

For Immediate Release—

Dr. Philippe Rey, Executive Director of Adolescent Counseling Services to be honored as the 2020 Kiwanis Angel Award recipient on November 12, 2020

Dr. Philippe Rey has been selected as the recipient of the ninth annual Kiwanis Angel Award for his work as Executive Director of Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), a community-based nonprofit agency dedicated to providing programs for the healthy social and emotional welfare of local youth in Northern Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

The Kiwanis Angel Award, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto, honors an individual who has had a significant, positive impact on children and youth and provides a \$2,500 contribution to the recipient's organization.

The virtual award reception will be held on November 12, 2020 from 5:00–6:30 PM, via Zoom. Register for the event online at <http://kiwanisangelaward.org>.

ACS exists to support the wellbeing of all teens, tweens, and young adults in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. ACS' networks of skilled family therapists and professionally-led support groups have continuously been a resource that youth and families can rely on since 1975. Trained professionals offer on-campus and community counseling, substance abuse treatment, LGBTQQ+ support services, and community education programs. ACS supports youth to overcome obstacles, develop confidence and be empowered to build happy, healthy futures. ACS' Institute of Psychotherapy and Training is a member of the Bay Area Practicum Information collaborative (BAPIC) and is in the process of applying to be a California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC) site.

Dr. Philippe Rey first joined Adolescent Counseling Services in 1998 as Caravan House Program Director. After three years at Caravan, he became a member of the executive team as Associate Director and has now been the agency's Executive Director since 2004. Philippe was born and raised in the French-speaking region of Switzerland and came to the United States in 1984 to attend the University of California at San Diego. In 1997 his doctorate in clinical psychology with a concentration in child and family therapy was conferred by Alliant International University in San Diego. Before pursuing graduate studies and a career in psychology, Philippe graduated from business school in Sion, Switzerland. Philippe also operates an "Underground Dining" establishment which has served as a cultivation & fundraising vehicle for ACS since 2011. For more information on Adolescent Counseling Services, go to www.acs-teens.org.

“He has a true gift for leadership, compassion, innovation, and collaboration. He has chosen to focus his commitment on a disturbingly underserved population, a largely voiceless and vulnerable demographic: adolescents (“teens, tweens, and young adults”) in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.” Emily O’Connell, Former high school teacher Mtn. View-Los Altos Dist.; community volunteer, Santa Clara County

“His heart and head are what has kept the agency focused on its mission to help break the stigma surrounding mental health issues and bring services to those families and adolescents who so desperately need them.” Karen Canty, Board of Directors from 2001- 2007; Friends of ACS 2007 to present.