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## San Francisco General Hospital Foundation announces recipients of the Heroes & Hearts Award

Community heroes honored at annual luncheon on the field of AT&T Park

SAN FRANCISCO (January 22, 2015) – **San Francisco General Hospital Foundation** (the Foundation) announced the recipients of the **2016 Heroes & Heart Award** – which recognizes extraordinary community members in the San Francisco Bay Area who exemplify the “go above and beyond” spirit of the Foundation and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. The 2016 Heroes are **James Larson, COT**, Clinic Supervisor and Ophthalmic Technician at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, **Raphael Rockwell**, San Francisco Police Officer and member of the Youth and Community Engagement Unit, Terry Saltz, Director of the Rebuild Project at Zuckerberg San Francisco General and **Dr. Clement Yeh**, EMS Medical Director for San Francisco Fire Department and Zuckerberg San Francisco General. The individuals will be honored at the Foundation’s annual **Heroes & Hearts** luncheon on **Thursday, February 18, 2016 at AT&T Park**. Tickets for the luncheon are available now online at [SFGHF.org/HeroesHeartsTickets](http://SFGHF.org/HeroesHeartsTickets).

“We are thrilled to honor four individuals who inspire those around them as they go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of all San Franciscans,” says **Amanda Heier**, San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Chief Executive Officer. “These Heroes exemplify the spirit of Zuckerberg San Francisco General by putting tremendous effort into ensuring our community has access to high quality health care, and creating opportunities that pave the way for success in life.”

### **2016 HEROES & HEARTS AWARDEES –**

**James (Jim) Larson, COT** has been dedicated to eye and vision care at Zuckerberg San Francisco General since the 1980s. Jim began as a technician in the clinic and has played a key role in preserving and restoring the sight of thousands of patients over the years. During the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Jim was a stabilizing force of compassionate care at the epicenter of the Cytomegalovirus retinitis outbreak that caused blindness for many patients. Later, Jim was the leader and driving force behind the hospital’s eye care outreach program, the Eye Van, bringing vision services to patients throughout the City who are unable to travel to Zuckerberg San Francisco General for care. Because of Jim’s efforts, the Eye Van is a successful example of a public health program that delivers specialty care services to the community. Jim constantly seeks out patients who might be having difficulties in order to personally resolve any issues and ensure they have an optimal experience. As supervisor of the clinic in the Department of Ophthalmology, Jim leads by example, mentoring and training numerous clinic staff that all develop an impressive cohesiveness and team spirit under his guidance.

**Officer Raphael Rockwell** is 15-year veteran of San Francisco Police Department, a member of the SFPD’s Youth and Community Engagement Unit and is a driving force behind many of the department’s outreach programs. Officer Rockwell assisted Police Chief Greg Suhr with the implementation of Future Graduates, a program that has helped over 1,300 teenaged students obtain paid internships with private technology firms and City agencies. Officer Rockwell coordinates the efforts of over 15 sworn officers overseeing approximately 300

student interns each summer. Additionally, he oversees the Earth Stewards Summer Program (Garden Project), with over 250 teenage participants. The students learn to grow a variety of health, natural foods – all of which are donated to Project Open Hand and other local food banks. Officer Rockwell's efforts are visible in the transformation of youth who have been inspired through participation in these various programs.

**Terry Saltz**, Rebuild Director at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, is responsible for ensuring the successful construction completion of the beautiful new Acute Care and Trauma Center in December 2015 and upcoming patient move-in and official opening this spring. As a staff member for over 30 years and serving in his current role since 2008, Terry has overseen the design and construction of the new Acute Care and Trauma Center and has ensured that doctors, nurses, and staff have necessary and critical equipment to save lives – managing a budget that represents the largest single procurement plan ever executed by the City of San Francisco. In addition to managing the complex project with ease, Terry is an outstanding ambassador for the Foundation – and constantly takes the time to share his knowledge and passion for what the new Acute Care and Trauma Center will offer patients, serving as the principal spokesperson for the project, leading staff, donors and the community on tours of the new facility. Despite time demands and unforeseen roadblocks, Terry has always remained optimistic and continues to lead his team confidently through problems to solutions. His commitment to bring the project to completion has been essential to its success and to the success of the Foundation's Heart of Our City Capital Campaign.

**Dr. Clement Yeh** began working at Zuckerberg San Francisco General in 2002 as a resident in the Emergency Department after attending Stanford University. He joined the faculty at UCSF, working full time at Zuckerberg San Francisco General. As the City's only Trauma Center, the hospital serves as the EMS Base Hospital, allowing Dr. Yeh to invest in his interest in pre-hospital care, working closely with San Francisco Fire Department Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians. After working on various projects to improve the 911 systems, Dr. Yeh became the Medical Director for the Department of Emergency Management 911 Communications Center and in 2012, began serving as the San Francisco Fire Department Medical Director. As part of extending and improving the safety net of emergency care in the City, he has been involved in a joint project between the SFFD and the Department of Public Health that will help to improve the health of some of San Francisco's most vulnerable patients. This program, called EMS-6, was created to meet the needs of people in San Francisco who depend on the emergency care system for almost all of their health needs by working to help avoid medical emergencies.

#### **About the Foundation's Hearts Signature Events**

San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's Hearts Signature Events (Heroes & Hearts and Hearts After Dark) are an outgrowth of 2004's *Hearts in San Francisco* project – a city-wide art installation and fundraiser. The Hearts Signature Events take place every February on the field at AT&T Park. At the daytime gala, Heroes & Hearts, the new Hearts in San Francisco sculpture series is revealed and the Foundation honors community heroes with the Heroes & Hearts Award. Hearts After Dark is an evening fundraiser and party, where more than 1,000 Bay Area young professionals enjoy live music and dance the night away on center field.

The 2016 **Heroes & Hearts Luncheon** takes place on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at AT&T Park. Tickets for the event are \$300 for single seats, with sponsorship opportunities available. Heroes & Hearts Tickets can be purchased by visiting: [SFGHF.org/HeroesHeartsTickets](http://SFGHF.org/HeroesHeartsTickets). **Hearts After Dark** is Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8p.m. Hearts After Dark Tickets are available through Eventbrite: [2016HeartsAfterDark.eventbrite.com](http://2016HeartsAfterDark.eventbrite.com).

#### **About the Hearts in San Francisco Project**

**The City-wide public art project, [Hearts in San Francisco](#)** was introduced in 2004, featuring 131 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 San Francisco General Hospital Foundation and its

efforts to fund innovative projects and initiatives that provide high quality compassionate care at Zuckerberg San Francisco General. Since the inaugural year, more than 100 Hearts have been created to benefit programs at Zuckerberg San Francisco General.

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