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### PROJECT SAFETY NET CHOSEN AS CALIFORNIA 13<sup>TH</sup> SENATE DISTRICT'S 2022 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR BY SENATOR JOSH BECKER

**PALO ALTO, CA** – [Project Safety Net](#) is proud to announce it was selected as a 2022 California Nonprofit of the Year by [State Senator Josh Becker, District 13](#).

Project Safety Net is one of the [109 nonprofits honored by their state senators and assemblymembers](#) at the state Capitol for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual California Nonprofits Day on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Project Safety Net is a collective impact representing nearly 50 youth serving organizations, behavioral health providers, educators, policymakers, academia, and community members, including young people and their families. Project Safety Net came together twelve years ago to advance youth wellbeing, mental health, suicide prevention, and resiliency in Palo Alto. Project Safety Net works on community education, outreach, and training; access to quality youth mental health service; as well as policy and advocacy. In 2020, Project Safety Net became an independent non-profit committed to serve North Santa Clara and South San Mateo counties.

“We are thrilled to receive this honor, and grateful for the partnerships we have with government and other non-profits as we seek to build a healthier community for youth on the Peninsula,” said Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman Project Safety Net’s board chair.

“Senator Becker’s recognition of Project Safety Net as a 2022 Nonprofit of the Year is a reflection of the community coming together for more than a decade to mobilize support and resources for youth suicide prevention and mental wellness,” expressed CEO Mary Cheryl B. Gloner.

“Nonprofit organizations play such a critical role in our communities, and the last two years of the pandemic have only served to highlight that,” noted Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), which co-sponsors the awards program with both the state [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) Select Committees on the Nonprofit Sector. “California Nonprofit of the Year gives elected officials the opportunity to shine a light on the important work nonprofits are doing in their districts and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities.”

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