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# Press Release

## **Martha Sodetani Receives Mayor's Diakonia Award**

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Martha Sodetani was the 3<sup>rd</sup> recipient of the Mayor's Diakonia Award. Mayor Mario A. Guerra presented Mrs. Sodetani with the award at the Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 to recognize her for her outstanding service to the community. Mrs. Sodetani is a Board Member for the Downey Unified School District and does so much more than just that. She is

actively involved in several community organizations, which include the Assistance League, Downey PTA, Coordinating Council, Gangs out of Downey and Character Counts.

Mrs. Sodetani is dedicated to reaching out to others and demonstrates how the simplest things can make a great difference. Mayor Guerra said, "I am very proud to call Martha my friend. The example she has given to me and others, makes her a very special person and it would wrong of me not to recognize her."

The Mayor's Diakonia Award will be presented each month to recognize those who provide service and give back to the community. The word Diakonia means "servant" in Greek. Nominations are currently being accepted. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for this award should contact the City Council office at 562-904-7274.

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