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# Press Release

## **Mayor Guerra recognizes those who give back to the community**

**Downey, CA, January 28, 2009:** Mayor Guerra is recognizing those who provide great service and give back to the community with the “Mayor’s Diakonia Award.” The word Diakonia means “service” in Greek. This award will be presented monthly at City Council meetings and residents are encouraged to nominate those who go out of their way to make a difference in the community. The first recipient of the Mayor’s Diakonia Award was Dr. Mary Stauffer, a longtime philanthropic who is very active in the community. “Any resident who provides service with love deserves to be recognized. Dr. Mary Stauffer is a prime example of answering our call to serve others with her many years of dedicated involvement to our city and our citizens and I am honored to present her with the Diakonia Award,” said Mayor Guerra.

Anyone wishing to nominate someone for the Mayor’s Diakonia Award, should contact the City Council office at 562-904-7274. Those eligible have to either live or work in Downey. Nominations will be accepted monthly and there will be one award presented each month.

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