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San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Announces Heroes & Hearts Award Recipients

*Local Heroes Honored with Community Service Award
at Annual Benefit in Union Square*

SAN FRANCISCO (January 11, 2011) - Today [San Francisco General Hospital Foundation](#) (SFGHF) Board of Directors President Judy Guggenhime announced four recipients of the 2011 Heroes & Hearts Awards. The heroes include **Judge Mary Morgan, Dewey Rosetti, Dr. Shannon Thyne** and **John Weidinger**. They will be honored at the sixth-annual "Heroes & Hearts Luncheon" on Thursday, February 10, 2011 in San Francisco's Union Square. Tickets for the luncheon are available now by calling 415-206-4478 or by visiting www.sfgfh.net/hh.

"Each of this year's heroes is a community leader," says Guggenhime. "They have lead by example through **reframing the way our justice system supports mental health; changing the conversation about learning disabilities; improving the health and quality of life of children in need; and instilling the value of education in our youth**. Honoring these heroes for their compassion and dedication is one way the Foundation aims to motivate others to create positive change in their own community."

The Heroes & Hearts Award recognizes individuals who inspire others through exceptional community service. The "Heroes & Hearts Luncheon" is an outgrowth of 2004's *Hearts in San Francisco* city-wide art installation and fundraiser project. In addition to spotlighting exceptional community heroes at the February 10 luncheon, [14 new heart artworks](#) will be displayed and six "table top" hearts will be auctioned with proceeds benefiting



*Heroes & Hearts Awards
(click to view full-size)*

SFGHF and its efforts to fund projects that **enhance patient care and comfort at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH)**. The *Hearts in San Francisco* and the 2006 - 2010 "Heroes & Hearts Luncheons" have raised nearly \$6 million for the Foundation.

ABOUT THE HEROES



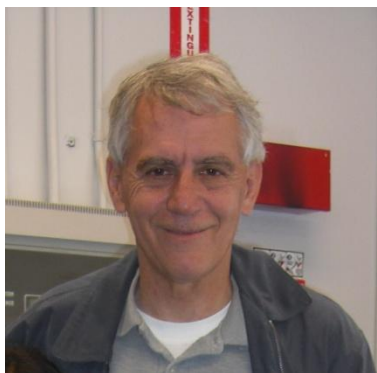
JUDGE MARY MORGAN -- Judge Morgan guided San Francisco Superior Court's Behavioral Health Court (BHC) team to embrace evidence-based practices. BHC is a collaborative justice court program that began in 2002 in response to the increasing numbers of mentally ill defendants cycling through the jails, courts and psychiatric emergency services. BHC directs seriously mentally ill adult offenders to community mental health programs with an aim to provide continuous and consistent community mental health treatment. Judge Morgan has inspired San Francisco community leaders to change policy issues related to the treatment of people with mental illness, and influenced statewide practices to improve California's mental health system.



DEWEY ROSETTI-- The mother of two children with learning disabilities, Dewey Rosetti founded [Parents Education Network](#) (PEN) after struggling to find the educational resources to make learning accessible for her children. Surprised by the number of families working alone to advocate for their children's right to an equal education, she has worked tirelessly for the last 20 years with schools and parents to bring education about learning differences to the San Francisco community. In just seven years PEN has become the San Francisco Bay Area's leading resource for parents collaborating with educators, students and the community to empower and bring academic success to students with learning and attention difficulties. PEN provides education about neuroscience and learning to professionals, parents and youth; creates community with peer support activities for parents, students and those who work with them, and creates an annual opportunity for networking and celebrating the strengths of this community at a special conference entitled Education Revolution held at AT&T Park. In founding PEN, Rosetti has helped to change the conversation about learning disabilities in San Francisco's educational community and given an informed voice to the families of students who learn differently.



SHANNON THYNE, MD - Dr. Thyne has chosen to take on the most important and pervasive conditions affecting underserved children, including asthma, child abuse and developmental disabilities. As the medical director of the Children's Health Center at SFGH (the busiest public pediatric practice in the city), she oversees the activities of the hospital's outpatient pediatric providers, who offer more than 33,000 primary care, specialty care, and urgent care visits for children and adolescents each year. Within this role, she has helped to create programs addressing special needs of the underserved community. These include the Pediatric Asthma Clinic-which has become a national model for care and has been replicated widely; the Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Center-a comprehensive evaluation program for children with developmental or behavioral concerns; and the Kempe Clinic-a primary care program for children at risk for or affected by child abuse and neglect. Her role at SFGH extends to community advocacy. She is a Board Member of the Child Abuse Prevention Center and a Commissioner on the First Five, Children and Families Commission. She is also the Chief of Staff-elect at San Francisco General Hospital and will begin her tenure in this larger leadership role in July 2011.



JOHN WEIDINGER - Throughout his 28-year career in law enforcement, Weidinger found that many of the people he arrested had little or no education. After retiring from the force, he had the goal of helping today's students understand the value of education. For over a decade, Weidinger has volunteered through [San Francisco Education Fund](#) at Cleveland Elementary School - the same school he attended as a child. As a volunteer, he mentors students and coaches them on math and science. Weidinger goes above and beyond what's expected of a volunteer. He served as PTA president when no one else was available and supports student learning through chaperoning camping trips, funding buses for field trips, and buying classroom supplies. He sees student success as his "paycheck."

Tickets for the Heroes & Hearts Award Luncheon range in price from \$300 for single seats to \$5,000 for an event sponsorship table. To purchase tickets or to find out more about sponsorship, call 415-206-4478 or visit www.sfghf.net/hh.

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About San Francisco General Hospital Foundation

[San Francisco General Hospital Foundation](#) is an independent not-for-profit corporation 501(c)(3) that provides fund-raising support to San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH). The mission of SFGH Foundation is to augment public funding by raising private support to further improve patient care and comfort at the Hospital. This vital funding allows SFGH to continue its long history of providing quality health care to San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area. Some of the programs funded wholly or in part by the Foundation include the Avon Comprehensive Breast Care Center, ACE Unit (Acute Care for Elders), Institute for Global Orthopedics and Traumatology (IGOT), The Children's Fund, Women's Health Initiative, The Center for Vulnerable Populations (CVP), Cancer Awareness Resources Education (C.A.R.E.), and the Orthopedics Trauma Center of Excellence. For more information, please visit www.sfghf.net.

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