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2018
Lifetime Achievement
Ed & Patty McGrew
Phanitropists of the Year
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Spirit of Philanthropy
(Volunteer of the Year)
Donna Grizzle
Philanthropic Corporation of the Year
El Toro Export, LLC
Distinguished Philanthropists
Maria de Lourdes “Lulu” Castro
Shelvie & Ann Crittendon
John & Cathy Kennerson
Distinguished Volunteers
Cliff Caldwell
Barbara Deol
Adrienne Dymond
Paul & Kim Hamby
Sheriann Hess
Abraham Rubalcava
Robert Trimm

2017
Lifetime Achievement
George & Audrey McFaddin
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Jimmy Abatti & Deborah Owen
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Bill Gates
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Alliance Healthcare Foundation
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Nancy Sasaki
Distinguished Volunteers
Gene Bumbera
Marselle Cooke
Jesus Escobar
Lucy Hendry
Jaime Honold
Judith Lowe
Ed Snively
Tom Topuzes

2016
Lifetime Achievement
Ben & Loretta Abatti
Phanitropists of the Year
Bob & Carol Wilson

2015
Lifetime Achievement
Dennis Kern
Phanitropist of the Year
Edward "Jiggs" Johnson
Spirit of Philanthropy
(Volunteer of the Year)
Mary Sue Shank
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Alford Distributing
Distinguished Philanthropists
Paul & Debbie Cameron
Bill Gates
Kevin & Kim Grizzle
George Martin
Sadie Rubin
Al & Alma Vinson
Distinguished Volunteers
James & Stacy Arthur
Bob Barros
Silvestre Benitez
Stacie Chandler
Rosa Caro
Martin Fitzurka
Richard Fragale
Timothy E. Kelley
Molly Johnson
Pam Litrell
Martha Luna
Betty Predmore
Roland Fritchard

2014
Lifetime Achievement
Jack & Joan Tyler
Phanitropist of the Year
Betty Young

2013
Lifetime Achievement
Norman A. Lassey
Distinguished Philanthropists
Don Brock
Debbie Cameron
Phil & Elise Heald
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Charlene Marriner
Joe Montenegro
James Roach, MD
Ron & Linda Rubin
Southern California Gas Company
Jack & Joan Tyler
Distinguished Volunteers
Bob Barros
Marselle Cooke
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2019 NPD® HONOREES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
Elise & Phil Heald

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR
Dr. George Fareed

SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY
(VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)
Mary Miller

PHILANTHROPIC CORPORATION OF THE YEAR
Vessey & Co.

SPECIAL NONPROFIT ACHIEVEMENT
(ORGANIZATION OF IMPACT)
Imperial Valley Food Bank

DISTINGUISHED PHILANTHROPISTS
Dr. George Fareed
Kim & Kevin Grizzle
Lisa & Justin Lofton
Mary Sue & Bob Shank

DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEERS
Ross Daniels
Leticia Garcia
Carla Kuhns
Ellie Kussman
Mary Miller
Lisa Chapin Winkler
Schedule of Events

WELCOME
Anne Irigoyen, Master of Ceremonies
Vice-Chair, Imperial Valley Community Foundation

INVOCATION
Pastor Rubén Quintero
Imperial Valley Vineyard

LUNCH

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Andy Carey, Executive Director
U.S. - Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership

AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Distinguished Volunteer
Distinguished Philanthropist
Special Nonprofit Achievement (Organization of Impact)
Philanthropic Corporation of the Year
Spirit of Philanthropy (Volunteer of the Year)
Philanthropist of the Year
Lifetime Achievement

CLOSING

“Do what you can to show you care about other people,
and you will make our world a better place.”
- Rosalynn Carter
Andy Carey
Executive Director
US - Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership

Andy Carey was named Executive Director of the US - Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership (BPP) in September 2008. The BPP is a binational membership organization that strengthens individuals and institutions that serve border communities so that they can achieve their individual missions in the region. BPP works to grow community philanthropy, leadership and cross-border collaboration in order to increase the human and financial capital needed to address the complex issues facing the region. Since 2008, the BPP has grown to nearly 300 institutional members from across the U.S. and Mexico, training hundreds of civic leaders and dispersing over $150,000 in technical assistance. Additionally, BPP has engaged numerous national and international agencies to educate them about the actual realities and assets of the border region.

