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Novatoan Stompe Recognized

It is never an easy task to select the recipient of my annual “Look Who’s Getting It Done” Award. We are fortunate to live in a community filled with so many residents, doing good, and working to make our community a better place. I am delighted to announce that the 2017 Look Who’s Getting It Done Award goes to Novato resident Mary Stompe.

A co-worker of Mary’s summed it up nicely: “Mary is an advocate for seniors, a leader in the non-profit world, the green movement, the affordable housing crisis and more.”

Professionally, Mary has dedicated her work to serving others. Since 2004, she has served as PEP Housing’s Executive Director. Celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, PEP Housing is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing limited-income seniors access to affordable quality housing with supportive services in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

In 2014 Mary received the Outstanding Advocacy award by Leading Age, a national association of 6,000 non-profit organizations dedicated to making America a better place to grow old. The award recognized Mary’s commitment to ensuring there is ongoing funding for developing affordable housing for the rapidly growing population of low-income seniors. Mary also serves on the Board of Directors for Leading Age California as Treasurer and serves as the Chair for the Housing Subcommittee.

Personally, Mary dedicates much of her free time to serving others and doing volunteer work. She is an active volunteer with the Red Cross, both locally and nationally. She is an animal lover, supporting many animal welfare organizations – and in her free time enjoys spending time at home with her dogs, chickens, ducks and goats!

I recently stumbled upon a quote from an article Mary published in the Marin IJ several years ago which helps embody that type of person Mary is: “What makes living in Marin County so amazing is the support and love we share with our neighbors.”

Mary’s work couldn’t come at a more important time as we see an ever-growing aging population in Marin and at the same time are faced with an unprecedented affordable housing crisis.

Thank you, Mary, for your ongoing and selfless dedication to our community.