

# 25 Years of Providing Shelter

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WATSONVILLE — On Saturday October 11 at the Watsonville YWCA over 120 people attended the warm and sunny affair held in the courtyard. Musical accompaniment from Enoch Crumpton and catered lunch by Teri Olson highlighted the event celebrating Pajaro Valley Shelter Services' 25 years of providing shelter and support to homeless families.

PVSS Board President Jay Petersen opened the fête followed by a presentation from Watsonville Mayor Kimberley Petersen. A special tribute was made to Betty and Peter Michelozzi of a plaque honoring their work with Habitat for Humanity (HFH) in Santa Cruz County and in Guatemala.

Several presentations were made to donors and those families who had suc-

cessfully gone through the transitional housing program to become stable and productive families in the community.

"This is the beginning of a new tradition," announced Executive Director Susan Olson. "We are calling it the Donor Support and Family Success Partnership. Every year we will acknowledge several outstanding donors and several outstanding families who have achieved success in our program. Their names will be permanently inscribed on a large plaque at the Shelter."

This year, donor acknowledgments went to Betty Rather, the Wagner Family and the Solari Family. Successful transitional housing program family acknowledgments went to Christina and Carlos Abonce, the Vasquez Rocha family and to Isaura Garcia and her family. ■



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ABOVE: Peter Michelozzi holds their house plaque while wife Betty looks on.

BELOW: Betty Rather enjoys lunch with family members Lorna Sells and Sarah Rather.

