

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care

Celebrates 100 Years of Community Service

AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS of providing care to community residents, the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care (VNHC) teamed up with the Santa Barbara Historical Museum to celebrate the milestone on March 13th.

Author Erin Graffy de Garcia presented a chronicle of the VNHC's 100 years of community service through epidemics, natural disasters, financial difficulties, and societal changes. Graffy de Garcia dedicated the history of the VNHC, which was published in the journal *Noticias*, to the nurses of the VNHC, "especially those who, in the early years, braved a myriad of diseases, infections, and other occupational hazards to serve their community with compassion and care."

"It was an honor to have the Santa Barbara Historical Museum recognize us with a *Noticias* that has recorded VNHC as part of the history and legacy of Santa Barbara," shared Eileen Bunning, VNHC President and CEO.

Founded in 1908 the VNHC has a rich



Eileen Bunning, VNHC President & CEO; **Erin Graffy de Garcia**; **Elanor Van Cott**, VP of SB Historical Museum Board of Trustees

history of innovation and commitment to community health needs. The VNHC is Santa Barbara's leading provider of health services at home, reaching out to over 4,000 people each year.

"I think I speak for the board and staff that we are humbled to be doing work that we believe in, while continuing to be an integral part of our community and strategically ready to respond to its health and wellness needs as we continue into our second 100 years," concluded Bunning.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of Santa Barbara is a non-profit whose mission is to provide high-quality, comprehensive, cost-effective, home health, hospice and related services that enhance the health and well being of all community residents — including those unable to pay.

For more information call 965-5555 or visit www.vnhcsb.org



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