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### Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute Announces the 2023 Farmer and Community All Star Recipients

#### Awardees to be Honored at the Cultivating Community Celebration on October 12, 2023

**SANTA FE, N.M. (DATE) -- Manny Encinias Ph.D, Executive Director** of the **Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute ("the Institute")** announced that three Santa Fe Farmers' Market vendors have been named **2023 Farmer All Stars**. Additionally, a **Community All Star** has been named for 2023. This congratulatory announcement is made as tickets for the **Cultivating Community Celebration** are available for purchase.

The following outstanding farmers and vendors will be honored **Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Market Pavilion (1607 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, N.M.):**

#### 2023 Farmer All Stars

**Stephanie Dukette, Southwest Mushroom Cultivators (Santa Fe, N.M.)**

**Agustin and Maria Orozco, El Guique Farm (El Guique, N.M.)**

**Ted Salazar, Maria's Farm (Velarde, N.M.)**

#### 2023 Community All Star Award Honoree

**Susan Tarver, Executive Director of Bienvenidos Outreach, Santa Fe, and the Eldorado Farmers' Market**

In making the announcement, **Encinias** expressed his appreciation to the 2023 Farmer All Star selection committee for their thoughtful deliberation. The committee was composed of: **Jennifer Fresquez, Market Board President; Pam Walker, Institute Board Vice Chair; Mary Dixon, 2013 Farmer All Star representing Green Tractor Farm and Secretary of the Institute Board; Nery Martinez, representing Santa Cruz Farm & Greenhouses and former Market Manager of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market; and Lara Theragood, Compliance & Integrity Manager of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market.** The process was facilitated by **Janice L. Mayer, Development and Communications Director of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute.**

**Guests of the October 12<sup>th</sup> celebration will be greeted at 5:30 pm with a reception, a silent auction, and music by the Absolute Jazz Trio. Chef Alain Jorand of Adobo Catering has curated a three-course menu of farm fresh, locally produced ingredients sourced from the Santa Fe Farmers' Market farmers and rancher with 2023 All Star, Crumpacker's Bakery, providing an autumnal dessert. Hidden Mountain Brewing Co. and Gruet Winery are beverage sponsors.**

**Tickets for the Cultivating Community celebration will go on sale on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 through the Institute's secure ticketing page located at [www.farmersmarketinstitute.org](http://www.farmersmarketinstitute.org).**

Encinias expressed his gratitude for the support of the following lead business sponsors who helped make the event possible: **Enterprise Bank & Trust, Hutton Broadcasting, N3B Los Alamos, and The Santa Fe New Mexican. Additional corporate support was received from C&C Distributors, Century Bank, Elsner Law & Policy, Gruet Winery, Guadalupe Credit Union, Hidden Mountain Brewing Co., Insight CPA Group, Los Alamos National Laboratories, New Mexico Bank & Trust, New Mexico Gas Company, Payne's Nursery, Phoenix Security, Presbyterian Health Care Services, Presbyterian Santa Fe Regional Medical Center, Rancho de Chimayó, Santa Fe School of Cooking, State Employees Credit Union, The Rikoon Group, and Thornburg Investment Management.**

**About the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute:**

The Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute's mission is to advocate for farmers, ranchers and other land-based producers; provide equitable access to fresh, local food; own and operate a year-round venue for the Santa Fe Farmers' Market; and manage programs to help sustain a profitable, locally based agricultural community. Now in its twenty first year, the Institute is the 501(c)3 nonprofit partner of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market. For more information, please visit [www.farmersmarketinstitute.org](http://www.farmersmarketinstitute.org).