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Little Free Library Honors Memory of Shelter Volunteers Lost in Conception Boat Fire

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter has opened a Little Free Library commemorating the lives of Diana Adamic, Tia Salika and Berenice Felipe, who dedicated themselves to promoting animal welfare and humane education in Santa Cruz County. The volunteers died in the tragic Conception Boat Fire that occurred on September 2, 2019 near Santa Barbara, Calif.

Adamic was a long-term volunteer at the Animal Shelter, as well as the Shelter's Humane Education Coordinator. Daughter Tia and her friend Berenice also volunteered at the Animal Shelter, assisting with education and Summer Camp programs. Diana and Tia also fostered countless cats and kittens through the Shelter's foster care program.

The Little Free Library is located near the entrance of the Animal Shelter on Rodriguez Street in Santa Cruz, and is open to members of the public to exchange books with their community.

"These three stellar individuals were invaluable members of both the Shelter team and the Santa Cruz community. They will be deeply mourned but also celebrated," former Animal Shelter Humane Education Coordinator Jen Walker said.

About Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (SCCAS)

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter which welcomes EVERY animal in need. Our goal is to be a humane resource for the community by providing a safety net and second chance for local animals. There are two locations where owners can find and recover lost pets, adopt new animal companions, or sign up for PLANNED PetHood, our low cost spay/neuter program available for all resident pets. Our success is achieved through a variety of life-saving services and programs which are described in detail on our website, www.scanimalshelter.org. The support of our community is crucial to sustaining and expanding these services.