



North County Health Services Named Non-Profit of the Year



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North County Health Services—which provides a variety of affordable medical services to Perris residents—was honored as the 2018 Non-Profit of the Year by the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce.

“We are very humbled and excited for the NCHS Perris Health Center team for being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year,” said Kory Hernandez, Director of Operations at the Perris Health Center, 1675 North Perris Blvd.

The agency was honored in an Aug. 30 ceremony at the Bomb Shelter restaurant at the Perris Valley Airport. Among the other dignitaries in attendance were Mayor Michael Vargas, Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona, City Councilman David Starr Rabb, City Manager Richard Belmudez and Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley.

Hernandez knows Perris well.

He grew up in the City and is a 1991 graduate of Perris High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Navy, where he spent 24 years as a corpsman, tending to wounded comrades. His service includes deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Perris has a special place in my heart," Hernandez said. "Having grown up in the Perris Valley, it brings me great personal pride knowing the NCHS team does so much to provide quality health care to the underserved communities--the same communities I come from. "It's great to be recognized. We are honored that our clients choose us, stay with us and trust us. We hold their trust sacred."

The NCHS Clinic located to Perris two years ago with a commitment to help residents in need. The clinic offers a wide variety of medical services, including adult and pediatric care, dental care, behavioral and chiropractic services. The clinic accepts all insurance plans and works to provide care to those without coverage. Its entire staff of 17 is bilingual.

Hernandez said one of the things he's most proud of is that residents coming to the clinic are beginning to seek preventative treatments instead of waiting until they are sick to see a doctor.

"They've started to take ownership of their own health," he said. "They've really brought into that and we're very pleased they have."

Chamber President Josh Naggar said the recognition ceremony marks one of the organization's highlights. The Non-Profit of the Year Award recognizes an agency that "has made a significant impact to the overall prosperity of the Perris community and Chamber in the last 12 months."

"The Annual Awards Celebration is one of The Chamber's favorite traditions," Naggar said. "We receive nominations from around the community written by people who wish to recognize the work of their friends and neighbors. It's an honor to celebrate achievements that add to the strong community spirit of Perris."

Other honorees recognized during the Chamber of Commerce's 107th Annual Awards Ceremony included:

- *The Camp Transformation Center - Small Business of the Year
- *Mt. San Jacinto College - Large Business of the Year
- *Love 4 Life Association - Partner in Education
- *Michael McCormick - Perris Pride
- *Rachel Pinedo - Citizen of the Year.