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## Celebrate People 2004 Community Leadership Awardees Honored



Puente de la Costa Sur in Pescadero.

Bringing compassionate healthcare to teens, reviving high school education in a community in need for more than a decade, ensuring social justice for immigrants, and raising social consciousness through art: these are the inspiring accomplishments of this year's recipients of The San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Awards – people dedicated to building a stronger Bay Area.

The three individuals and one organization that have made extraordinary contributions to improving the quality of life in their Bay Area communities were selected from more than 230 nominations for the Award. This year we are introducing an award dedicated for an under-recognized, mature artist acknowledged for her outstanding contribution to both the arts and our community. The individual winners receive \$10,000 each; the organization receives \$20,000.

Come hear their uplifting stories and meet these inspirational leaders at The San Francisco Foundation 2004 Community Leadership Award Celebration on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Herbst Theater in the War Memorial Veterans Building in San Francisco's Civic Center. Rose Guilbault, chair of the Foundation's Awards Committee, will host the Awards Ceremony, which will feature the Awardees and bring together hundreds of the Bay Area's most distinguished civic leaders, activists, artists, and residents.

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## A Message from Sandra Strengthening our Community

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## Voting is Power

One of the fundamental aspects of our democracy is the right of citizens to vote. Soldiers have died on battlefields for this right, women and African Americans have fought to gain this right, citizens of repressive regimes have come here to exercise this right, yet in the 2000 general election only 44.1% of California's voting age population cast a ballot. This year's presidential election on November 2nd will present voters with numerous choices on national, state, and



Community partners sharing voter turnout strategies.

local levels. The San Francisco Foundation is dedicated to reducing barriers to voter participation by working with organizations that strive to register voters and increase voter participation through a nonpartisan approach. "The Bay Area is seen as a politically involved community – we have protest marches, varied political organizations, and many people who believe deeply in their causes, yet all of it that does not mean much unless individuals actually cast a ballot," said Ron Rowell, The San Francisco Foundation's program officer for social justice. By funding organizations such as the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), Asian Pacific Americans for Informed California, Downs United Methodist Church, the Northern California Citizenship Project, Leadership Excellence, Project Vote Smart, and the Disabilities Rights

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# VOICE

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Education and Defense Fund, among others, the Foundation is backing drives to educate disenfranchised voters.

Another issue facing the Bay Area is the lack of participation among recent immigrants. "We've learned that organizations that have gone into the community to register voters are often met with the same response: 'We can't comprehend the ballot, we need help understanding what all this means,'" explained Ron. California's ballots can often look like a phone book, containing numerous ballot measures and a variety of local and national elections. This can make potential voters feel overwhelmed, if not intimidated, by the task, especially those whose native language is not English.

The Foundation has assembled a group of donors who are very interested in this issue and have focused on grantmaking to organizations reaching out to educate voters. One example is Project Vote Smart's Voter Defense Manual, which offers detailed voting records of representatives and ratings on them from interest groups across the political spectrum. This manual is available online and in libraries throughout the Bay Area. Another source of motivating voters is through cultural events. Leadership Excellence, for example, supported the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, which works to motivate youth to participate in this democracy through music and culture. According to Ron, "Youth are known for their low voter turnout, so politicians don't address issues important to youth, which further alienates them and feeds frustration. This is a cycle that needs to be broken."

In response to the pressing needs of voter education and in order to leverage the increased interest during a presidential year election, The San Francisco Foundation's Board of Trustees has approved a mini-grants program that will run through November. Small grants from \$500 to \$5,000 will be provided on an expedited basis to help organizations performing grassroots work. Research has shown that the "gold standard" of increasing voter turnout is face-to-face involvement. Being invited to participate by peers and neighbors in the community who speak their language tends to energize individuals. The Foundation is working to increase this type of direct-involvement in educating and registering potential voters. Of those who actually vote, research shows that one-third go on to vote again in the next election, adding one more voice to the national dialogue.

