

2017 Lifetime Achievement

Karen MacDougall

Karen MacDougall came to Lake County in 1991 from San Francisco where she was employed as the Corporate Counsel for the world's largest aircraft leasing company. Once settled, she was employed as a Deputy District Attorney. Karen wrote her first grant, Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution, for the District Attorney's Office. She worked as a Deputy District Attorney for two years and then decided that she could be more beneficial to Lake County by bringing in money to support prevention programs.

Over the past 24 years, **Karen is responsible for bringing in well over \$50 million dollars in grant monies into Lake County; money that has created jobs, healthcare, law enforcement and safety to our county.** Few know the total of what she has done because she prefers to be behind the scenes typing on her computer, but many have felt the impact and benefits of her efforts.

Through her capacity as premier grant writer, the students at Lower Lake High School have one of the first rural health clinics on a high school campus in California. Grants include projects to address child abuse prevention and intervention, sexual assault, domestic violence, school readiness, access to health care, prenatal care, community education, assessment of outcomes and much more. She is currently working on a Dental Transformation Initiative that would transform children's dental health in our community.

In addition to grant writing, Karen has been the lead writer for several major strategic plans and assessments including: the first comprehensive, county-wide Needs Assessment for Lake County's Tribal Populations, the Lake County Child Care Needs Assessments, the first Lake County Five-Year Master Plan for child Care Development, the 2005-2006 Power of Preschool Feasibility Study and the first Three-Year Plan for Community Services.

Karen's passion for the children in our community is her driving force. She takes the time to educate herself, to pursue training, to stay current on cutting edge trends and agency regulations, and to understand how a project would actually be implemented to benefit those it would serve.

When you think of the jobs created from \$50 million dollars her grants have brought in, how many times that money turned over to support our community and how many lives have been affected for the better, it is very clear that Karen has truly earned the Lifetime Achievement award.