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### ***CALIFORNIA FAMILY LIFE CENTER CHOSEN AS A 2024 CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR BY SENATOR ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH***

***Hemet*** – *California Family Life Center* is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2024 California Nonprofit of the Year by Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh on behalf of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District.

California Family Life Center (CFLC) is one of more than one hundred nonprofits that has been honored by their state senators and assemblymembers for their outstanding contributions to the communities they serve.

California Family Life Center’s mission is to offer safety, comfort, and healing to children experiencing abuse and abandonment. They aim to teach love and trust, instill self-esteem, values, and hope for the future, and help children who feel hopeless and desperate to become caring and contributing members of the community. For over 40 years, CFLC has served foster youth and families, kinship care families, juvenile offenders, group home youth, high school dropouts, homeless youth, youth with disabilities, pregnant and parenting teens, and low-income families and youth.

“We are incredibly honored and grateful to Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh for acknowledging the California Family Life Center as the 2024 Nonprofit of the Year,” said Executive Director Mary Jo Ramirez. “This amazing recognition highlights our commitment to providing foster children with a safe and nurturing environment and community youth opportunities for education and employment. We are dedicated to continuing our mission of transforming lives and bringing hope to our community. A heartfelt thank you to Senator Ochoa Bogh for this incredible honor and for supporting our cause.”

“Nonprofit organizations touch the lives of millions of Californians in ways that can often go unrecognized. From the childcare program to the soccer team, from the art class to the health clinic, and from the community organizer to the animal shelter – nonprofits improve the lives of all Californians and make our communities stronger,” said Geoff Green, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a partner for this initiative. “Nonprofits are also a key economic driver in our state, accounting for 1 in 14 jobs. It’s important to recognize all they do.”

According to “Causes Count,” a 2019 [report](#) commissioned by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest industry in the state, employing more than 1.2 million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate more than \$273 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid labor contributed by volunteers at nonprofits is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

Now in its ninth year, the Californian Nonprofit of the Year initiative provides the opportunity for each California state legislator to recognize a nonprofit organization doing outstanding work in their district. The program culminated with a celebratory luncheon at the Capitol on California Nonprofits Day, which this year was June 5.

The program is sponsored by the CalNonprofits in partnership with the state Senate and Assembly Select Committees on the Nonprofit Sector. CalNonprofits, the leading policy voice for California’s nonprofit sector, focuses on advocacy, education, and research to build a more powerful and politically engaged nonprofit network across the state.



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