## A Message from Sandra



Here at The San Francisco Foundation we see each season as a celebration of the important work of nonprofits, faith groups, community organizations, and local leaders strengthening our community. As summer has turned to fall, change is in the air and new ambitions can be felt throughout the Bay Area. We are excited to continue teaming up with our partners to increase civic engagement in the region.

As presidential elections near, we encourage all citizens to exercise their civic duty and vote. The ability to express your opinion through the ballot box is one of the greatest privileges of our democracy. In this newsletter, you will find out how the Foundation supports grassroots partners who are working to educate and register voters throughout the Bay Area.

Fall also means children are returning to school. The quality of our public education system is always of concern to parents and the community as a whole. Through our initiatives, we are working to support new approaches that enhance the educational experience for children. Together our FAITHS Initiative, Koshland Program, and West Oakland Initiative have collaborated to develop teen leadership skills through our Youth Leadership Program. Our West Oakland Initiative has also coordinated with many local organizations to open a state-of-the-art health clinic at McClymonds High School in West Oakland. Through the work of all our dedicated partners in the community, we feel the Bay Area will continue to take the lead in presenting real opportunities for youth to succeed.

We are thrilled to support the true leaders of our community. This year, our Community Leadership Awards highlight three individuals and one organization who have contributed in powerful ways to creating a better life for this region. We are proud to honor them and welcome everyone to attend the special awards ceremony on September 28th.

Change has also come to the Foundation as we welcome our new director of programs, James Head. With more than 20 years of experience in community and economic development, he will head up our program staff and further their efforts in the field researching organizations, sustaining relationships, and learning from and supporting the driven work of our partners.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The San Francisco Foundation and to experience the results of our donors' deeply felt commitment to community philanthropy.



Sandra R. Hernández, M.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
The San Francisco Foundation

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### The 2004 Community Leadership Award Recipients



**Chris Bischof**, founder and principal of Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto. For successfully rejuvenating high school education in East Palo Alto, inspiring college achievement, and encouraging student and family community involvement. *In the spirit of the Robert C. Kirkwood Award, made to an individual in recognition of outstanding community service, commitment, and inspired leadership.*



**Ester Hernández**, visual artist. For fostering community and raising social consciousness through her groundbreaking art, for her work with Creativity Explored, and for inspiring and mentoring the next generation of artists. *In the spirit of the Helen Crocker Russell Award, made to an under-recognized, mature artist who has made a significant and ongoing contribution in the Bay Area.*



**Dr. Barbara Stagers**, director of Adolescent Medicine and the Health Professions Internship Partnership at Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland. For her dedication to improving adolescent healthcare through community- and school-based care, for promoting teen health among communities of color nationally, and for serving as an outstanding role model for youth pursuing careers in healthcare. *In the spirit of The San Francisco Foundation Award, made to an individual demonstrating exemplary commitment to improving human relations in the Bay Area.*



**Puente de la Costa Sur**. For its creative, grassroots efforts to provide education, social justice advocacy, direct services, and community connections enabling immigrant men in rural San Mateo County to improve their living and working conditions. *In the spirit of the John R. May Award, made for organizational initiatives in response to a significant contemporary problem.*

## Celebrate Community Leaders

Please join us for an evening of inspiration, fun, and food at The San Francisco Foundation 2004 Community Leadership Awards Celebration. The annual Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact in their particular Bay Area communities.

When: Tuesday, September 28, 2004  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Award ceremony begins promptly at 6:45 p.m.  
Reception to follow

### NEW LOCATION!

Where: Herbst Theater  
War Memorial Veterans Building  
Van Ness Avenue at Grove  
and McAllister Streets  
Civic Center, San Francisco

RSVP to 415.733.8577 or [cla@sff.org](mailto:cla@sff.org)

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# SOLUTIONS

## Future Leaders Emerge from Summer Program

Developing future leaders from the enormously talented pool of youth in our community is part of the mission of The San Francisco Foundation. Working in partnership, the FAITHS and West Oakland Initiatives and the Koshland Civic Unity Program led 17 youth leaders through the 2004 FAITHS Youth Leadership program.

