

Former Mayor Giuliano selected as 2014 Don Carlos Humanitarian

TEMPE, Ariz. (Aug 29, 2014) - Tempe Community Council (TCC) is pleased to announce former Tempe mayor and current San Francisco AIDS Foundation CEO Neil G. Giuliano as the 2014 Don Carlos Humanitarian. Neil will be presented with this honor at the 31st Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Ceremony and Dinner on Oct. 15, 2014, 5:30-9:00 p.m., at SRP's PERA Club in Tempe.

"I am deeply touched and humbled by this recognition, considered the most meaningful and special recognition bestowed upon a member of the community," Neil posted on his Facebook page. He added, "And I will accept it on behalf of the many who serve others every day without recognition of any kind."

Neil was selected from an impressive list of nominees. Both locally and globally, Neil is a leader, volunteer, philanthropist, activist, author and advocate for people of all walks of life. He began providing community service while in high school where he volunteered in the Key Club. His community service continued through college and into his professional life as an employee of ASU and the mayor of Tempe.

As Tempe's youngest mayor, he led the community towards unparalleled growth while also enhancing and instilling a humanitarian vision that still drives our community today. He initiated many programs including a People Improvement Program and established a human relations commission, neighborhood improvement and engagement program, and youth advisory committee. During his tenure he also ushered in projects such as the Tempe Town Lake, Tempe Center for the Arts, Rio Salado urban development plan, and the light rail. Because of Neil's leadership, the National Civic League named Tempe the 2003 All-American City.

Neil is an active advocate of social justice and equality for all individuals. As the first openly gay mayor of Tempe, he helped lead the march towards ending discrimination and defamation in the community. After coming out, he became national president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Currently, Neil is the CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation where he promotes awareness of AIDS and addresses the stigmas and hate associated with the disease.

Also being recognized is the Kiwanis Club of Tempe as the Guiding Light Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award recipient, Gwen Hanna as the Spirit of Tempe Karma Award recipient, and a Young Humanitarian Scholar.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased online at: www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos or by calling 480-858-2300. Purchase your tickets by Oct. 8. Seating is limited.

About the Award

Started in 1984, the award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, known affectionately by the Spanish pioneers as "Don Carlos" – who spent his life working to help those in

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need. The Don Carlos Humanitarian Award embodies Hayden's legacy and spirit, and is considered one of Tempe's most prestigious distinctions. Recipients of the award exemplify true humanitarianism and have made Tempe a better place for everyone.

Photo – Neil G. Giuliano



About Tempe Community Council

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is a community-based nonprofit with a 42-year history of encouraging resident interaction and commitment to human services in Tempe. TCC brings our community together – including government, nonprofits, faith groups and residents – to provide support to Tempeans in need, to plan for present and future needs, and to build a lasting foundation for future generations.

Past Don Carlos Humanitarians

Dr. William Payne, Leonard Monti, Sr., Margaret & William Kajikawa, Jinnett B. Kirk, Peggy Bryant, Eliza Carney, Naomi Harward, Mimi & Mac Bohlman, Virginia Tinsley, Betty & John Waters, Pat Hatton, Lawn Griffiths, Rudy Campbell, Bobbie & George Overby, Sue & Bob Lofgren, Carol E. Smith, Sue Searcy, Zita Johnson, Bobbie & Don Cassano, David B. Cutty, Joseph Spracale, Jane & Dick Neuheisel, Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler, Linda Spears, Pen Johnson, Sue Ringler, Catherine May & Dan Abbott, Alice & Ralph Goitia, Harry E. Mitchell and Kerry Fetherston.

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