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**RHA CEO Recognized Among Marjaree Mason Center's Top Ten Professional Women Honorees**

**Fresno, CA – October 16, 2024** – Cynthia Bruno Rafferty, Chief Executive Officer of Richard Heath & Associates, Inc. (RHA), was honored at the 41st Annual Top Ten Professional Women and Leading Business Awards on Wednesday, October 16. This prestigious recognition celebrates women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, professional achievement and a commitment to bettering their communities. As one of the Top Ten Professional Women, Cynthia joins an alumni class that has greatly impacted the Central Valley over the last four decades.

Cynthia became RHA's CEO in 2014 and has created a positive, lasting impact both within the organization and the broader community. She has led the growth and success of over 40 programs that have helped millions of Californians improve their health and well-being, conserve energy and water, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and safeguard against extreme heat and wildfires. She has also strengthened the RHA team and culture, prioritizing initiatives that promote a diverse, inclusive environment, employee development and giving back to the community.

With a Juris Doctorate from UCLA Law, Cynthia began her career serving our country as a U.S. Navy JAG Officer. She honorably served over five years as a staff judge advocate. After her active-duty service, she went to work for the U.S. Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity Office and the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee.

The award reflects Cynthia's remarkable career, which continues to make a profound difference.

"Being recognized among such accomplished women is truly humbling," Cynthia said. "The honorees are a testament to the power of leading with integrity, purpose and determination. These women inspire me and reinforce my commitment to creating meaningful change in partnership with my colleagues and the incredible community I am fortunate to serve."

For more information on the award, visit <https://mmcenter.org/top-ten>.

