



July Hero Profile 2018

Children's Bill of Rights #7: As the children and youth of San Luis Obispo County, may we each learn and master ideas and skills in and out of school that inspire us, help us understand and be ready for our place in the world.

JULY'S HERO
Linda Rawlings

PASSION
Supporting underserved children and families

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE LINDA
Selfless

NOMINATED BY
San Luis Obispo Children's Museum



Linda Rawlings is a champion for children, donating her time and financial resources to help provide enriching and nurturing learning environments for our youngest population.

Linda has worked closely for over a decade with the SLO Children's Museum as a volunteer, committee leader, board member and board President. She currently serves on the Exhibits Committee, sharing her vision and bringing to life special spaces where children can expand their creativity, imagination and education. Linda was instrumental in the Museum's capital campaign, which raised more than \$5 million toward a new building, exhibits and operations. She also championed the launch of the Museum's Moonlight Hours program, which extends access on a free evening once a month for all visitors, including families who would otherwise not be able to visit.

In addition to her work with the SLO Children's Museum, Linda is actively involved with the new 40 Prado project, a multiservice center dedicated to helping people living with homelessness, many of whom are children. She serves as a bridge between the Museum and the homeless services programs, distributing admission passes to families so that the

most underserved children have the opportunity to experience valuable learning through play. As if this doesn't keep her busy enough, for the last decade Linda has also volunteered with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), where she is currently handling the agency's community outreach.

Husband Roy Rawlings is a fierce ally in all of Linda's care-filled quests. Together, friends say, the two have poured themselves into the community in ways that are deeply meaningful. This dynamic duo could be doing many things in retirement— but they choose to channel their energy and passion into making a difference— especially for the most vulnerable among us.

**Thank you, Linda.
You are a true Hands-On Hero.**

Look for more on all of our Hands-On Heroes on COE-TV channel 19!



Hands-On Heroes is a special recognition of dedicated individuals who believe in and support the Children's Bill of Rights, an achievable vision that our children grow up with healthy minds, bodies and spirits that enable them to maximize their potential. This program is coordinated by First 5 San Luis Obispo County in collaboration with local organizations that make a difference in the lives of children in our community. To find out more about First 5 and the Children's Bill of Rights, please visit first5slo.org.

