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Fairhaven Memorial Park Honors Caregivers

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Caregivers are seldom rewarded for their tireless efforts, but on Wednesday, Nov. 18, the Fairhaven Oliver Halsell Care Awards banquet was held at Fairhaven Memorial Services in Mission Viejo to honor those who provide care to others.

The award was named in recognition of Oliver Halsell, who founded Fairhaven in 1911 to provide a peaceful and comforting place for families to honor their loved ones.

At the Nov. 18 banquet, six honorees were presented with a crystal statue by Marla Noel, president of Fairhaven, and Michael Alarcon, manager of Fairhaven Memorial Services, during a special awards presentation.

The honorees also were asked to select a nonprofit to receive a special donation in



2015 Care Award Winners: (from left to right) Newport Beach residents Rabbi Reuven Mintz and Arnetta Robinson with fellow award winners Gina Moran, Dr. Lowell Kleinman, Patricia Maruzewski, and Theresa Jamieson

their honor from Fairhaven.

"Our Care Award winners exemplify the giving spirit and compassionate nature that is found in caregivers from every walk of life," said Noel. "Our founder, Oliver Halsell, recognized the importance of showing gratitude to these individuals years ago and it is a tradition we're proud

to keep alive at Fairhaven."

Two Newport Beach residents were among the honorees: Arnetta Robinson and Rabbi Reuven Mintz.

With more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Robinson began her career in outpatient physical therapy. But after her sister lost her 16-

year battle with lupus in 2002, Robinson changed course and transitioned to hospice to help improve the quality of life for people battling terminal illnesses. As the community relations liaison at Sea Crest Home Health and Hospice, she now spends her days traveling throughout Orange County to meet with patients and their families to discuss how they would like to live out their remaining days.

For Rabbi Mintz, serving others is not just about providing a service to the community – it's a personal calling. The director of the Chabad Jewish Center in Newport Beach, a leader of The Friendship Circle, and volunteer at Pastoral Care Services at Hoag Hospital, Rabbi Mintz wears many different hats, and his passions lie in making the lives and well-being of others a priority during times of need. He also is known for protecting and guiding the lives of others, and offers solace to those whose lives come to an unfortunate end.

For more information, visit fairhavenmemorial.com.