



2026 NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce will recognize top-performing nonprofits who have a significant presence in the Dana Point and South Orange County area and are making our community a great place to work, play and live. The recipient of the **2026 Non-Profit of the Year Award** will be celebrated at the Chamber's Wavemakers Dinner & Awards Night on February 4, 2027, at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa. Please ensure your nomination highlights actions taken by the nonprofit during the 2026. Nominations must be submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

Criteria

Nonprofits who are nominated for this award should encompass some or all of the following attributes:

- Provides outstanding programs and services that make a profound difference in the Dana Point Area
- Supports and demonstrates a collaborative spirit through creative community partnerships - Inspires others by their example
- Displays strong fiscal management with diversified revenue sources
- Maintains a team of professional staff/volunteers and leadership
- Shown stability or growth in services or expanded programs and services
- Proven contribution to enhancing the community's overall quality of life
- Demonstrated commitment to ethical business practices and employee support and development

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Nonprofit of the Year Award, organizations must:

- Be a Chamber Member in good-standing
- Be a registered 501c organization or service group as defined by the IRS
- Possess attributes as listed above

Instructions

Please complete the form below in its entirety. Incomplete nominations may not be considered. You may attach additional supporting documents if necessary.

Additional Information

For questions, please contact the Chamber at (949) 496-1555.

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Non-Profit Name: _____

Main Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Nomination Questions

1. Briefly describe the mission of this organization:

2. Briefly describe reasons why you feel this organization is deserving of this award.

3. Describe how the organization has made a positive impact on, or contributes to the overall well-being/good of the local community.

Cite any major accomplishments, contributions of time, money or resources, service and volunteer activity, leadership roles, partnerships with other non-profits, etc

Nominator Information

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for recognizing the organizations that make Dana Point a generous and supportive community.

**PLEASE RETURN
APPLICATION TO:**

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Past Nonprofit of the Year Recipients

- **2025** Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group
- **2024** Assistance League of Capistrano Valley
- **2023** Pet Project Foundation