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# Heal the Ocean Benefit 2019

By Gail Kvistad / Special to VOICE

**H**EAL THE OCEAN CONTINUES TO MAKE WAVES and direct the current environmental landscape in Santa Barbara to protect more than just our oceans. For over 20 years the organization has been working with city and state governments on initiatives to remove pollution and ensure our waters are clean and safe for all to enjoy.

The salt of the earth and local environmental pearls came out to the El Paseo on a recent Saturday evening to support Heal The Ocean



2019 Annual Benefit Celebration, and founder and director Hillary Hauser did not disappoint!

The evening began with *Hillary Tequila* toasting her friend and long time supporter, celebrity and local resident, Julia Louis Dreyfus who unveiled the pioneering initiative and latest monumental mission of Heal The Ocean – a pilot Styrofoam recycling and repurposing program with MarBorg to launch in March 2020. Now all those coffee cups will be up-cycled into a plethora of products from picture frames to hardware parts, all the brainchild of Hillary Hauser and her longtime board of directors who are committed to protecting our environment and bettering our future with support and collaboration from the Borgatello family at MarBorg. HTO is also celebrating Montecito Sanitary District diving into the action and supporting a pilot recycled water program in our community.

Heal The Ocean has long protected our pristine Santa Barbara coastline with initiatives like the capping of leaking oil wells in Summerland, a project in collaboration with the State Lands Commission and made possible by generous support from locals Michael and Nora Hurley. Current Septic system removal and pollution are projects underway and pioneering research in the field of recycled water systems are a few of the ways HTO benefits everyone in our community. – *Let's all celebrate Heal The Ocean!*

- 1 Hillary Hauser, Bill Galivan, and Karen Gallivan
- 2 Ian Baerense and Susie Adams
- 3 Julie Friedman & Eric Friedman
- 4 Heather Hudson and Alison Thompson
- 5 Julia Louis-Dreyfus with a portrait of Archie the dog by Peggy Lindt
- 6 Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Auctioneer TiWanna Kenney, and HTO Volunteer Patrick Mullen
- 7 Elizabeth Winterhalter, Caron Berryhill, Mayor Cathy Murillo, and Supervisor Das Williams
- 8 Gail Kvistad, Laura Capps, and Erin Caird
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Priscilla, SantaBarbaraSeen.com

## Thomas Tighe Honored As Healthcare Hero

**L**OCAL HEALTHCARE GIANT, THOMAS TIGHE, President and CEO of Direct Relief was honored as the Healthcare Hero for 2019 by Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics at a luncheon held October 16th at the Montecito Country Club.

Tighe has been an advocate for health services for low-income individuals and has guided Direct Relief, since 2000, with grants exceeding \$40 million and support provided in excess of \$4 billion. During his tenure, the company has been named among the world's most innovative nonprofits by Fast Company. Direct Relief is headquartered in Santa Barbara.

The audience at the sold out event was welcomed by Melinda Staveley, Board President and then screened two videos, one about Neighborhood Clinics and the other a Tribute to Thomas Tighe.

The video Tribute was a compelling highlight, according to Maria Long, Director of Development and Community Awareness. A collaboration done with Jeff Martin, it brought together staff from many of the communities and organizations where Direct Relief has stepped in after a disaster, including some impacted by The Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow. Also assisting with the program were Dr. Charles Fenzi, CEO and Chief Medical Officer for SBNC; Rev. Mark Asman, SBNC campaign co-chair; and Dorothy Largay, Direct Relief Board Member.

The Neighborhood Clinics consist of four medical clinics, two dental clinics, an integrated care clinic, the Bridge Clinic, and health promotion services that serve and provide care to over 22,000 unduplicated patients a year.

This was the first time since its major renovation that the Montecito Country Club had hosted a full, non-profit event. Long related, "They did a beautiful job keeping it organic and simple."



- 1 Tom Schwartz, Direct Relief Board President; Bitsy Bacon, Direct Relief Board Member; SBNC Hero Honoree Thomas Tighe; Dorothy Largay, Honorary Co-Chair and Direct Relief Board Member; and Dr. Charles Fenzi, CEO
- 2 Daniel Bertucelli; Melinda Staveley, SBNC Chair of the Board; Honoree Thomas Tighe; and SBSCFD PIO Mike Eliason
- 3 Brett Williams and Carrie Tighe
- 4 Lois Capps and Thomas Tighe
- 5 Seated: Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree; SBNC Chief Medical Officer Charles Fenzi, CEO; David Grotenhuis, Anna Grotenhuis; and Rev. Mark Asman. Standing: Sue Birch, Ed Birch, David Edelman, Leon Bartholomew, David Spainhour, and Carolyn Spainhour

