Nonprofits, volunteers honored at Heart of Marin Awards luncheon

Pepe Gonzalez, principal of Laurel Dell School in San Rafael and a board member of 10,000 Degrees, was honored for excellence in board leadership at the 25th annual Heart of Marin Awards at the Marin Center Exhibit Hall on Thursday. Sherry LaVars — Special to the Marin Independent Journal

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Some 700 people turned out Thursday to salute Marin’s many volunteers at the 25th annual Heart of Marin Awards luncheon, held at the Marin Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael.

Marilyn Price, founder of Trips for Kids, was honored for lifetime achievement. The nonprofit she started repurposes used bicycles for children from low-income families and also sells refurbished bicycles to pay for bicycle excursions for kids.

Other winners included: Redwood Credit Union, for corporate community service; Laurel Dell School Principal Pepe Gonzalez, of 10,000 Degrees, for excellence in board leadership; Kim Lambert of the Canal Alliance, volunteer of the year; RxSafe Marin, excellence in innovation; Mary Denton of Sunny Hills Services, excellence in leadership; Extrafood.org, achievement in nonprofit excellence; and youth volunteers of the year Kyle Sayers of Branson School, for his work with Next Generation Scholars; Joshua Rowe of San Domenico School, for work on social host laws; Yonayda Rodas of San Rafael High School, for work on immigrant rights; Kobe Pole of Redwood High School, for search-and-rescue work; and Macie Millstein of Marin Academy, for work aiding North Bay fire victims.

Mary Denton, Excellence in Leadership Award
CEO, Sunny Hills Services