

EHC Celebrates Healthy Kids Victories at Annual Awards

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Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), an organization that fights toxic pollution, announced its 2013 Awards Celebration, “A Healthy Kids Victory,” celebrating victories, individuals and organizations that contribute to the health and well being of children in San Diego.

“Our victories happened because of collaboration, activism and decades of commitment from environmental justice supporters,” said Environmental Health Coalition Executive Director Diane Takvorian. “EHC’s support system is rooted in our communities, who deserve all of the credit for these accomplishments.”

Environmental Health Coalition and its supporters will celebrate:

- California’s lead-safe candy law that made the state first in the U.S. to ban the sale of lead-contaminated candy,
- San Diego’s Children’s Right to Lead-Safe Housing ordinance, the strongest local lead law in the U.S., and
- Creating healthy homes for children, eliminating asthma triggers and sources of lead in 3,000 San Diego area homes.

Mayor Bob Filner will keynote the event. The Healthy Kids Victory will recognize individuals, non-profit and government organizations and one news station team.

Special guests will present the “Healthy Kids Champion Award” to the following for their work fighting pollution for healthy kids and neighborhoods:

- Martha Cortes, Environmental Health Coalition member and healthy kids “promotora”
- California Attorney General
- San Diego Housing Commission
- Channel 10 Investigative News Team

The Honorable Donna Frye will present EHC’s 3rd annual “Donna Frye Spirit of Justice Award” to Dr. Gerald Markowitz, public health professor, author and activist.

“All of the partners we work with deserve awards for their hard work fighting neighborhood pollution, but this year we could only choose five. Their stories are remarkable,” said Takvorian.

EHC will hold its awards celebration on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. (VIP/Sponsor Reception at 5:30 p.m.) at the Marina Village Baja Room in Mission Bay, 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, 92109.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased by visiting

<http://www.environmentalhealth.org/awards-fundraiser/> or contacting Sarah Vega at sarahv@environmentalhealth.org.