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**MANN PACKING HONORED AS ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS'  
PHILANTHROPIC CORPORATION OF THE YEAR**

*Company executives accept award at AFP Monterey Bay Chapter's National Philanthropy Day Award Luncheon*

**SALINAS, Calif. – November 22, 2017** – Representatives at [Mann Packing](#) announced today it received the Philanthropic Corporation of the Year award from the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#), Monterey Bay Chapter. Mann's was chosen for its generous support and exemplary contributions to nonprofit agencies throughout Monterey County.

The AFP represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world; working for more than 40 years to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The AFP's Monterey Bay Chapter was founded in 1993.



The honor was accepted by Lorri Koster, Mann's chairman & CEO, at the awards presentation – a part of [National Philanthropy Day](#)® celebrations nationwide – at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach.

“Beyond innovation and products, Mann Packing believes in its community, and throughout its three generations of leadership, has developed a culture of philanthropy that reaches broadly in our county,” said Rob Lee, partner at Hayashi Wayland, 2016's Philanthropic Corporation of the Year recipient. “The company encourages its employees to be part of the process by identifying projects and volunteer opportunities, board service, and by matching employees' financial contributions for greater impact. This honor is well deserved.”

“Commitment to community is a core value for Mann Packing,” said Koster. “Along with the innovative and healthy products Mann's offers, we are proud to give back through corporate philanthropy and company-wide

volunteerism,” she added. “We collaborate with dozens of local nonprofit organizations to address vital issues and enhance the quality of life in the communities where we live and work.”

Mann Packing supports over 50 nonprofit agencies in Monterey County including Rancho Cielo, CASA, CPY, Boys & Girls Club, Epicenter, YoSal, Youth Arts Collective, and First Tee.

Other award recipients were formally recognized and congratulated at the Monterey Bay Chapter’s annual National Philanthropy Day awards luncheon:

- Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year – Marsha McMahan Zelus
- Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation – Mann Packing
- Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation – Berkshire Foundation
- Outstanding Philanthropic Service Organization – Everett Alvarez High School Interact Club
- Outstanding Philanthropic Young Adult – Devin Ryan
- Outstanding Philanthropic Youth – Matt Gibbs

For more information on Mann’s, visit [veggiesmadeeasy.com](http://veggiesmadeeasy.com).

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### **About Mann Packing Company**

Founded in 1939, Mann Packing is an industry leading, third-generation supplier of premium fresh vegetables. Headquartered in Salinas, California, Mann’s is one of the largest suppliers of western vegetables, Broccolini® and sugar snap peas in North America. The firm holds the distinguished Women’s Owned Business Certification from the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council - the most widely recognized and respected certification in the United States for women’s business enterprises. Leading the way in product innovation, environmental sustainability and green supply chain management practices, Mann Packing is consistently vigilant in food safety, employee wellness and quality assurance, making for one of the most trusted brands in the industry.