Each summer, the training features a six-week internship with local nonprofits, congregations, and community service organizations. Youth also learn real-life lessons and gain valuable work experience as they delve into operation of community organizations and the grantmaking process by discussing, debating, and recommending a grantmaking fund of



2004 FAITHS Youth Leadership Award students.

\$15,000. Youth leadership is an essential component of our work, and we look forward each year to welcoming local teens into the Foundation as they strengthen their voices, develop their skills, and build the confidence to contribute to an equitable and just society.

## 4 End Youth Exploitation Fund Update

In winter 2002, The San Francisco Foundation hosted a 100 Influential Women breakfast to sound the alarm of the shocking rise of young girls in the Bay Area being sexually exploited and forced into the sex trades. The breakfast launched our End Youth Exploitation Fund and rallied the community to support the agenda of a broad coalition, led by District Attorney Kamala Harris and Supervisor Tom Ammiano.

A secure house, a 24-hour hotline, and outreach and prevention programs are all now in the works. Edgewood Center for Children and Families and Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) will operate the secure house.

The San Francisco Foundation continues its passionate commitment to supporting these young women and girls. Our donors have already given \$30,000 to the fund to open the secure house. We invite you to join us. *For more information please visit us online at [www.sff.org/giving/target.html](http://www.sff.org/giving/target.html) or call 415.733.8500.*

## McClymonds High School in West Oakland Opens New Health Clinic

Supporting and nurturing the aspirations of youth in our community is vitally important to The San Francisco Foundation. But for many youth it is difficult to secure basic necessities such as healthcare. In response, the Foundation's West Oakland Initiative, in partnership with the Alameda County School Board Health Center Coalition, Supervisor Keith Carson, Councilwoman Nancy Nadel, Children's Hospital of Oakland, and the Oakland Unified School District, is proud to announce the opening of the new Chappell Hayes Health Center at McClymonds High School. Together, these partners have raised more than \$600,000 to develop the clinic. Providing mental health, reproductive services, and exam and conference rooms, this state-of-

the-art, 3,500-square-foot clinic will currently serve the 750 students at McClymonds, but is designed to face the street and will eventually serve the broader community. The primary physician serving the clinic is Barbara Staggers, M.D., a recipient of one of the Foundation's 2004 Community Leadership Awards, who is renowned for her dedication to healthcare in West Oakland. With a three-year, \$150,000 commitment from the Foundation's Community Health program and more than \$100,000 from The San Francisco Foundation's West Oakland Initiative, sponsored in part by The Hewlett Foundation, the clinic has the core support needed to further its goal of creating a healthy, productive, family-oriented educational atmosphere for all McClymonds' students.

## Improved Grant Application Process Launches

After soliciting community feedback through discussions, surveys, and focus groups, and in response to the needs of our grant applicants, The San Francisco Foundation recently launched an improved grantmaking process including shortening each grants cycle. Beginning in September, the turnaround time for an organization to receive funding – following the process from expressing intent to apply, to the Board of Trustees' approval of grants – is now five to six months.

Important changes to the process are a new Intent to Apply form that replaces Letters of Intent (LOIs) and a new form and timeline for organizations encouraged to submit a proposal. Complete details and all required forms may be downloaded online at [www.sff.org/grantmaking/apply.html](http://www.sff.org/grantmaking/apply.html), and we will always offer printed forms to meet the needs of all Foundation grant applicants.

The Foundation encourages all interested applicants to attend a How to Apply Workshop to hear about the process directly from program officers. These workshops will be held twice monthly this September through November and thereafter once every month. For upcoming dates and to register, please visit our website at [www.sff.org/grantmaking/signup.html](http://www.sff.org/grantmaking/signup.html) or call 415.733.8500.



