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Cancer nonprofit gives 'Honor Thy Healer' awards

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Marin Breast Cancer Watch celebrated its 10th anniversary honoring local health-care professionals and caring individuals at its Honor Thy Healer award celebration this week.

The nonprofit, which was founded in 1996, used the event to announce its name change to Zero Breast Cancer.

"Our name and visual identity change is a call to action," said Executive Director Janice Barlow. "It is a call to resist becoming complacent or accepting of the increasing rates of breast cancer."

The fund-raising event, held Thursday at the Mill Valley Community Center, recognized the pivotal roles of several community members in the fight against breast cancer.

Dr. Richard Cohen, a consulting oncologist at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, was chosen as Healing Professional Honoree based on nominations of loyal patients whose survival he extended in his willingness to use the latest cancer treatments.

Dr. Christopher Benz of Novato was given the Community Breast Cancer Award for his work bringing together institutional researchers, policy makers, community health leaders and breast cancer advocates in Marin and the Bay Area for community dialogues.

Larkspur resident Beth Crawford, director of clinical services for the University of California at San Francisco Cancer Risk Program, was given the Shining Star Award for three years of contributions as an adviser to the nonprofit's adolescent breast cancer prevention, risk reduction and education programs.

The Rev. Lloyd William Eichhorn of Mill Valley was given the Healing Partner Award for his nurturing skills in the breast cancer battle of his wife, Ann Eichhorn, a member of the Zero Breast Cancer board of directors.

The Sir Francis Drake High School Peer Resource Team was given the Shining Star Youth Award for its effort to teach breast cancer risk reduction to its peers. Team members include Sandra Beltran, Stephanie Berg, Fatima Biaye, Elana Casalnuovo, Molly Davisson, Natalia Forrer, Gavin Front, Lakvhir Gill, Kate Messinger, Emily Raab, Chris Snyder and Jenna Stamm.

HONOREES

Last night's individual award winners included Dr. Richard Cohen of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, Dr. Christopher Benz of Novato, the Rev. Lloyd William Eichhorn and Beth Crawford of Larkspur.



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