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Molina Healthcare's 2019 Community Champions Award Recognizes "Unsung" Oak Park Hero

Grant awarded to Oak Park resident to benefit NeighborWorks' Community Programming on Sept. 14 at Oak Park Farmers Market

SACRAMENTO, CA (Sep. 11, 2019) – On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, Joany Titherington, of NeighborWorks Sacramento, was recognized as a Community Champion by Molina Healthcare of California for her outstanding work managing NeighborWorks Sacramento's Oak Park Farmers Market and the Farmers Market at U.C. Davis Health, which provides families and individuals in the Sacramento community with access to healthy foods.

The Community Champions Awards Dinner, held at the Sacramento Hilton on Wednesday evening, celebrated local "unsung heroes" who go above and beyond to improve the lives of people in need. At the awards dinner, Joany, nominated by Senator Richard Pan, was presented a \$3,000 grant, which she chose to donate to NeighborWorks Sacramento's Oak Park Farmers Market.

"I am honored to be nominated by Sen. Pan and be recognized as a Community Champion," said Joany Titherington, manager of the Oak Park Farmers Market and Farmers Market at U.C. Davis Health. "It's been a concerted effort to provide underserved families with access to healthy foods and nutritional education. The \$3,000 grant award from Molina will help us further engage families in our communities – and get their kids in the kitchen!"

The grant award will be used to support NeighborWorks' "Kids in the Kitchen: Cooking Competition" on Saturday September 14, which pairs children and chefs from our community to compete in a team cooking competition, utilizing healthy food from the Oak Park Farmers Market.

"We were thrilled to honor Joany Titherington as one of our Community Champions this year after learning about her incredible work from Senator Richard Pan," said John Kotal, president of Molina Healthcare of California. "Joany's success creating a local farmers market provides people with access to nutritious foods that they wouldn't have

otherwise, and as a result, is strengthening the community as a whole. We look forward to seeing how Joany uses her Community Champions grant to continue improving the health and well-being of others.”

NeighborWorks Sacramento’s 2nd Annual “Kids in the Kitchen: Cooking Competition” will take place on Saturday, September 14 at the Oak Park Farmers Market at McClatchy Park. “Kids in the Kitchen” helps introduce kids to local produce and foods, empowers them to get hands-on in the kitchen, and shows families how to incorporate healthy local foods into their diets.

About NeighborWorks Sacramento

NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region has been serving people in the community and neighborhoods of Sacramento City and County since 1987. A not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, NeighborWorks® Sacramento’s mission is to provide opportunities for successful homeownership and strong communities through quality education, affordable lending, supportive partnerships and dedicated leadership. For more information, visit www.nwsac.org

About Molina Healthcare of California

Molina Healthcare of California has been providing government-funded care for low-income individuals for over 35 years. Molina’s mission has always been to provide quality health care to people receiving government assistance. As of June 30, 2019, the company serves approximately 590,000 members through Medi-Cal, Medicare, Medicare-Medicaid (Duals) and Covered California (Marketplace). Molina’s service areas include Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Orange County and Imperial counties. For more information, visit MolinaHealthcare.com and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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