Support Group Member Honored

Richard Daggett, a member of the Rancho Los Amigos Post-Polio Support Group, received the prestigious Amistad Award at a gale banquet on Saturday evening, April 29, 2006. The black-tie dinner was attended by over 500 people.

The Amistad Award is presented annually by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation to honor individuals and groups who have made a major contribution to the goals of the Rehabilitation Center and the patients it serves.

In accepting the award Richard said, "I've been associated with Rancho for 53 years. That is longer than Dr. Jacquelin Perry. (applause and laughter from the audience) I see miracles happen every day at Rancho. Not the Hollywood special

effects-type miracles, but real miracles. I see miracles where ordinary people do extraordinary things. Where people who think that they **can't**, learn that they **can**."

Preceding the presentation a taped retrospective of Richard's life was shown to those attending the gala. The tape showed scenes of Richard at various ages, interspersed with comments from friends, Rancho staff, and former Amistad honorees.

At right: Richard, Debbie Tomlinson, Director of Volunteer Services, and County Supervisor Don Knabe

