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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOUNTAIN VIEW ANNOUNCES PAMELA MARTELLO OF FOOTHILL DISPOSAL AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 ATHENA AWARD

18th Annual Award Celebrates Outstanding Woman of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce Mountain View is proud to present the 2009 Athena Award to Mountain View business and community leader, Pamela Martello, General Manager at Foothill Disposal. Martello's many achievements and contributions have made a profound impact on the community.

The Athena Award is presented to an outstanding woman who has achieved the highest level of professional excellence in both business and community, along with promoting the goals of professional women. Created to honor an outstanding Mountain View leader and Chamber member, the Athena Award recognizes, encourages and celebrates the achievements of women in business and the professions. Martello is an advocate for professional women throughout Silicon Valley; her actions speak volumes for her commitment to the development of others, particularly women. Martello is seen as a leader and mentor by her peers at Foothill Disposal and by the many external community members that she works with. Having been in Mountain View for only a few years, she jumped in with both feet and made a positive splash in the community. The ripples of her actions and commitment can still be felt daily. The variety of community organizations she has participated in ranges from The Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, Mountain View Police Activities League, Mountain View Education Foundation, and Community Services Agency.

With her beaming smile, and outgoing attitude, Martello has become a positive influencer in the corporate world as well as within the community and the Chamber of Commerce Mountain View. She galvanizes volunteers and helps organizations reach concrete goals. Martello's commitment to the Chamber has continued over the years through her active participation on Chamber committees and programs. Martello's unwavering support and commitment to the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce continues to be exhibited through her work in a variety of committees and programs including holding the longest tenure as a chair on the board of directors.

The Athena Award captures the uniqueness of women's experiences and wisdom. Initiative, courage, and passionate commitment are linked frequently to the accomplishments of Athena leaders. Passion develops from actions that are consistent with values, common purpose and the need for systematic and sweeping change.

Past Athena Award recipients include Nancy Gee (1991), Rosiland Bivings (1992), Jane Shaw (1993), Jennifer Konecny (1994), Jean Hollands (1995), Lucille Young (1996), Kate Wakerly (1997), Nancy Noe (1998), Karen Cabello (1999), Martha Maris (2000) Susan Hamilton (2001), Lucinda Tatman (2003), Laurie Moore (2004) Angela McConnell (2005), Monique Kane (2006), Iris Harrell (2007), Erin Brennock (2008)

The Chamber's Women in Business Athena Award Luncheon will be presented by the Chamber of Commerce Mountain View, and Heritage Bank of Commerce. Please join the Chamber in honoring Pam Martello at the luncheon on Tuesday, March 10, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Michaels at Shoreline. Please register online at www.chambermv.org or RSVP by Thursday, March 5 at 650.968.8378.

About the Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce Mountain View (www.chambermv.org), connecting the community since 1922, is a public benefit corporation representing 500 members and over 37,000 employees. The Chamber works for the mutual benefit of its members and the community by enhancing an environment in which business can succeed. This mission is accomplished through progressive leadership in the areas of education partnerships, business assistance, professional networking, legislative advocacy and economic development.

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