it is necessary to provide girls with activities that break traditional patterns, foster leadership, and build self-confidence. Girls Incorporated strongly believes that the special needs of girls can be most effectively addressed in an all-girl environment in which girls are encouraged take risks, acquire skills, gain confidence, become self-reliant, and practice leadership. At Girls Incorporated, every girl has the right to be herself and resist gender stereotypes; to express herself with originality and enthusiasm; to take risks, strive freely, and take pride in success; to accept and appreciate her body; to prepare for interesting work and economic independence; and every girl is valued for who she is. Girls Incorporated encourages girls to actively explore the world around them, find their own voices, and strive to be responsible, confident and independent young women. At the heart of Girls Incorporated is our mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

Third District

M.U.J.E.R.

As a subcommittee of El Congreso, MUJER (Mujeres Unidas por Justicia, Educación y Revolución) provides a support group and political action student organization that provides support and advocacy for Chicana/Latina students at UCSB. MUJER promotes cultural and gender awareness both on campus and in the community while also creating an atmosphere that is safe and supportive, which allows for personal growth and inner strength.



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Fourth District ***P.E.O. Sisterhood***

P.E.O. was founded on January 21, 1869, by seven students on the campus of Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Originally a small college society, P.E.O. soon chose to expand off campus. Today, P.E.O. has grown from that tiny membership of seven to more than a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. Friendship is the cornerstone the Founders laid for our unique Sisterhood, and P.E.O. continues to be a source of encouragement and support for women to realize their potential in whatever worthwhile endeavor they choose. From its inception, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has taken an active role in the promotion of educational opportunities for women. Today, education continues to be the primary philanthropy of P.E.O., as evidenced by the promotion of five international projects designed to assist women. Grant, loan, and award recipients, as well as Cottey College students, need not be members of P.E.O. With the exception of international students who receive International Peace Scholarships, each recipient is sponsored by a P.E.O. chapter, thus enabling members to be meaningfully woven into the lives of the students they are helping. Nearly 70,000 women have benefited from the organization's educational projects. To date, P.E.O. has awarded Educational Loan Fund dollars totaling more than \$95 million, International Peace Scholarships exceeding \$17 million, Program for Continuing Education grants topping \$23 million and Scholar Awards in excess of \$7 million. In addition, more than 7,500 women have graduated from Cottey College.

Fifth District ***Women's Economic Ventures***

Women's Economic Ventures (WEV, pronounced "weave") is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to helping women become economically self-sufficient through entrepreneurship and career development. WEV provides opportunities for entrepreneurs in the areas of training, access to capital & business services. Journey through our 14-week Self Employment Training course and learn how to write a business plan to start, operate and expand your business. View our Business Tools for online support or Become a Member of our networking organization to meet other small business owners in your area. Shop WEV Businesses and support local entrepreneurs. For start-up or expanding businesses, WEV offers Business Loans to local entrepreneurs as well as Business Services to meet their ongoing needs.