

STAFF REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
November 13, 2012

ITEM FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Presentation of the City's Fall 2012 Outstanding Community Partner award to Peoples' Self Help Housing (PSHH).

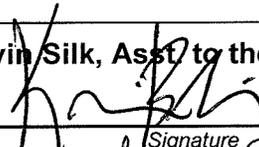
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City Manager



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Action Item ; Non-Action Item

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I. BACKGROUND:

From 1997 to 2012 the City of Carpinteria recognized 43 businesses in the community as Outstanding Business Partner Award Winners. The Business Partner program has evolved and is now the Outstanding Community Partner program, which can include businesses, non-government organizations, or individuals making contributions to the Carpinteria community.

Fall 2012 Outstanding Community Partner Award Recipient--Peoples' Self Help Housing (PSHH)

Peoples' Self Help Housing (PSHH) is a private, non-profit organization that develops affordable housing and provides a variety of programs on the central coast to low-income families and individuals, seniors and special needs groups that lead to self sufficiency and improve skills and education levels.

According to Peoples' Self Help Executive Director Jeanette Duncan, PSHH has worked in partnership with the City of Carpinteria for approximately 20 years regarding local housing needs. PSHH, along with affiliate non-profit The Duncan Group, is currently involved with three affordable housing sites in Carpinteria; Dahlia Court Phase I and II (55 current units and 33 under construction) Casas de las Flores (aka Carpinteria Camper Park approved for 43 units) and the existing 28 unit Chapel Court affordable housing units.

In addition to providing the Carpinteria community with affordable housing, PSHH provides various services for both adults and children. In fact, approximately 100 children and families receive services from programs at all three PSHH housing locations in Carpinteria. The programs include:

- An after school homework program
- Academic enrichment activities
- A supportive housing program led by master level therapists that are bi-lingual and bi-cultural
- Individual and family counseling
- Assistance with family budgeting
- Counseling related to financial hardships

PSHH also works with many community and area organizations in providing their services, including; Belles Artes, UCSB Arts and Lectures, Cate School, Westmont College, Carpinteria Community Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, and other local churches.

The City is fortunate to have such a valuable community partner like Peoples' Self-Help Housing, providing affordable housing and family services in Carpinteria that support the Carpinteria economy and community. The City congratulates Peoples' Self Help Housing as the City's Fall 2012 Outstanding Community Partner.

II. PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

Jeanette Duncan, Executive Director, Peoples' Self Help Housing