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San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Seeks Nominations for Extraordinary Citizens to be Recognized at Annual Heroes & Hearts Luncheon

Nominations being accepted through Friday, November 1

SAN FRANCISCO (September 10, 2013) – **San Francisco General Hospital Foundation** announced today that they are now seeking nominations for outstanding individuals to be recognized with the **Heroes & Hearts Award**. The **Heroes & Hearts Luncheon** on Thursday, February 13, 2014, will celebrate the selected hero award recipients as well as the 10th anniversary of the **Hearts in San Francisco** project. The service award recognizes extraordinary community members in the San Francisco Bay Area who have stepped-up in a time of need, creatively worked to fix a problem within the community, or acted quickly to do the right thing and help others. Nominations are being accepted now through **Friday, November 1, 2013**.

“In the past year, our communities and our City went above and beyond to help those in need,” said **San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee**. “We want to thank and recognize these exemplary heroes for their heartfelt actions, so please nominate them today for San Francisco General Hospital Foundation’s Heroes & Hearts service award.”

Nominate a Hero:

Nominees for the Heroes & Hearts Award must be individuals who reside or work in the San Francisco Bay Area and have demonstrated exemplary service to a person, group 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. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 1, 2013.

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 13, 2014 at AT&T Park.

The heroes honored with the 2013 Heroes & Hearts Award include San Francisco Police Officers and Founders of the Gang Suppression Unit, John Cathey and David Sands, Founder of the Wraparound

Project, San Francisco General and Trauma Center trauma doctor, Rochelle Dicker, MD, and Oncology Social Workers, Carol Lam and Rachel Orkand, MSW, LCSW.

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About Heroes & Hearts and Hearts After Dark

The 'Hearts in San Francisco' art initiative is a part of SFGHF's Hearts fundraising events, which includes the [Heroes & Hearts Luncheon](#) and [Hearts After Dark](#) party. Since 2005, in combination with *Hearts in San Francisco*, the events have raised nearly \$10 million for vital programs at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. Heroes & Hearts is a daytime gala, held on the field at AT&T Park, which sells the new heart art and honors heroes within the community with the Heroes & Hearts service award. The fifth annual Hearts After Dark fundraiser and party is held in the evening, also at AT&T Park, where more than 1,000 guests enjoy live music and hors d'oeuvres and dance the night away on center field.

[Heroes & Hearts 2013 Luncheon Video](#) -- Learn how San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center saves lives 24/7 and is The Heart of Our City.

About 'Hearts in San Francisco'

The city-wide public art project, 'Hearts in San Francisco' was introduced in 2004, featuring 130 five-foot tall heart sculptures designed by local and national established and emerging artists. The unique works of art were featured in plazas, parks and on street corners throughout San Francisco. To conclude the public art display, hearts were auctioned and sold with proceeds benefitting SFGHF and its efforts to fund projects and initiatives that provide quality care at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. Since then, more than 100 hearts have been created to benefit programs at The General.

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 (The General). San Francisco General Hospital Foundation is dedicated to promoting excellence in research, education and care for all at The General. The vital funding raised by SFGH Foundation allows The General 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.sfgfh.net.