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AT&T COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT | 07

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AT&T and Energy 92.7 are proud to salute the people who raise the bar even higher in the Bay Area by helping to make it a better place to live. Throughout the year, AT&T and Energy 92.7 selected 52 Bay Area individuals saluted as community heroes. Each hero received \$500 for their charity of choice and was recognized and saluted on-air for an entire week on Energy 92.7.

AT&T supports community-based programs and organizations that address educational, cultural, and social issues affecting the quality of life in the communities in which we work and live. It is with this spirit that they heartily endorse and support individuals who are raising the bar in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

## NICOLE BARAN

Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness

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Nicole is committed to stopping violence against women. She founded the Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness, a non-profit focused on providing education and training so that communities and institutions respond effectively to women experiencing relationship abuse.





## BRANDON BAY

Marin Community Clinic

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Brandon is an eleven year old who collects donations for new toys for sick and hospitalized children at the Marin Community Clinic. Brandon's project, the Bay Kids Toy Project has donated over 1,200 toys so far.

Brandon is an inspired person who demonstrates the importance of a toy to a child who is sick.

## GEOFF BENJAMIN

Imagine Bus Project

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Geoff has worked tirelessly to help grow the Imagine Bus Project, a non-profit that provides visual art education to children in San Francisco's under-served communities.

Geoff has dedicated his personal time and energy to grow the organization from a small movement based off a mobile art bus, to an extensive after school program that serves over three thousand students in the Bay Area.





## STEVEN BOYD

Napa Progress Foundation

Steven is the Clinic Director of the Napa Progress Foundation. The Napa Progress Foundation is a non-profit dedicated to providing alternative community treatment for seriously mentally disabled individuals.

Steven has selflessly worked for the Napa Progress Foundation for over twenty years, helping develop alternatives to institutional care for public mental health services.

## ROSCOE BRYANT

Oakland Royals Youth Baseball Team

Roscoe manages a youth baseball team called the Oakland Royals. Roscoe is a great role model and manages the team with his own money because many of the kids can't afford to pay, and the league fees aren't always waived. In addition, Roscoe finds a way to treat everyone to pizza after every game, win or lose.





## BEVERLY BURNS

Charlotte Maxwell Clinic

Beverly is the Medical Director at the Charlotte Maxwell Clinic, a non-profit health clinic offering complementary alternative medicine treatments for under-served women with cancer. Beverly helped start this clinic, which offers massage, herbs, organic food treatments, and more.

