

2010 KUDOS Awards



KUDOS Award winners with members of the Commission on Disabilities after Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 15, 2011.

The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities has identified businesses, organizations and government departments that provide outstanding access to persons with disabilities. To recognize these efforts, the Commission presented KUDOS Awards to the following:

Gail Pellerin, County Elections Department - For the dedicated and inspiring leadership of GAIL PELLERIN in promoting access for all members of the community and particularly those with disabilities. Her efforts have consistently been above and beyond the call of duty.

Animal Services of the County of Santa Cruz - The new Seventh Avenue Facility truly embraces access for people - and animals! - with disabilities. The wide aisles, gentle slopes, accessible roll in facilities, and the smiling and helpful staff are welcoming to all community members. This is truly an example of the best approach to a very difficult task.

Susan Willats - for embracing and rapidly implementing innovative handrails in the University of California Santa Cruz Performing Arts Center which improve access for all patrons, particularly to seniors and people with disabilities. She and her associates not only made it happen - it happened with big smiles!

Karen Gosling - Rehabilitation Manager at Dominican Hospital - for dedication and leadership in assisting people with disabilities, advocacy for the correction of access challenges, innovation and systems design that support the abilities of those who have a disability, and for helping disabled community members to lead a healthy lifestyle.

New Leaf Community Markets -for accessible building design and extraordinary service to customers with disabilities, demonstrating an attentiveness and unusual degree of sensitivity. Disabled shoppers are not just welcomed but treated as valued members of the community. The downtown and 41st Avenue stores stand as models for a barrier free community.

Hoffman's Bakery - for creating easy access throughout your establishment for people with disabilities. For friendly staff who go out of their way to help people with disabilities. And for honoring and befriending "Curly", a homeless person with a disability, who is no longer with us.