Andy also serves as Adjunct Faculty member in the University of San Diego’s School on Leadership and Education Sciences, where he teaches a graduate level course in binational nonprofit management. Prior to joining the BPP, Andy served for 15 years at Kiwanis International. Andy served as a member of the Executive Management Team, and was responsible for leading growth initiatives throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the South Pacific and led Kiwanis’ Worldwide Service Project initiative in Latin America to virtually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders. He completed his baccalaureate degree in Political Science and Foreign Language, and his master’s degree in Latin American Studies at Purdue University. Andy is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

In his community, Andy was appointed Commissioner of the Independent Districting Commission to form electoral districts to elect City Council representatives in Escondido, CA. Andy also serves on the advisory board of St. Mary Catholic School.

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Since the early 1900’s when Elton Vessey first moved to California from Wisconsin, and later settled in the Imperial Valley in the 1920’s, the Vessey family and Vessey & Company, Inc. have been engaged as leaders and supporters of their industry and community.

Now being led by Jon “Jack” Jackson Vessey, the company is in its 4th generation of existence, and the core values and operations of Vessey & Co. are thriving.

Jack Vessey credits his late father, Jon, as a very giving man who supported many things in the community, but did not focus his giving solely on Holtville where the company is headquartered. It remains important to the family-led company to support the entire Imperial Valley, and they have done a tremendous job supporting many organizations across the Valley for a long-time.

Beneficiaries of Vessey & Co. include, but are not limited to: Boys & Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley, El Centro Regional Medical Center Foundation, Holtville Athletic Club, Holtville Rotary Club, Holtville Take Down Club, Little League, Holtville High School, FFA, Imperial County 4-H groups, Imperial Valley Community Foundation, Halos & Tiaras Foundation, Labor of Love, and many more.

In addition to their community philanthropy, Vessey & Co. makes great efforts to give large credit for their success to their employees. Vessey & Co. strives to create a true team atmosphere, and they enjoy recognizing and giving thanks to their employees. Many Vessey & Co. employees have long-tenures with the company, and it is largely due to the company’s sincere care and interest in their employees’ well-being and happiness.

Vessey & Co. also has a culture of leadership and service. Something that the company leadership and all employees take great pride and joy in providing.

Jack Vessey is a Past President of the Holtville Rotary Club, El Centro Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association. He currently serves on the boards of the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement and the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association. And, he is the 3rd generation of the Vessey family to sit on the board of the Western Growers Association.

Jon Vessey was recognized by the University of Arizona’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a Lifetime Achievement Award, and also received the WGA Award of Honor in 2013. He was also a Past President of the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association and served on the board of Buy California. In 2010, Jon Vessey was presented with the 24 Karat Gold Award by the Holtville Chamber of Commerce.

In 2017, Vessey & Co. was recognized by the Imperial Valley Press at their Readers’ Choice Awards Gala with the Legacy Award in recognition of their commitment, passion, and community service.

We are grateful and proud to recognize Vessey & Co. as the 2019 Philanthropic Corporation of the Year.
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Paul & Debbie Cameron

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Mary Miller has been actively involved in volunteer work her entire life. At a young age, she became a Girl Scout Troop Leader for both of her daughters’ troops, and then Leader and Treasurer of her granddaughter’s Troop. She is currently serving as the President of the Pioneers Memorial Hospital Foundation and is chairman of the Gala committee. The Gala drew over 400 guests and raised more than $34,000 this year for PMH’s new Catheterization Laboratory. She also currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Imperial Valley Housing Authority, and Treasurer of the Brawley Veteran’s Committee.

