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Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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Welcoming Star Awarded to First Church of Redwood City, UCC

On Monday, June 12th, the City Council of Redwood City and Redwood City Together, Redwood City 2020's welcoming initiative, shined a spotlight on the latest Welcoming Stars award recipient, First Church of Redwood City, UCC, at Monday's City Council meeting. The Welcoming Stars award, given by



Redwood City Together, honors local pioneers and programs which help build an inclusive and respectful community. First Church of Redwood City has been living their faith and serving the Redwood City community since 1862 - before Redwood City was incorporated as a city! Their role has been two-fold:

1. They actively share their facility for free with other organizations, including non-profits, schools, and other civic organizations.
2. They have consistently been in partnership with non-profits and community partners and have believed in the importance of building relationships, helping to bring additional resources to their partners, and providing hands-on help rather than solely offering financial support.

By intentionally using their resources, space, and talent to support Redwood City and the North Fair Oaks community, First Church makes this community more welcoming for all. Kathie Fosgett, the First Church Executive Director, shared, "Our job at First Church and in the community is to 'Be the Church' by fostering an atmosphere that welcomes people to feel it is safe to be who they are and which undergirds our growing relationships with others seeking to have a positive impact on this place we call home." Find out more about First Church's work [here](#) and consider nominating a new Welcoming Star [here](#).

Socios for Success @ McKinley Institute of Technology



Redwood City 2020's Socios for Success program uses family engagement as a lever to mitigate the effects of poverty, close racial and economic divides, and address inequity. Working in partnership with families at three schools in the Redwood City School District (including Hoover Community School, McKinley Institute of Technology, and Taft Community School) and the Fair Oaks branch of the Redwood City Library, the Socios for Success program is capitalizing on the strengths of our community to help families successfully engage with community partners to ensure children's success. Families conduct outreach and community mobilization, learn from and teach others, create a welcoming environment, model partnership, lead and support projects, focus on positive outcomes, use their strengths and bring out strengths in others, and build a sense of community and social cohesion. At McKinley Institute of Technology, several families recently used Socios principles to conduct outreach for the annual school Open House and raised attendance at this important event.

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