

Partnership for Quality Living

2021 Hall of Honor



Exceptional Leadership Category

Larry R. Gury



Leadership epitomizes Larry Gury. He is honored for his outstanding leadership and contributions as a public servant, innovator, entrepreneur and conservationist. Throughout his career at Southgate Recreation and Park District and later as he succeeded in the fitness and development industries as Co Founder and CEO of California Family Fitness, Larry has continually made contributions that has improved the life of the region. The quality of the environment has been enhanced by his leadership with Closed Zone Farms and the launching of Fit Development. In all endeavors, he has had a strong commitment to being a community partner and has consistently supported local community organizations. Hundreds of thousands of families and individuals have benefited directly from Larry Gury's accomplishments in regions where they live, work and play.

Recreation Superintendent, Southgate Recreation and Park District, 1980-1991

Assistant General Manager Southgate Recreation and Park District, 1991-1995

General Manager, Southgate Recreation and Park District, 1995-1998

General Manager of the Year, California Special District Association, 1998

Co-Founder/former CEO, California Family Fitness, 1991-2016

Closed Zone Farms (CZF) CEO, Upper Butte Sink Basin, habitat for wildlife and environmental benefits, 2010

K.H. Hofmann Youth Education Award (Co-Honoree), California Waterfowl Association, 2015

Co-Founder Fit Development Real Estate Development Firm, 2013-present

Larry Gury Community Park, dedicated by Southgate Recreation and Park District, 2020