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### Hospice of Santa Barbara Honored as Caregiver Champion of the Year

Senior Planning Services presents the award to the nonprofit for its service to families



Pictured at the Caregiver Champion of the Year award ceremony are, left to right, Kate Maxfield, Hospice of Santa Barbara volunteer; Gabriela Dodson, director of Clinical Services at Hospice of Santa Barbara; Toby Sternlieb, Hospice of Santa Barbara volunteer; Jill Kitnick, Hospice of Santa Barbara volunteer; Suzanne McNeely, president and founder of Senior Planning Services; Jackie Marston, president of the Hospice of Santa Barbara Board of Directors; Steve Jacobsen, executive

director of Hospice of Santa Barbara; Dana VanderMey, program manager of Volunteer Services at Hospice of Santa Barbara; and Debra DiNapoli, director of business development at Senior Planning Services and a Hospice of Santa Barbara volunteer. (Hospice of Santa Barbara photo)

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[Senior Planning Services](#) presented its first-ever Caregiver Champion of the Year award on Monday to [Hospice of Santa Barbara](#) in recognition of National Home Care & Hospice Month.

The award recognizes Hospice of Santa Barbara for its unique ability to serve families in the most challenging situations.

Hospice of Santa Barbara's mission is to care for anyone experiencing the impact of life-threatening illness or grieving the death of a loved one.

Senior Planning Services is the leader and expert in professional home caregiving, aging and elder care issues for the Santa Barbara area.

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