

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2009/82

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE CARING HANDS VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER PROGRAM'S 10th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program was founded in August 1998, Caring Hands volunteers have logged more than 140,000 hours of service since its inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands has attempted to meet a remarkable and growing need for volunteer services in Central, South and East Contra Costa County since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program is to promote independence and enhance the quality of life of the aging population in the Contra Costa County community through meaningful, one-on-one relationships with caring volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands mission is to create one-on-one matches between caring volunteers and seniors in need who may be frail, isolated, or disabled over the age of 60, enabling them to stay in their homes, and remain independent, as long as safety possible by providing free non-medical in-home assistance; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program services include: friendly phone calling (in conjunction with any other service), friendly visiting and companionship, transportation and escort to medical appointments and other needed services, assistance with shopping and errands, respite care (or rest for the family caregiver), reading mail and letter writing, light household tasks and light meal preparation, minor home repairs and yard work; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program in 2006 added a Hispanic Outreach program speaking volunteers and is serving 28 Hispanic seniors; and

WHEREAS, The Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program in 2007 was awarded Transportation provider of the year by Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, The Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program Senior Transporting Program is currently serving 78 seniors with occasional transportation to and from Medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands statistics for Contra Costa County reveal that during the period from 1900-2010 there will be 237% increase in the 85 plus age group. In addition, the statistics for the same period indicate nearly 155,000 people will join the 55 plus population or more than one in four households will need the type of assistance Caring Hands provides; and

WHEREAS, Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program continues to grow each year to serve more seniors, currently, serving more than 406 seniors and totaling 388 volunteers. Caring Hands is looking forward to expansion to serve even more seniors in the coming years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS recognizes and honors the Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program for their continued commitment to the Contra Costa County aging community and congratulates them on their 10th Anniversary.

SUSAN A. BONILLA

Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 24, 2009

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy