



Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation

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The 5th Annual TGMF Gala and Fundraiser

Imagine was another smashing success! Over 260 people attended the special evening event at the San Mateo Elk's Lodge. Thanks to all who attended and supported the Gala, the Foundation raised over \$80,000 to continue imagining our future and supporting our efforts outlined in our mission.

This year we had 7 testimonials from a variety of people who have received support from TGMF in one form or another - we heard from Gary, a Tim's House Resident who has recently graduated from Bridges, John a new resident at Tim's House, JoAnn from the Redwood City Education Foundation spoke to how the Outdoor Education Scholarships that TGMF funds impacts 5th graders, Patty represented Pets in Need, Cyndy and Stephanie from Kara, and Laura from the Healing Arts Center in the Bayview Hunters Point area of SF. What did they all have in common? How TGMF has helped people who needed assistance.... Thanks to all of them in helping to make the evening so special.



Thank you to Patrick McCauley who wrote and performed a very special song.... "Spread the Love" which he wrote in honor of his friend Matt Garcia as well as Tim Griffith. Thank you Patrick for such a beautiful and moving performance.



We had over 200 silent and live auction items and for the first year ever we had a "challenge" grant for our fund-a-need efforts. Shirley Yates, the Schuster Family and the Yates Family donated \$10,000 in a matching grant. Fund a Need brought in over \$23,000 in large part because of their generosity. TGMF thanks Shirley, Carolyn, Corky and Dave! We had our two auctioneers return this year - Mike Nevin who led our fund a need portion and Steve Bowerman who led the live auction effort! Thanks to both!!!

As always we had a team of incredible volunteers - including Bridges participants, Tim's House residents (who also baked two desserts for our silent auction), San Jose State University Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and friends and family! We know how fortunate we are to have all of these devoted volunteers!



Eric Snyder returned as our celebrated emcee for the evening. Eric travels from southern California each year to manage this part of the event and we LOVE it - and love him for doing it!

The annual croquet tournament had over 30 contestants and the winning team was Team Spirit. A new award was presented - the "most spirited" croquet team and that winning team was Three's Three. Dave Gayner officiated over the tournament and at the banquet awarded the golden mallet to the most spirited team.

We awarded the Nancy Harris Volunteer of the Year Award to two winners this year - Derek Ytreeide and Teresa Bowerman. Derek has for the last 4 years been the guiding force behind the audio visual extravaganza that has become a centerpiece of the evening. From the crew to the stage, lights and creative ideas Derek and the Riverview Systems is the reason for it all!

Teresa has been a force in our solicitation efforts for the past 4 years - this year she really took a leadership role and outdid herself with our wine donations, hotels and local Half Moon Bay restaurants and services. Teresa comes complete with her auctioneer husband Steve Bowerman and she also manages the live auction and fund a need portion of the evening.

We couldn't ask for two more committed and talented volunteers - we are honored to have them support TGMF and we love honoring them! Thank you again Teresa and Derek.

We want to extend a special thanks to our sponsors this year; Autodesk, Riverview Systems, the SF Giants, Steve and Wendy Blum, The Induni Family and Mike Colombo and Paul Mailhot. *Thank you all!*

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MORE WAYS TO HELP TGMF!



New! Go to www.escrip.com, register your Macy's card and credit/debit cards, and choose Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation. Every time you use your registered cards at participating merchants, TGMF receives a percentage of your purchase.

Merchants include: Macy's (using Macy's credit card), Round Table Pizza, Big O Tires, and many independent grocers including Andronico's, Draeger's, Food 4 Less, Key Markets, Lunardi's and Mollie Stone's. See the website for a complete list!

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Help TGMF and do your online shopping in an easy and cost saving way! A portion of what you spend is given to TGMF and it costs you nothing - free shipping is often included. There are over 700 stores listed on iGive, and TGMF receives a penny or more with every search, in addition to up to 26% on purchases.

TGMF RECEIVES \$5 ON YOUR FIRST PURCHASE!

Thank you for your continued support!

Holiday Wishes

The Board of Directors of TGMF wishes you and your family a wonderful holiday season. Thank you so very much for your ongoing support. We are hopeful that through your generosity and the work TGMF does we have made a few holidays brighter for the clients we support.

Many of you have made very generous donations to TGMF this year - thank you so much!! For those that may not have donated this year and would like to, this is a reminder that there is still time to do so before the end of the year (to include in your tax deductible donations!!) Also please remember that you may still have "company match" funds available through your employer if they have a matching program!

*Thank you all -
and Happy Holidays from TGMF!!*

Stacey, Carolyn, Denise, LeAnn, Julie, Lisa,
Alison and Debbie