Community applicants and TSFF staff engaged in a focus group this summer.

## Residents Craft Local Transit Policies

High school students from the Bay Area's low-income neighborhoods face enough challenges without having to choose between buying a lunch and taking the bus home. Yet it is a decision that too many students have to make because of the high cost of public transportation to get to and from school, after-school activities, and work everyday. In response, youth from Oakland Kids First are leading a "student bus rider project" to ensure affordable transportation options for low- and middle-income students in Alameda and west Contra Costa Counties.

The San Francisco Foundation's Community Participation in Transit Planning Fund works with organizations like Oakland Kids First to make it easier for students, seniors, people with disabilities, homeless, and low-income families to ride public transportation and increase their input into regional transit planning. This one-time \$190,000 fund, administered by the Foundation's Environmental Health and Justice Initiative, was recently established as a result of a \$100,000 legal settlement between community and environmental groups and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, as well as through additional contributions from the Foundation's Environment program.

The purpose of the Transit Fund is to increase participation by transit-dependent groups, low-income communities, and communities of color in transit planning decision-making in the Bay Area. Transit Fund grantees will ensure that our region's most transit-dependent groups have the resources and ability to impact transit policy decisions to better meet community needs. Their efforts will help increase ridership, reduce traffic congestion, and ultimately improve our region's air quality.

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## New Ways to Give

The San Francisco Foundation is proud to offer three new tools of philanthropy, each designed to meet specific needs of our donors.

- **Acorn Funds** allow donors to establish a tradition of philanthropy that grows over time through regular, tax-deductible contributions – for example, \$2,000 each year over five years, or \$200 per month for 50 months. When fully capitalized, your Acorn Fund becomes a Donor Advised Fund, and in the interim, you become a part of the Foundation's community of donors, benefiting from our expertise and guidance.
- **Field of Interest Funds** enable you to maximize your charitable gifts to support specific aspects of community life by tapping the Foundation's programmatic expertise and pooling your charitable gifts with those of others. Through Field of Interest Funds you can contribute to worthy organizations in the areas of environment, social justice, health, education, affordable housing, and the arts.
- **One Organization Funds** are designed to hold and manage a specific charitable organization's assets for a period of time. The Foundation invests these funds and makes grants solely to the founding organization at the organization's recommendation. One Organization Funds enable a nonprofit to partner with the Foundation, reap the benefits of our investment policies and expertise, and develop its own financial capacity over time.

For more information about partnering with The San Francisco Foundation, visit [www.sff.org/giving](http://www.sff.org/giving) or call Kathleen Driscoll, donor relations officer, at 415.733.8534.

### James Head

Director of Programs



As a young man growing up in a single-parent home in rural Georgia, James Head was profoundly influenced by his mother. Her commitment to educating and instilling community values in him and his siblings was integral in forming his career in social justice and economic development. After more than twenty years of helping individuals and communities succeed on many levels, James joins The San Francisco Foundation as our new director of programs. The Foundation is proud to welcome James and values his remarkable expertise in community development.

Growing up in the South he was also influenced by both the discrimination he encountered and the poverty of the region. Since earning a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, James provided nonprofit legal assistance and worked on legal issues ranging from housing to economic disparity to environmental justice - giving him insight into some of the most pressing issues facing individuals and families across the country. And these issues resonate with James; he sees that helping a tenant fight an eviction or working with an employee who has faced discrimination are pieces of a larger puzzle.

"Social issues are the responsibility of everyone: businesses, nonprofits, the government, philanthropy, and the community at large," said James Head. "For the Bay Area, I see these as regional challenges; what happens in San Mateo affects Oakland, and what happens in Oakland affects San Francisco. The Foundation understands this and is able to see the larger picture."

