

Women's Fund Grants \$485,000

LOCAL NONPROFITS benefit at annual Presentation of Funds Luncheon

THE WOMEN'S FUND OF SANTA BARBARA, an organization of local philanthropic women, recently granted \$485,000 to four nonprofit agencies involved in crisis intervention and prevention.

The grants were announced at the organization's third annual Presentation of Funds Luncheon on January 29th at El Paseo restaurant. Funds were presented to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Council on Alcoholism and

Drug Abuse (CADA), Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM) and the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (SBRCC).

In just its third year of existence, the Women's Fund raised \$225,000 through annual voting memberships of \$2,500 and other donations. A surprise matching grant from the Orfalea Fund doubled the amount to be distributed. With operating

e x p e n s e s covered by the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Women's Fund was also able to add \$35,000 held in reserve, bringing the total funds awarded to \$485,000.

Citing strong alignment with the mission of the Women's Fund, the Orfalea Fund, founded by local entrepreneur Paul Orfalea and his wife Natalie, has committed to matching the funds raised by the group in 2007 as well.



The 2006 Co-Chairs of the Women's Fund's two committees. (L to R) **Jo Gifford**, **Melissa Brooks**, co-chairs of the Research Committee, and **Meredith Scott** and **Elna Scheinfeld**, co-chairs of the Oversight Committee.



The grant recipients: (L to R, top row) Executive Directors **Penny Jenkins**, CADA, **Anna Kokotovic**, CALM, **Maria Long**, CASA, **Elsa Granados**, SBRCC. (L to R, bottom row). Board Presidents **Don Lafler**, CADA, **Fred Clough**, CALM, **Randy Glick**, CASA, and **Sylvia Hendlin**, SBRCC.

The mission of the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara is to respond to critical community needs by making substantial gifts in the Santa Barbara area, with an emphasis on funding meaningful projects affecting women, children and families through the power of collective philanthropy.

All women in the community are invited to participate in the Women's Fund. For more information, call Jo at 969-3320 or Meredith at 967-1954.