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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**Live Oak Cradle to Career Parent Leadership Committee and Pediatrician Dr. Salem Magarian to be awarded Champions of Health Improvement**

Santa Cruz, CA March 29th, 2019 – The Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County (HIP) will be awarding the Community Collaboration Impact Award to the Live Oak Cradle to Career Parent Leadership Committee, and the Champion of Health Improvement Award to Pediatrician Dr. Salem Magarian for their contributions in improving the lives of children and families in Santa Cruz at the HIP Annual Community Forum. This event will take place at the Chaminade Resort & Spa in Santa Cruz, CA, on April 18th, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

The Live Oak Cradle to Career (C2C) initiative was formed by Live Oak Preschool parents, local education, health, and social service leaders working together to ensure that all Live Oak children can reach their full potential. C2C is based on principles of collective impact — by acting in a collaborative and coordinated fashion, community stakeholders can more effectively address interrelated community problems, including low educational attainment and health inequities. The vision of C2C is that all Live Oak students are happy, healthy, and ready to succeed in school, college, and career. The Parent Leadership Committee of C2C will receive the Community Collaboration Impact Award at the April 18th event. The award will be presented by Supervisor John Leopold and Superintendent Lorie Chamberland.

Dr. Salem Magarian, Pediatric Director for Santa Cruz Community Health Centers, has over 40 years in pediatric practice, with more than two decades serving in Santa Cruz County. Dr. Magarian served as Dominican Hospital Pediatric Medical Director from 1992 to 2008, and the founding director of Dominican Pediatric Clinic from 1998 to 2014. Dr. Magarian continues to deliver care to the families of Santa Cruz and Live Oak at the East Cliff Family Health Center. For his contributions and leadership in our community, Dr. Magarian will be receiving the Champion of Health Improvement award.

“The Santa Cruz County healthcare community is excited to recognize the outstanding efforts of these individuals, who exemplify commitment, innovation, and collaboration toward our collective goal of community health and wellness” said Elisa Orona from HIP.

The Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County’s Annual Community Forum begins with a reception at 5:00 PM followed by dinner. An international expert on future health strategy, Dr. Zayna Khayat will deliver the keynote address titled: [The Future of Health](#).

Tickets to the event are \$30.00 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and a no-host bar. For more information and tickets, please visit <https://hipforum2019.eventbrite.com/>.

ABOUT HIP

The Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County (HIP) is a nonprofit coalition of public and private healthcare leaders dedicated to increasing access to healthcare and building stronger local healthcare systems. Launched in 2004, HIP’s member organizations represent Santa Cruz County’s major healthcare providers and other key community stakeholders.

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