



Harvest Moon Abundance

The 6th annual Tim Griffith Foundation Gala, Harvest Moon, was a shining success! An abundance of Foundation friends enjoyed an evening of auction excitement and moving testimonials from individuals touched by the Foundation. This year's attendees experienced an extra thrill while watching the final inning of the Giants vs. Phillies game. As we all celebrated the Giants becoming the National League Champions, a connection to Tim's spirit, knowing his love for the Giants, was felt by many.



Over \$80,000 was raised that evening. We are so grateful and thankful for the ongoing support from all of you.

Thank you to those who attended, those who donated, and

those who volunteered. That night, many said they were deeply moved by the generosity, love, and celebration at the Gala. Knowing those feelings are based on accomplishing good work in our communities (and the Giants win!) made the evening even more special.



Croquet? No Way!



The annual croquet tournament was called due to rain, and the Bel Mateo Bowl became the field of play. Tournament organizers Shawna Knuedler-Jefferson, Dave Gayner and Ward Kanowsky did a great job of keeping the competition fun. Dave presented the high score prize to winner Cristine Cunningham, and the low score "winner" went to Dana (Juice) Page.

We Love our Volunteers!

Thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers; we have many friends of TGF, members of Bridges, Tim's House and San Jose State University Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity (PIKES) that show up throughout the year, and in full force to support our annual Gala. We can't do our work without you all!

This year's Nancy Harris Volunteer of the Year recognition went to Teresa Bowerman, now a two-time winner of this award. She was honored because of her expert solicitation of auction items and sponsors, and without her we wouldn't have many of the amazing items available. She is truly talented, and we are fortunate to have her support.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Foundation, please contact Lisa Moreno at Lisa4T@gmail.com.

A Meaningful Difference

The evening program included several moving testimonials both live and via video. Maria Segal shared her gratefulness for the support she received earlier this year during the Spring Meadowlark Retreat, an intensive retreat offered by TGF for mothers grieving the sudden loss of an adult child. Maria shared photos and memories of her son Andrew, and spoke of how the retreat is a unique and important service in our communities.

For the second year a vocal performance was given by singer-songwriter Patrick McCauley, sharing two songs he had written – one of the songs he wrote specifically for the Gala. Judith Gable gave an introduction to the Cleo Eulau Foundation, recipient of an \$8,000 grant for their work in providing counseling services for at risk youth. The Tim Griffith Foundation provides the funding for the counselor at Sequoia High School who in turn provides support to these youth as they continue their education and transition from court and community high schools back into public schools.

A very successful Fund-A-Need kicked off the Live Auction portion of the evening. The success was thanks, in large part, to a \$10,000 matching gift from the Yates and Schuster families.

Lisa Clayton, a friend of the Foundation, shared her feelings about the evening: "I leave [the Gala] every year feeling different. Different in the aspect that not only am I honoring Tim and his special spirit, but feeling the sense of great accomplishment in contributing to services which give hope and opportunity to so many; which in turn make the world a better place. I'm grateful I've been led and connected to your work and passion in this realm."





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Redwood City Education Foundation \$1,000

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Tim's House Update



While we were all enjoying the Gala and the Giants success, Wendy, the Tim's House intake manager, interviewed and accepted a young man into Tim's House. October 23rd was his first night in the house. He has a child whom he has not seen for quite some time, as he has been incarcerated. He was involved in a gang and wants to change his life. His Probation Officer and Wendy feel he can, and because of Tim's House he has a safe place to make his journey to sobriety and happiness. We have had over 20 young men benefit from the House since it opened 2 years ago.