

## **OC VOLUNTEER RECEIVES 2008 ATHENA AWARD**

### **Santa Ana Resident Honors Cancer Victims Through Volunteering Efforts**

Orange, CA. (October 00, 2008) - Kathleen “Kathi” McLean, an Orange County resident for over 50 years, has spent a significant part of her life as a volunteer in schools, churches and local hospitals. Her efforts were recognized by the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation and were awarded recently by the Central Orange County Alumnae Pan-Hellenic. Mclean received one of the two awards given at the annual Athena Benefit Luncheon.

The luncheon is Central Orange County Alumnae Pan Hellenic’s annual fundraising event which recognizes dedicated volunteers. The 2008 luncheon was held on October 24, 2008 at the Grand Newport Plaza in Costa Mesa (a Turnip Rose facility). The first luncheon was held in 1964, and it has become a popular annual event in Orange County.

Over the course of the years, Santa Ana residents, Kathi, a real estate agent, and her husband, Mike, have been generous supporters and strong advocates of the hospital and its programs, particularly the *Circles of Life* Fashion Show, where cancer patients serve as models. Kathi became active with the show at the urging of her friend, Maureen Layton who, sadly, lost her battle with cancer two years ago.

“My involvement with St. Joseph Hospital, and particularly with activities that benefit the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, is a way for me to honor the spirit of my friend, Maureen,” McLean says.

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