James moved to Oakland in 1986 to work as president of the National Economic Development and Law Center, where he led its effort in the areas of employment, childcare, savings and wealth building, and organizational capacity building. His experience has given him perspective on the importance of involving the private sector, both businesses and individuals, in philanthropy. "I believe philanthropy can achieve a double bottom line and that the maxim do well, 'do good' can truly be applied in our community." His vision involves a broader role for the private sector, and he sees great value in educating businesses and individuals about the rewards of community philanthropy.

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Having partnered with the Foundation and CEO Sandra Hernández in the past, James is thrilled by the opportunity to work here. "The San Francisco Foundation's reputation of dedication to the Bay Area is well known on the other side of the fence," said James in reference to the world of nonprofits and community organizations. He looks forward to developing close relationships with our program officers and doing what he can to support their work and enhance their strong partnerships with both grantees and donors.

James wants to create the optimal situation for our grantees to succeed. He sees the process of philanthropy as an important part of the equation. Affordable housing, racial issues, environmental justice, job training, healthcare, transportation are all important. He has seen through his career that developing a comprehensive approach to philanthropy will provide the best opportunity for solving these issues for the long haul and can truly help redefine a community. We welcome his vision, work ethic, and dedicated approach to creating a stronger and healthier Bay Area.

# Nigel and Barbara Renton

## Donors

People matter to Nigel and Barbara Renton. From their own family to people they have never met, the Rentons value people. The importance of people is apparent in their philanthropic work. The Rentons established their donor advised fund at The San Francisco Foundation in 1997. Both Nigel and Barbara are gregarious and quick witted, but it is their kindness and respect for each other and the world that are the operative words to define them. These same characteristics motivate them to donate their time, talent, and resources to others.

*Whether it is mentoring, being philanthropic, or taking a moment to say a kind word, Nigel and Barbara Renton give generously.*

The Rentons agree that giving back seems like the right thing to do. "We turned out the way we are because our parents were good parents and they instilled the right values and a good work ethic. They encouraged us to follow our dreams." Nigel and Barbara became philanthropists when they reached an age at which current earned income had ceased and prudent investment in past years had left them with assets with significant built-in capital gains. In 1986 Nigel had been appointed to chair a newly formed Planned Giving Commission by the Episcopal Bishop of California. By default, he learned much more about the virtues of gift annuities, lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and philanthropy. He and Barbara decided they should "practice what we preached" more systematically. They were already making small gifts from current income to various good causes.

The advice Nigel and Barbara give to their children about philanthropy is "the classic standard of a tithe" (a tenth of one's income), Nigel says. "I don't limit this to a church-related program, although I have given generously and continue to give to church-related causes. My wife prefers other causes, such as environmental ones, population control, gun control, and education. We share a love for drama, classical music, and music education. Rather than more specific advice, we hope our children and grandchildren (who have not been neglected financially!) will follow our example. Starting with modest gifts, the next generation is beginning to play its part, we are pleased to say."

In their estimation, the most important philanthropic decision they have made was setting up an Employee Stock Ownership Plan in their business. It was "a win-win situation that demonstrated to our co-workers the idea of sharing the abundance that exists in this country." Establishing a charitable remainder trust was their most important phil-



anthropic decision in more specific financial terms. Nigel enthusiastically says, "Setting up a CRT at The San Francisco Foundation, with the expert and friendly assistance of Ann Barden, has probably been our most significant and wisest philanthropic decision."

The San Francisco Foundation has played an important role in the Rentons' philanthropy, Nigel explains. "We have for some years been paper-rich and cash-poor. Appreciated stocks were what we had to donate. That's fine, if your gifts are in the thousands or ten thousands of dollars. It's clumsy for gifts in the hundreds of dollars, and we are absolutely not in the income brackets of successful entrepreneurs or corporate executives with large salaries, huge bonuses, and generous stock options. So we liked the idea of a donor advised fund. We also found that the Foundation supported many of the same causes as we did, and others that we would like to have done. It also has an excellent long-term track record. As we anticipated, it has been a triumphant partnership for us and – we hope – for the Foundation."

