



2018 National Nutrition Month Health Champion Award Nomination Form

Nominated Organization/Program: Dr. Raymond Lopez, Reiter Affiliated Companies

Short Narrative:

Note: Please include a brief description of why nominated organization/program was nominated and confirm narrative with your nominee/awardee.

On behalf of the Healthy in Your Neighborhood and at Home Committee, as part of the Partnership for a Healthy Ventura County (PHVC), we are pleased to nominate Dr. Raymond Lopez of Reiter Affiliated Companies as a 2018 Health Champion. Dr. Lopez is a Champion Provider through the California Department of Public Health and Ventura County Public Health (VCPH), representing the Champions for Change movement. He is the Senior Medical Director for La Clinica Fresalud sponsored by Reiter Affiliated Companies. With a focus on prevention, Dr. Lopez has dedicated his professional life to improving the health and well-being of agricultural workers and families - not only the Oxnard area but in the Santa Maria and Watsonville, as well. He has provided health care to farm-workers and their families for ten years, but his efforts and desire to improve the lives of children and families has taken him out of the medical setting. His passion for educating about and bringing awareness to the importance of eating healthy and being physically active makes him a *Champion Health Provider*. In 2017, Dr. Lopez shared his message with hundreds of children and residents at several community events including Fruit and Veggie Fest, La Colonia 5K Community Walk/Run, Food Day, and I "Heart" 5K Sembrando Salud Walk/Run. He not only motivates residents and families but is a mentor for other professionals, who work with residents and community groups in achieving healthier lifestyles. He is a leader and partner in the work to reduce obesity, overweight, and related chronic conditions among children and adults in the Tri-County area.

Partnership for a Healthy Ventura County Committee nomination:

Committee Chair: Eddie Munizich

Award Recipient: Dr. Raymond F. Lopez Jr.,
Senior Medical Director

Mission:
To promote community activities,
policies,
and environmental changes that
foster
healthy eating and regular physical
activity to counter obesity
and its related
chronic diseases.