



Meichelle Arntz, Director & Founder and **Michele White**, Event Co-Chair

Angels Foster Care of Santa Barbara

Al Fresco Afternoon on the Riviera

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SET IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS of the Four Seasons Biltmore Santa Barbara, Angels Foster Care of Santa Barbara recently hosted an *Al Fresco Afternoon on the Riviera* to raise funds and awareness about the need for homes for infants and toddlers in the community.

“We rescue abused, abandoned, and neglected infants and toddlers in our community, placing them in specially trained Angels families,” shared Meichelle Arntz, Director and Founder of Angels Foster Care of Santa Barbara.

Angels have placed 128 babies in local homes. On average, Angels shepherd 47 babies and toddlers per year.



Karen Chin, **Karen Earp**, GM Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore SB; and **Laura Dinning**



Susan Henry, **Sheela Hunt**, and **Fiona Stone**

Honored as “Volunteers of the Year” were Frankie and Angel Martinez, CEO of Deckers Outdoor Corp., who have provided respite care and emergency shelter to five foster babies during the past few years, and compassionate work with their biological parents, in an effort to support family reunification. The Martinez

have been Angels parents, volunteers, and donors since the organization’s beginning in 2006.

“As a respite care provider and volunteer for Angels Foster Care, I have had opportunities to see sick or mistreated babies flourish under the care of loving foster families,” noted Frankie Martinez.

Montecito Bank & Trust was recognized as Corporation of the Year for their contributions to the organization.

“Montecito Bank and Trust has given to Angels through their employee give back program and through Community Dividends for the past five years,” offered Arntz.

The beautiful spring afternoon gathered over 200 women and men donning an array of fun and colorful hats for a luncheon served “Al Fresco.”

The festivities included an Angels Marketplace and a fashion show. The event raised \$35,000.

“The support of the women who came was heartwarming,” shared Arntz. “So many caring ladies. I loved talking with them one-on-one after the event and hearing from so many that they want to get involved.”

For more info visit www.angelsb.com



Angel and Frankie Martinez, Volunteers of the Year



Holly Murphy, Event Co-Chair (Coast 2 Coast Collection); **Elen Thompson** of Vietri; **Janet Garufis**, Montecito Bank & Trust (Corporation of the Year); and **Bob Murphy** (Coast 2 Coast Collection)



Kristi Parrish, **Brittany Stapelmann**, **Suzy Ealand**, **Diana Seyffer**, **Emily Johnson**, **Alexa Avila**, **Tricia Pennestri**, **Jill Marie Carré**, and **Kathleen Cooper**

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