Some of the best parts of being a donor with the Foundation, Nigel exclaims exuberantly, are "our appreciation of the leadership of Sandra Hernández, the spirit of the staff and other donors, the choice of Bay Area causes to support, the careful distribution of largesse where it is most needed and will not be wasted, the work of the Investment Committee, the support of the arts, and the chance to visit sites to see where the money is being used wisely and successfully. Above all, the knowledge that we made a very wise choice when we first came to the Foundation!"

We are delighted to have Barbara and Nigel Renton as our enthusiastic partners in philanthropy.

# GRANTS

## RECENT GRANTS

This past year we distributed more than \$67 million in grants. \$15 million each year goes to Bay Area nonprofits through a competitive grants process. Here are some highlights:

### ARTS AND CULTURE



Creative Growth artist.

#### **Creative Growth Art Center** \$10,000

To support visiting artists programs and marketing efforts for this Oakland-based center for disabled adult artists. Creative Growth Art Center serves physically, mentally, and developmentally disabled adult artists. Founded in 1974, Creative Growth Art Center was the first independent arts and disabilities organization and is now the largest of its kind in the world. It provides a comprehensive art studio program for 135 adult artists with disabilities, a summer scholarship program for promising high school artists with disabilities, and an on-site gallery presenting Creative Growth artists' work to the public.

#### **Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC)** \$20,000

To support the second season of the television arts series SPARK, a partnership between BAVC and KQED Public Television. This 26-week series highlighting Bay Area artists and arts organizations brings viewers behind the scenes to examine the creative process in an informal and personal manner. Each week a comprehensive calendar of upcoming arts events and programs in the Bay Area is also featured. In addition to the television programs, SPARK includes an interactive online component and educational outreach for K-12 classrooms state-wide.

#### **World Arts West** \$15,000

To purchase donor development software and implement a direct mail campaign to increase individual donations. Founded in 1978 as City Celebration, World Arts West presents and promotes ethnic diversity through the performance and teaching of work dance traditions in its festivals, performance series, educational projects, and artist commissions. The organization presents the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, which is now in its 25th year. Over 650 companies and soloists have been presented.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

#### **Brookside Community Clinic** \$50,000

To support the establishment of a new clinic site, which opened in June in Richmond's Iron Triangle neighborhood, that will provide primary healthcare, prenatal care, and mental health services for families and adults. The clinic has seven exam rooms, and at full capacity it will provide 10,000 visits to approximately 3,000 individuals. This clinic will significantly improve access to care since all current facilities serving west county residents are at full capacity.

#### **Vision Youthz** \$50,000

To provide comprehensive and holistic support and skill-building opportunities to high risk young men who are incarcerated or have been released from detention. The organization creates supportive communities for these youth by training, supervising, and inspiring mentors and volunteers to provide the one-on-one attention these young people need. Through community collaborations, Vision Youthz wraps a strong network of support around each of its youth and encourages success by building the skills needed to turn away from violence and resist the temptations of street life.

#### **Whistlestop** \$15,000

To strengthen program operations and expand service to an increasingly diverse population of seniors in Marin County. Whistlestop, an important anchor agency serving the senior population in Marin County since 1954, provides an array of services and activities that include: Meals on Wheels deliveries to the urban and rural areas of Marin County; cafes at six sites throughout the county; services for immigrants and refugees such as legal assistance, referrals for medical care, weekly social gatherings, and citizenship and ESL classes; county-wide paratransit services for the elderly and disabled; and a comprehensive senior center with a complete calendar of workshops, classes, and special educational events.