She has been a member of the Brawley Rotary Club for over 18 years and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. Mary was awarded with the Brawley Chamber of Commerce’s Branding Iron Award in 2013 in recognition for her years of outstanding community service and volunteer work. She is the owner of Superior Furniture in Brawley, which was previously located on Main Street in Brawley for over 60 years until it was destroyed by arson in 2012. Her building, including all of her inventory, burned to the ground. Instead of retiring, Mary found a new location in Brawley and rebuilt her business from scratch.

Mary is a life member and Past President of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and a life member and Past President of the Brawley Soroptimist Club. She was the Treasurer of the Brawley Merchants Committee, and Past President of the Sacred Heart School Board and Development Board. She has also served as Past Chairman of the Brawley Parks and Recreation Committee. Mary was tragically widowed at the young age of 25 and raised her two girls by herself. Mary embodies the strengths of perseverance, generosity and courage, the greatest of which is hope. She is a shining example of accomplishment to girls and women throughout the community, and a caring friend to all who meet her.

It is our honor to celebrate and recognize Mrs. Mary Miller as the recipient of the 2019 Spirit of Philanthropy (Volunteer of the Year) award.
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Dr. George Fareed graduated with honors from Harvard Medical School in 1970 and has been practicing medicine for 49 years. He spent the first 20 years after graduation researching and teaching at Harvard and UCLA. He was Assistant Professor at HMS from 1973-1976. He was Associate Professor at UCLA from 1976-1996. He received the Soma Weiss Award for his DNA research. He founded International Genetic Engineering, Inc. in 1980 and Advanced Antigens, Inc. in 1991, the same year he opened his medical practice in Brawley, CA. And, he was the US Davis Cup tennis team physician for 20 years and worked at 38 team matches and the US Olympics in Sydney in 2000.

In the memorable 1995 Davis Cup final against Russia in Moscow, he helped Pete Sampras bounce back from grueling leg cramps. He has been recognized for his many accomplishments including the 2004 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Achievement Award, honoring him for his professional successes and contributions to society; the F.M.K. Plessner Award from the California Medical Association as the rural California doctor of 2015; a Border Hero Award for his HIV care efforts presented at the 2008 International AIDS Conference in Mexico City; a recognition award from the Imperial County Board of Supervisors in 2015; and, in 2007 he was inducted into the Holtville High School Hall of Fame. He has authored a book on molecular biology of viruses and over 60 medical-science articles. He has served on the board of directors of the AIDS Research Alliance since 1997. And, in April 2019 he was selected by the Champion Provider Fellowship program to tackle the problem of obesity in California, chosen because of his commitment to improve the health of our local community.

Dr. Fareed’s current activities include adult medical clinics in Brawley and Calexico, and hospitalist work with Inpatient Care of Southern California for Pioneers Memorial Healthcare Center in Brawley. He has devoted himself to his many patients and in particular to working with high school athletes as team physician for Holtville, El Centro, and Imperial high schools, and is currently serving as the team physician for the Brawley Union High School football team. He often donates medical supplies and loans out therapy equipment to the athletes. While working in the heat with the athletes, he developed “Player's Drink” to combat dehydration and muscle fatigue. Dr. Fareed is so devoted to his patients, he has been known to make house calls to those who cannot make it to his office. He donates his time to conduct physical exams for high school athletes and recently traveled to Honduras and treated nearly 1,000 indigent patients.

Dr. Fareed has been a member of Brawley Rotary for 26 years, and was awarded “Rotarian of the Year” for the 2018-2019 Rotary Year. His hobbies include scuba diving, fly fishing, mountain biking, and kizomba dancing with his wife Martha. He recently hosted an art exhibition to showcase his mother’s, Martha Carr Fareed’s, beautiful paintings.

