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Dear Friends of the Agricultural Industry:

As a Past President and Board Member of the Ag One Foundation (Ag One), I am excited to share with you a special event recognizing contributions made to the agricultural industry by women involved in San Joaquin Valley agriculture: the 28th Annual Common Threads Awards. On March 13, 2024, Ag One in conjunction with the California Ag Leadership Foundation (CALF) and the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (Jordan College) will again honor outstanding women in agriculture for their remarkable volunteer efforts and philanthropic contributions within their own communities. The honorees are selected from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare counties.

Please mark your calendar to join us at our luncheon on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. Invitations will follow in January. This year's event is special, in that, in addition to the new Common Threads honorees, we would like to also highlight the work of our 143 previous winners. This will be a memorable event.

Please consider nominating someone who is passionate about agriculture and has made a significant contribution of their time, talent and treasure promoting, supporting and advocating for agriculture. Attached please find information about the award and a nomination packet in a fillable PDF. You may also access the forms online at <https://bit.ly/3sVDLIW>

If you have additional questions, please call me at 559-476-3977 or call Mia Mirassou at 831-585-1030. The deadline to submit nominations is midnight on Monday, November 27, 2023. Please submit all nominations via email to commonthreads@agleaders.org or mail the completed nomination to Mia Mirassou, CALF, 80 Garden Court, Suite 270, Monterey, CA 93940.

Please save the date and help us celebrate women in agriculture and their amazing contributions to our valley!

Sincerely

Debbie Raven
2024 Common Threads Committee Chair



The Common Threads Award recognizes women with past or present roots in agriculture who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to the enhancement of their communities. Women who have shown extraordinary participation in the community with their time, talent, and treasure will be selected from the applications submitted.

2024 AWARD CRITERIA:

- Prospective women honorees must reside and work in one of the following six counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, or Tulare.
- Nominees must have past and/or present roots in agriculture. In addition, the nominee must show outstanding involvement not only in agriculture but have also made a difference with their philanthropic giving and volunteer support within their own community. Nominees should be someone personally known to you. Self-submittals are not accepted.
- **Please do not inform the individual whom you nominate. The Common Threads selection committee will contact you and your nominee if they have been selected for this year's award.**

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must include the following information to be considered complete:

- ☐ Letter of introduction
- ☐ Nomination form
- ☐ Color photo of the nominee

Letters of recommendation (three maximum) may be included with the application but are not required for consideration. Completed submissions must be received in the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF) office **no later than midnight Monday, November 27, 2023.** **Documents can be submitted electronically or through standard mail.**

Mailing address:

Attention: Mia Mirassou
CALF
80 Garden Ct, Suite 270
Monterey, CA 93940
Email: commonthreads@agleaders.org

FOR CLARIFICATION OR QUESTIONS: Please call Mia Mirassou at (831) 585-1030.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY FOR CONSIDERATION.

All nomination packets are due no later than midnight Monday, November 27, 2023

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

County: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Nominee's Current Employer & Position: _____

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

How Long Have You Known the Nominee? _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible on a separate page. Please number each answer to the corresponding question.

1. Please list all of the nominee's community, philanthropic, and volunteer activities that have impacted her community and contributed to agriculture. Indicate all awards and special recognitions she has received.
2. Please provide a brief history of the nominee's background in agriculture (i.e., born and raised on a farm, moved to a farm upon her marriage to her spouse, became involved in agriculture through college or through a career, etc.).
3. Please give one prime example of how the nominee's involvement with an organization or activity has made an outstanding or far-reaching impact on her community.
4. Please describe the nominee's core values and what you believe drives the nominee to make her contributions to the extent that she has demonstrated.
5. What might set your nominee apart from the other exceptional nominees involved in agriculture and their community?

You have now completed the nomination form for consideration by the Common Threads Selection Committee. Please ask yourself, if I did not know the nominee, would this nomination form tell the whole story? If not, please consider enhancing your submission to ensure your nominee receives the consideration you believe she deserves. You can use additional pages as necessary.

Thank you for completing this application and bringing forth this nomination.