## EDUCATION

### **Next Step Learning Center** \$15,000

To provide West Oakland residents with instruction in basic literacy and math skills and to prepare them for the General Educational Development (GED) test. Next Step Learning Center had been providing disadvantaged Oakland youth and adults with cost-free, innovative, and successful services for the past ten years. With the help of 50 volunteers, it provides individualized support and instruction for students who are working toward their GED, helps students develop the habits of responsibility and accountability they will need for future success, and provides the support and practice necessary for students who lack necessary self-confidence.

### **Homework Central** \$25,000

To provide academic enrichment services to children from low-income families in San Mateo County. Homework Central's mission is to support children in their learning process in an atmosphere of care and respect for children and their families. Through a community collaboration of congregations and schools, it provides homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, and mentoring programs. Homework Central maintains a close working relationship with the school district and plans to extend its services to additional San Mateo County schools in the future.

### **Dignity of Man Foundation – Mission Dignity** \$40,000

To support the youth of the Mission District with youth-led, peer-to-peer programming involving career information, training, internships, college counseling, and leadership development. Mission Dignity mentors and trains multicultural youth through youth-led projects to enable them to make informed decisions and contribute to their communities and the world. The organization forges alliances among the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and has been working on community development projects to benefit young people in the Mission District since 1998.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **The Breast Cancer Fund (TBCF)** \$20,000

To build Bay Area awareness, advocacy, and support for a statewide bio-monitoring project that will track the chemical body burden in breast milk as an important marker of community health and environmental contamination. Bio-monitoring (short for biological monitoring) is a process that uses sensitive new laboratory techniques to measure environmental contamination and industrial chemicals in the human body. This scientific process can be used by impacted communities and

environmental health groups to advocate for policy and regulatory changes that would phase out the use of potentially dangerous chemicals. TBCF's mission is to work for the containment and eradication of breast cancer by acting as a venture capitalist to support avant garde programs of research, education, patient support, and advocacy.

### **Waterkeepers Northern California** \$50,000

To continue their work in protecting the health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem by securing aggressive clean-up plans for seriously polluted waters; tightening permit limits for discharges of mercury, dioxin, and other carcinogenic toxins; reducing polluted storm water discharges by cities; and bringing agricultural pollution under regulatory control. WaterKeepers Northern California seeks to protect the health of the Bay-Delta ecosystem and its surrounding communities by monitoring water quality, gathering pollution evidence, working to stop individual polluters, and developing strategies to address pollution caused by major categories of polluters such as farms, foundries, and sewage plants.

### **California Interfaith Power and Light** \$10,000

To educate, engage, and organize the faith community in the Bay Area about renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation. California Interfaith Power and Light is a unique faith-based organization working with over 250 congregations to mobilize its constituency to advocate for important energy-related legislation at all levels of government in California, and to engage the religious community in implementing renewable energy and energy conservation programs.



Participants in Whistlestop's multicultural program.

## NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### **Housing Action Coalition (HAC)** \$20,000

To provide core operating support for affordable housing advocacy and public education in San Francisco. HAC is devoted to solving San Francisco's housing shortage by advocating for transit-oriented, mixed-

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use housing developments that meet a diverse range of income levels and address neighborhoods' specific needs. HAC advocates for change in local land use and building policies, offers endorsements of well-designed new housing projects, and conducts education and outreach campaigns to neighborhood associations and interest groups to identify common ground about the best way to provide housing.

### **Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP)** \$25,000



Participant at a GRIP program.

To support the development and construction of a family shelter and a supportive services facility for 60 homeless families in west Contra Costa County. GRIP is a multi-faith, inter-racial collaboration of 37 west Contra Costa County congregations working together since 1966 to address critical issues of economic disparity and social justice in west

Contra Costa County. GRIP currently operates three core programs: the Souper Center, the Resource Center, and the Emergency Winter Shelter Program for Families. GRIP is presently involved in a \$2 million renovation project to expand and improve the Souper and Resource Centers and to create a permanent family shelter to expand its capacity to serve more families.

