

**Independent Living Association: A Celebration of Success**  
*Promoting high-quality Independent Livings in San Diego County*



**Point Loma, CA – April 24, 2015:** It was another celebration for the books as Independent Living Association (ILA) members, community providers, and Community Health Improvement Partners staff came together to honor high-quality Independent Livings and those who support them!

“A Celebration of Success” kicked off with an invigorating keynote speech from Dr. Piedad Garcia, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Garcia acknowledged and applauded the work that ILA members, supporters, and staff have accomplished in the past three years.



After a delicious dinner, energy was buzzing in the Gallery 17 Event Center as the awards portion of the evening began. 2015 award recipients included Coco Hunt and Kathy Watkins of [Ruby’s House](#) (Spirit Award), Jeffrey Najarian of [Recovery Innovations](#) (Leadership Award), [Access to Independence](#) (CHIP Award) and the [El Cajon Police Department](#) (Visionary Award).

All award recipients have done incredible work in furthering the ILA’s mission of supporting Independent Living owners, residents and the community through promoting high quality Independent Livings.

The party wasn’t over yet! Attendees enjoyed dessert, music, and had fun at the photobooth. All ILA Members in attendance received a certificate of recognition honoring their commitment to providing stable and supportive housing for the San Diego community.

“A Celebration of Success” was a time to relax and unwind while recognizing all the good work happening with Independent Livings in San Diego county. As attendees mixed and mingled, networking between owners and community partners took place, adding to the positive momentum the ILA is building in the community.



Looking forward to many more celebrations to come!