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OMBUDSMEN SERVICES OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

PRESS RELEASE

OSSMC Receives \$25,000 grant from Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Ombudsmen Services of San Mateo County advocates for long-term care residents

Redwood City, CA, November 28, 2017: The **Ombudsmen Services of San Mateo County** received a \$25,000 community grant in November from the **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation**.

"We are so happy to receive recognition and support from such a prestigious foundation," stated Bernadette Mellott, who assumed the role of OSSMC Executive Director in 2017.

The OSSMC mission is to advocate for residents living in long-term care facilities. OSSMC serves 9,560 clients in 573 facilities throughout San Mateo County and make over 4,500 unscheduled visits a year to monitor the quality of care and life.

"If residents have needs or problems, we advocate for them. Ombudsmen identify, investigate and resolve complaints of abuse and neglect," said Ms. Mellott. "This is particularly important for the 60% of residents who have no friends or family members to represent them.

All the ombudsmen are state-certified field volunteers.

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, based in Palo Alto, awards grants for scientific discovery, environmental conservation, patient care improvements and preservation of the special character of the San Francisco Bay Area. Community grants are awarded on a selective basis.

In addition, OSSMC is listed on the 2017 Year-End Giving Guide provided to all **the Silicon Valley Community Foundation** donors.

For more information about Ombudsmen Services of San Mateo County, contact 650-780-5707 or visit www.ossmc.org.