### **Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center** \$25,000

To provide technology training and entrepreneurial support to 300 residents of Bayview Hunters Point. Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, one of the first micro-enterprise development programs in the country, has served over 2,000 clients since opening its doors. Renaissance's new Bayview Business Resource Center provides residents with small business training, financial counseling, one-on-one consulting, and other business support services. Renaissance will expand services at the Resource Center, including the addition of new technology training classes, larger computer workstations with internet access, greater space for business meetings, and expanded evening and weekend hours.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Concord Community Economic Development Organization**

\$15,000

For capacity building assistance to a day labor center in the Monument Corridor neighborhood of Concord. Concord Community Economic Development Organization/Monument Futures provides people who live and work in the Monument Community with the

means to develop the confidence, competence, connections, and capital required for success.

### **Asian Pacific Americans for an Informed California (APAIC)**

\$30,000

To increase the civic participation of immigrant APAIC, a coalition of Asian and Pacific Islander American community groups, was formed in October 2002 to promote Asian/Pacific Islander voter turnout in the special state election, and continued its mission aimed at subsequent elections.

### **LIFETIME** \$15,000

To engage low-income immigrant parents and parents of color to advocate for improved state and federal welfare policies through the "End Poverty, Not Welfare" campaign. LIFETIME's mission is to empower low-income parents to determine, pursue, and achieve their goals for education, employment, and economic security. Through leadership development, community building, and political education, LIFETIME has successfully empowered CalWORKs students in the Bay Area to advocate for welfare policies that support their access to higher education and training, while providing the strong support they need to graduate off welfare and out of poverty for good.



## **Save the Date: Strictly Bluegrass**

San Francisco Foundation Trustee Warren Hellman invites you to join him for a weekend of free down-home bluegrass music in Golden Gate Park. Three stages will be jamming both Saturday and Sunday, with musicians including Steve Earle & the Bluegrass Dukes, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, Hazel Dickens, Old Crow Medicine Show, Nick Lowe, and Gillian Welch.

When: Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco

ADMISSION IS FREE

For more information, visit [www.strictlybluegrass.com](http://www.strictlybluegrass.com).

## Iron Triangle of Richmond Honored as Newest Koshland Neighborhood

This spring The San Francisco Foundation's Koshland Civic Unity Program honored 12 community leaders in the Iron Triangle neighborhood of Richmond. The Iron Triangle, the 18th Koshland neighborhood, named for the railroad tracks that bound it on three sides, is quite diverse, with Latinos and African Americans making up more than 75% of the population. The neighborhood is full of dedicated residents and civic leaders who are working to improve the quality of life in their community— by reducing poverty, fighting crime, and decreasing environmental hazards. The Foundation is excited to embark on the \$300,000, five-year initiative in the Iron Triangle to enhance civic unity by promoting mutual respect and collaboration among diverse communities to resolve neighborhood problems.

### 2004 Daniel E. Koshland Civic Unity Award Winners

- **Rosa Acosta**, *family support specialist*, West Contra Costa County Welcome Home Baby Program
- **Faith Chege**, *outreach worker*, Casa de Esperanza
- **Frederick Franklin**, *community activist*, Iron Triangle Community Collaborative
- **Sharon Fuller**, *director*, Ma'at Youth Academy
- **Susana Garcia**, *outreach worker*, Casa de Esperanza
- **Michael Henderson**, *recreation program specialist*, Nevin Community Center
- **Fr. Jesús Nieto-Ruiz**, *pastor*, St. Mark's Church
- **Sang Saephan**, *youth counselor*, Laotian United Community Development
- **Rev. Andre Shumake**, *founder*, Richmond Improvement Association
- **Jordan Simmons**, *artistic director*, East Bay Center for the Performing Arts
- **John Spradlin**, *business owner/community activist*, Iron Triangle Community Collaborative
- **Maryella Warner**, *program manager*, Elder Abuse Prevention

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