It is our distinct honor and privilege to recognize Dr. George Fareed as the 2019 Philanthropist of the Year.
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We are proud to support the Imperial Valley Community Foundation and our local communities.
Phil Heald gives major credit to his Grandfather Howard Meyer, who as a pioneer settler established his home-grown Imperial Hardware chain of stores in 1908. Through two World Wars, and during the Great Depression, Meyer and his company generously supported improved health care, education, churches and numerous other vital community causes. The spirit of giving back to community was ingrained in Meyer’s descendants who have grown up and remained in our Valley, including Phil’s cousin Mike Kearney, Phil’s second at Imperial Hardware and Manager of Meyer Foundation.

After Phil’s graduation from Central High in 1957, he entered Stanford University majored in History and Economics, and graduated in 1961. With a Cuban Crisis, and Vietnam, he joined the US Navy, serving as a Pacific Coast Line Officer, followed by assignment to Navy Memphis. Phil had met his future wife Elise in the San Francisco area while his ship was being re-fitted between missions. Unlike Phil’s life in a single Valley city, Elise and her parents moved frequently during her school years, as her father was a GE executive and in-company transfers were the norm. When they met, Elise had just graduated as a Liberal Arts major at Pomona College, and had begun graduate school at Cal Berkeley with a Public Health career in mind, a likely sign of her desire for community betterment. Six months later Phil received Orders for duty in Memphis and Elise and Phil re-programmed their lives and married prior to his scheduled move. After completion of Navy Memphis duty ended in 1965, they eschewed a naval career in favor of Phil’s home and planned career in California.

As a Valley family, the Healds have been active supporters of, as well as benefactors to, community needs and causes such as music, arts and cultural events. Adding to other duties at home and being mother to son Fred and daughter Amy, Elise in 1983 decided to "volunteer" to run for CUHS School Board Trustee, later realizing she needed to campaign for the job! She won, and served for nine years, during which she helped with planning of El Centro’s 2nd high school with its magnificent auditorium, while participating in the Board’s normal school business and educational decisions. Since Elise’s move to El Centro in 1968, she has been an active member of Sts. Peter and Paul Episcopal Church and has been a key figure in the Church’s popular annual Palate & Palette wine tasting and art event. For more than 50 years, she has been a member of P.E.O., a women’s philanthropic and educational organization. Meanwhile, in addition to Phil’s retail management of Imperial Hardware, Phil and Elise developed and managed the Valley’s first multi-sport Health Club, first known as Desert Jacques Athletic Club in downtown EC, and later as Jacques ‘n Jills Health Club at the enlarged site of on the south side of El Centro. From the beginning, the club was never operated to expect huge financial success, but instead as a vitally needed addition to the quality of life in our Valley. The Healds still experience pleasure upon hearing nostalgic praise by former members and by former staff employees, who were often hired as first-job students.

The Healds have been staunch supporters of United Way, personally making a donation of real property in 1993 that largely financed the purchase of land and building that serves as United Way’s home today. Phil also served as an El Centro Chamber director he led the funding campaign for the new Chamber location on 4th St. and became Chamber president in 1998. In addition, Phil served in organizing Imperial Valley Foundation Fund (of San Diego Foundation) in its infancy, and major donations from Meyer Foundation, Phil’s mother and father and his aunt Jean Meyer Worrall, provided a majority of the original endowment for our current Imperial Valley Community Foundation. Phil and Elise also became major contributors to the El Centro Regional Medical Center expansion campaign to add the new emergency and surgical wing while Phil served as Chairman of Fund Raising. More recently, they have meaningfully donated to the Desert Museum and the new Food Bank funds.

It is the Heald’s hope to inspire others in meaningful giving back to their community. It is our pleasure to recognize and honor Mr. & Mrs. Phil Heald as the recipients of 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award for their lifetime of thoughtful and dedicated service to humanity and the betterment of Imperial Valley.