

Kathleen Sterling  
Publisher, Valley News Group

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### **In a Nutshell:**

Hooked on volunteerism since age 7 when her parents hosted a Japanese exchange student, Kathleen Sterling seamlessly blends her professional life with her dedication to non-profit work. As the publisher of four community newspapers, *Warner Center News*, *Valley Vantage*, *Calabasas Enterprise*, and *Encino Enterprise*, Kathleen regularly devotes advertising and editorial space to help promote a host of causes from organizations devoted to children to healthcare and culture and the arts in the San Fernando Valley. She regularly devotes her time to many causes including Haven Hills, Valley Interfaith Council, West Valley Food Pantry, and others.

### **What She Does (Past and Present):**

- Board Member: USC Reunion Committee, 2021
- Program Chair/Co-Chair/Committee Member: Valley Women's Center, 2007-2019
- Board Member: Louisville High School, Woodland Hills, 2001-2015
- Board Officer: Pass the Turkey, 2005-2008
- Board Member: Valley Cultural Center, 1990s
- Program Chair/Co-Chair/Committee Member: Heart Run and Walk, 1990s
- Board Member: American Heart Association, 1990s
- Board Member: Pacific Lodge Boys Home, 1980s

### **Key Accomplishments:**

A four-time nominee for the Fernando Award, Kathleen has been honored for her many professional and volunteer accomplishments including:

- Rose Goldwater Community Service Award
- Valley Women's Center Community Award
- Woodland Hills Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Joseph Staller Award
- Valley Alliance for the Arts Sterling Award
- Promenade Mall Woman of the Year Award
- Technology Corridor Top 100 Award
- C. Everett Coop Media Award, Best Health Series in a Community Newspaper
- Valley Community Legal Foundation Presidents Award

### **What Drives Her:**

"My newspapers record the history of the West Valley, and through them, I see so many needs and opportunities to help. There are women in need, children, homeless, the ill and dying and those with special

needs. If I can help make their world better, it helps make the Valley better for all of us. I also love working with a passionate group of volunteers. It's more hands. It's more help. It's more support and together we can make a more impactful difference."

**What Others Say:**

"When I think of Kathleen, I see a community leader, volunteer, a person who supports organizations, both physically and financially, but most important, I see a communicator. Her newspapers are probably the single most important link between the communities they serve in the San Fernando Valley." –Gail Brow

"Kathleen has done, and still does, so much to support the businesses, nonprofits, and residents of the San Fernando Valley over many years. She has served on many boards and volunteers her time to community events. She is the epitome of a volunteer."—Sherry Keowen