

# 'Heroes and Hunger Fighters' awarded

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**SANTA CRUZ** — A host of people, businesses and organizations were handed awards Wednesday evening at the annual Second Harvest Food Bank Awards Dinner.

Held at the Hotel Pendolow, more than 300 people settled in for a chicken dinner while applauding scores of key players who helped to feed the hungry during the Holiday Food Drive, dubbed the "Heroes and Hunger Fighters" of the Year.

"It's great to be taking on this role of recognizing these people who took on this tremendous role of helping to feed the hungry," Martina O'Sullivan told the crowd.

"It's not easy, but it is certainly not hard. It's an amazing thing to have people in your community to not be missing a meal, just getting that food out is an amazing thing."

Jan Kamman, director of corporate and community relations at Second Harvest, called the event a "special evening."

"It felt like the community was there to celebrate the good work that was done," she said.



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Jan Kamman (right), director of corporate and community relations at the Second Harvest Food Bank, brings Karen Cortez and Jesus Angel Dodge of Ceiba College Preparatory Academy to the stage to receive the School Spirit Award Wednesday during Second Harvest's Annual Awards Dinner.

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upright, law-abiding, obedient, religious Jews. (2) Those who believe in Jesus, because of the signs he performed. (3) All humanity (anthropos of vv. 1, 4, 10 — it is also used twice in the verse just before our text — 2:25): "[Jesus] had no need for anyone to testify about humanity, for he, himself, knew what was in humanity." Through Nicodemus we can also learn a little about what is in humanity.

Born again refers to a "spiritual rebirth" of the human soul. When a person accepts Jesus as the Messiah and receives the Holy Spirit, a radical "change of heart" occurs (Ezekiel 36:26). This change is marked by an aversion to sin and passion for

obedience to the commandments of Jesus.

Most likely, each of us can look back on a moment when we experienced the door of faith opening. We may have been raised in the church and always knew we were loved, nevertheless, there was a moment when suddenly or gradually, we experienced faith as our own. This is being born again.

Craddock begins his approach to this conversation: "In John 3:1-17, the church overhears Jesus tell a religious leader that the life abundant and eternal is a gift from above and is not attained by achievement, claim or proof. Nothing could be more appropriate for Lent than a reminder that prayer and fasting do not earn anything."

The mantra for this week is: "The life abundant and eternal is a gift from above."

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