

**WHEREAS,** The Christmas Bureau is celebrating over fifty years of service and has been awarded the 2007 “Outstanding Non-Profit Organization” Tall Tree Award by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** The Christmas Bureau began in 1955 when a group of school nurses gathered together baskets of food for families of the children they treated who were struggling to make it through the holidays and today has grown to include seniors, adult households and the homeless; and

**WHEREAS,** The Christmas Bureau adheres to the principle of providing services to people based upon the recommendation from a social agency or school; and

**WHEREAS,** The Christmas Bureau is staffed entirely by volunteers, thereby ensuring that 99% of the donations go directly to the more than 2,000 families who annually benefit from the community’s donations; and

**WHEREAS,** The Christmas Bureau has partnered with the business community, schools, individuals, the media and foundations to make grants on a non-denominational basis and to treat both the donors and the recipients with respect and dignity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

# THE CHRISTMAS BUREAU

for their spirit of caring for the holiday needs of low-income individuals and families in and around the Palo Alto Unified School District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Tenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Seven by unanimous vote.

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Donald F. Gage, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez

Clerk, Board of Supervisors