



Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation

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"A Night Under the Stars" 3rd Annual Fundraiser



2007 Fundraiser Results

More than 350 friends of the Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation gathered together at the San Mateo Elks Lodge on November 17th to celebrate "A Night Under the Stars". It truly was a stellar evening with more than \$90,000 raised to benefit organizations dedicated to supporting others dealing with the effects of violence, addiction and personal hardship. The evening began with a silent auction where friendly competition was enjoyed by all. As dinner was served, everyone was reminded of the purpose of the night with a moving video presentation about Tim Griffith, and the difference that the Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation has made to its supported organizations. Following dinner, live auction action kicked the event up a notch, and music and dancing rounded out the evening. Thank you to everyone who joined us under the stars! ☺

2007 Outreach

In 2007, the Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation, in partnership with you we were able to:

- Provide 250 hot lunches for school children in Santa Clara County
- Fund training for 2 grief counselors at **Kara** to help grieving families
- Sponsor 9 Redwood City school children to attend the one week long **Outdoor Education Program**
- Support the opening of the **Hunters Point Boys and Girls Club**
- Fund a trainer for traumatized dogs at **Pets In Need**
- Support a day care center in Louisiana through the **Save the Children Katrina Outreach Fund**
- Support youth residential programs and family counseling through **Your House South** ☺

Tim's House

Our long term goal is to open Tim's House – a clean and sober living environment for 4 to 6 young men successfully participating in the Bridges Drug Treatment Program – a program that Tim himself successfully participated in. We were able to hear directly from **Mike Nevin**, the Executive Director of the **Service League**, our partner in opening Tim's House. Mike gave an impassioned presentation for the importance of this kind of recovery program and a sobering plea for the lack of this service on the Peninsula. Mike spoke of the successful results that places like Tim's House can have on sustained sobriety and reduced recidivism, and ended on a positive note that Tim's house will become a reality in 2008. ☺

Many Thanks to Many People!

Nancy Harris Volunteer Award

A highlight of the evening was when **Stacey Redman** was able to tell us all about a friend of the Foundation: **Nancy Harris**. Nancy came forward after Tim's death to encourage Stacey to form the Foundation, hold a fundraiser, and offered her talent and her spirit to make it happen. This was a woman who reached out to a family in grief, someone she did not know, and quietly and kindly showed what being a "volunteer" really means. We lost Nancy Harris this year to cancer, and to honor her spirit and to keep her in our hearts we have created the Nancy Harris Volunteer Award. This year it was presented in Nancy's honor to her husband, **Bob Harris**. ☺



From Lisa Moreno Fundraiser Volunteers

This year we were blessed to be supported by volunteers from the Delta Pi Chapter of the **Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity** and members of the **Bridges** program. From transporting and unloading auction items to setting up tables and decorations and then staying until the end to take everything down again, from selling raffle tickets to greeting guests and carrying purchased items to our guests' cars – no task was too small for our volunteers. All were such willing spirits and were genuinely happy to help. **Derek Ytreeide** and **Kyle Perry** along with **Lisa Moreno** recruited and managed a volunteer team of over 70 people. A stellar performance!



A BIG thank you to **Riverview Systems Group, Inc** for donating the audio, video, lighting gear, and personnel to put on an amazing A/V presentation! ☺
<http://www.riverview.com/>

3rd Annual Tim Griffith Memorial Croquet Tourney



From Julie Gayner

A few hours before the fundraiser, 25 or so young friends of Tim gathered at a nearby park to play one of Tim's favorite games: Croquet. **Shawna Kneudler** and **Kyle Perry** put on an event that included a 4 team croquet tournament, refreshments, raffle prizes and customized t-shirts – it was a fun and fitting tribute to Tim! ☺



Help Us, Help Others This Holiday Season!

From Shannon Hunt-Scott



Please join us this shopping season at www.igive.com and give while you shop at absolutely no cost to you! Whether it's holiday presents from Barnes & Noble or plane tickets to visit family from Expedia, you can give a percentage of your purchase to the Foundation at no cost. iGive is a website that serves as a portal linking you to over 675 well-known online stores. When you navigate through the iGive site to any of these stores, the retailers will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation. How does it work? It's EASY. Go to www.igive.com and enter "Tim Griffith" into the keyword search under "Find and Select Your Cause." Then click on the link and "select this cause". Follow the registration steps and you are on your way! ☺

Still Time to Donate in 2007

Please remember the Tim Griffith Foundation during your year-end charitable giving. Tax-deductable donations can be made at www.remembertim.com. The website shows how 100% of your donation can be used by the various organizations supported by the foundation. For example:

- \$100 pays for one month of utilities for Tim's House
- \$200 funds a scholarship for an elementary student to attend the Outdoor Education Program
- \$300 provides for grief training for a Kara counselor
- \$500 funds training for a trauma consultant at Pets In Need.

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(see inside for details)



We wish our friends of the Tim Griffith Foundation a safe, peaceful and joyous holiday season!

Our Mission

The Tim Griffith Foundation, born out of tragedy, has as its guiding principles the ideals of Peace, Hope and Healing. The mission of the Tim Griffith Foundation is to partner with public and private agencies to deliver support services and education without bias, to those affected by violence, addiction and personal hardship. Through our example and through our acts, we hope to inspire individuals and groups to act compassionately and peacefully.

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