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## Chico Chamber Recognizes First Responders, Community Members, and Business Advocates at the 81st Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony



**January 18, 2019 (CHICO, CA)** Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> the Chico Chamber hosted the [81st Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony "Bright Community, Bright Future"](#), in the Big Room, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. It was a night of hero's, community, hope and resilience as local first responders, community members and individuals were recognized for their service during the Camp Fire.

Well deserved **Community Service Awards** were given to **Butte County Sheriff's Office, Butte County EMS, Chico Police Department, Chico Fire Department, Paradise Police Department, and Cal Fire/Paradise Fire Department**. Recognized for **Business Advocates of the Year** were **Ken Grossman, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company and Dan Gonzales, Meriam Park** for their quick and thoughtful solution to one of the major impacts the Camp Fire has brought to our community. In addition **Chair Awards** were presented to **Mark Orme, City of Chico, Tom Lando, City of Oroville, Lauren Gill, Town of Paradise, and Shari McCracken, Butte County Administrative Officer**.

Michelle Niven, 2019 Chair of the Board says, "The Annual Dinner reminded all of us that we have been, and will continue to be, strengthened by our mutual love and commitment to the North Valley. The feelings of respect and appreciation for the award recipients were palpable last night. Collectively we are cognizant of the road that lies ahead, but we are buoyed by knowing there are so many dedicated community members invested in our long-term recovery. Last night's attendees and honorees were a wonderful demonstration of that commitment and resilient spirit."

From Kelsey Torres, Interim President & CEO, Chico Chamber of Commerce, "Last night was a beautiful evening celebrating our local heroes for their efforts during and after the Camp Fire. We celebrated an evening of hope, and celebrated the business community's response to the needs of the North Valley during this unprecedented time. You could feel the love and respect in the room, and it was a wonderful testament to all we have been through the last two and a half months."

Thank you to our Presenting Partners. Legacy: Allevery Employer Solutions, California Water Service, Golden Valley Bank, Orangetheory Fitness, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. Visionary: Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc., Cali'flour Foods California State University, Chico, Comcast Business, Enloe Medical Center, Five Star Bank, Healthy Solutions Insurance Services, LRT Graphics, MC2 Design Group, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Recology Butte Colusa Counties, Slater & Sons, Inc., Stratti, Transfer Flow, Inc. Tri Counties Bank and Waste Management.

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