



San Francisco General Hospital  
Foundation

# HEROES & HEARTS

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## Nominations Underway for Seventh-Annual Heroes & Hearts Awards *San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Seeks Extraordinary Citizens to Honor with Service Award*

SAN FRANCISCO (October 18, 2011) – San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (SFGHF) is currently seeking nominations for its seventh-annual **Heroes & Hearts Award**, a service award which recognizes humanitarians who live or work in the San Francisco Bay Area. Nominations are now being accepted through Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Compassion drives many of the heroes selected for the Heroes & Hearts Award, much like 2008 Heroes & Hearts Award recipient Toni Dukes. While driving home to Stockton every morning after finishing her night shift as a Public Safety Communications Technician for the City and County of San Francisco, Dukes was overwhelmed and saddened by the number of homeless individuals she saw on the street, many of which were children and elderly.

Knowing how cold it can get in San Francisco at night, **Dukes decided to purchase gloves and knit hats with her own money to hand out to the homeless in the Tenderloin.** With funds that her co-workers donated for the cause, Dukes was able to purchase larger quantities of gloves and hats and regularly distributed them throughout the city. In an effort to reach more people in need, she also gave a stack of gloves and hats to beat officers in the Tenderloin to pass out. In her first year alone, Duke handed out over 200 pairs of gloves. She continues the practice today.



*Heroes & Hearts Award recipient Toni Dukes at the 2008 Heroes & Hearts Luncheon*

### Nominate a Hero:

Heroes & Hearts Award nominees must reside or work in the San Francisco Bay Area and have demonstrated exemplary service to an individual or the community. Posthumous nominations cannot be considered. For complete information and to download a Heroes & Hearts awards nomination form, please visit [www.sfghf.net/hh/heroes.html](http://www.sfghf.net/hh/heroes.html). The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Recipients of Heroes & Hearts Awards are selected by a committee comprised of SFGHF Board Members and community members and are **honored at the Heroes & Hearts Luncheon on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at AT&T Park.**

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#### About the Hearts Events

San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's Hearts fundraising events include the [Heroes & Hearts Luncheon](#) and [Hearts After Dark](#) (click links for videos). Attended by upwards of 850 guests, the Heroes & Hearts Luncheon is a daytime gala that auctions heart art and honors local humanitarians with the Heroes & Hearts Award. Hearts After Dark is an evening party held after the luncheon featuring live music and dancing that draws over 800 attendees.

Last year's heroes include Superior Court Judge Mary Morgan, Parents Education Network founder Dewey Rosetti, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center's Dr. Shannon Thyne, and San Francisco Education Fund volunteer John Weidinger.

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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 fundraising support to San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH). San Francisco General Hospital Foundation is dedicated to promoting excellence in research, education and care for all at SFGH. The vital funding raised by SFGH Foundation 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 SFGH 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.), Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Center (BAPAC), and the Orthopedics Trauma Center of Excellence. For more information, please visit [www.sfqhf.net](http://www.sfqhf.net).