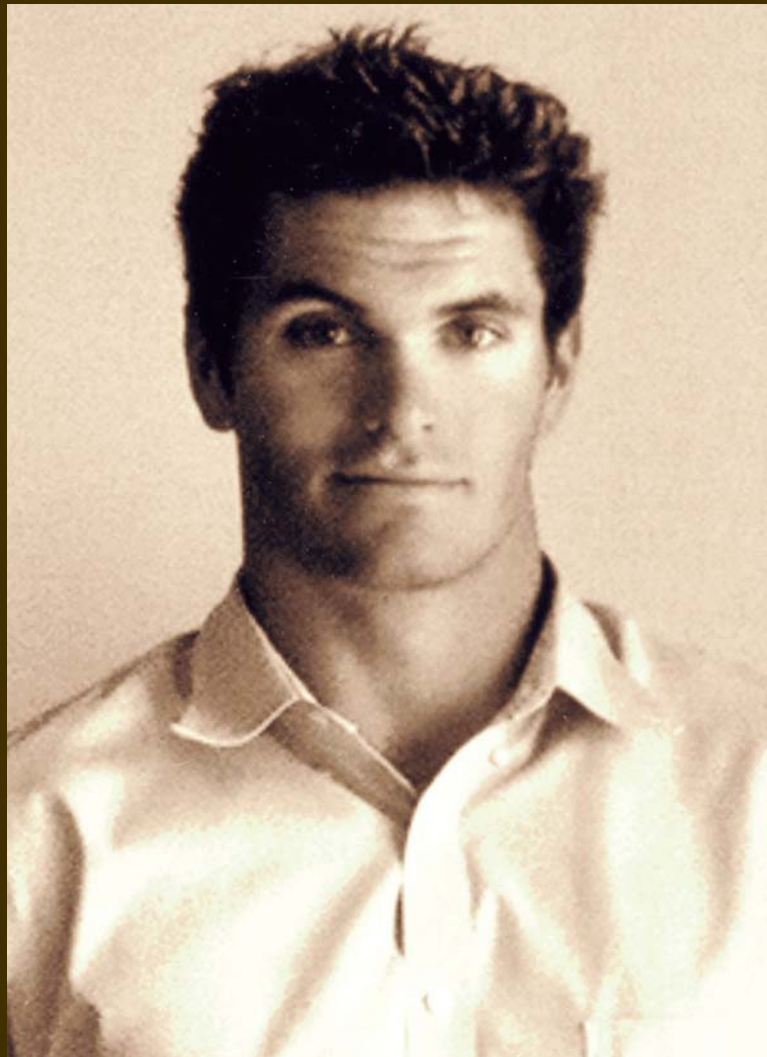


## PEGGY BUSH

Vital Life Services

Peggy is the Executive Director of Vital Life Services, an organization that provides many core services for those living with HIV, AIDS, and other critical illnesses.

Vital Life Services has served as both a resource and a refuge, providing health care, nutritious hot meals, social services, psychological counseling, transportation, and many other benefits.



## RHETT BUTLER

[mongabay.com](http://mongabay.com)

Rhett created a leading environmental education website, [mongabay.com](http://mongabay.com). He has an unwavering commitment to environmental issues and is a devoted defender of the rainforest and other fragile ecosystems. Rhett has made an impact locally and continues to demand a more beautiful world.

## JOHN CALDERA

Ties to Remember Project

John is an honorably discharged US Navy veteran who is very active in the San Francisco veteran community. John was the conceptual artist of the “Ties To Remember Project”, a sincere and earnest tribute to those American men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Not only is John involved in veteran affairs, but he dedicates countless hours of his time to other worthwhile community organizations.





## MOSES CEASER

Community Cooking Club

Moses not only started a community organic, local, healthy, seasonal cooking club, that he graciously hosts in his home each week, but the benefits go to different non-profits each month.

Moses has also dedicated his life to highlighting poverty and injustice all over the world by photographing it and using the photos to create social change.

## NICK CHEN

Blue Bear's Studio 101

Nick is the Founder and Manager of Blue Bear's Studio 101, a program that provides students with the instruction, equipment and skills necessary to allow them to create and record their own original music.

Nick works with the Bay Area's youth through various outreach organizations, camps and after school programs. He has helped hundreds of kids express themselves using music.







## STEVE COCHRANE

Community Involvement Center

Steve is the Director of the Community Involvement Center at San Francisco State. He works hard to increase people's sense of civic responsibility by connecting them with community organizations that match their beliefs, lifestyles, and goals.

Steve applies theory to real world experiences to help people succeed in their life and career choices.

## DAVID COLE

Pinole Youth Foundation

David focuses his time on after school programming for our youth. He revitalized the Pinole Youth Foundation and contributed to the building of the Pinole Youth Center, which provides after school programs and fun activities for kids.





## DAN CUSICK

Castro Country Club

Dan runs the Castro Country Club, a clean, sober and safe place dedicated to the health and well-being of the recovery community. This coffee house is a place where people meet, hang out, and socialize in an alternative atmosphere to the bar scene. Located in the heart of the Castro, this volunteer-based non-profit is essential to the community.

## ELZ CUYA

Youth Speaks

Elz is a true Bay Area hero. She is an amazing woman that has dedicated her time to Youth Speaks, a non-profit organization that gives young people the confidence to speak up about what they believe in.

Youth Speaks works with Bay Area youth teaching them poetry, spoken word, acting and more.





## VALI EBERT

Adopt A Special Kid (AASK)

Vali is a Bay Area hero in our midst. Vali is the Executive Director of AASK, Adopt A Special Kid. Through Vali's efforts, more than 80 children annually are placed in loving homes with permanent families.

## TINO ELLINGTON

Bayview Hunters Point YMCA

Tino is the Sports and Recreation Director for the Bayview Hunters Point YMCA of San Francisco. Tino is responsible for forming several youth sports teams that have gone to the championships. Tino is a fabulous role model for kids in the Bayview neighborhood. He teaches them how to combine sports and academic success, and how to prepare for college.





## BOB ERICKSON

Special Olympics Games Management Team

Bob is fondly known to athletes and coaches as “Medical Bob”. Bob is the Medical Director for the Special Olympics Games Management Team.

Bob is committed to providing quality medical support for the athletes. He has created a standard for medical care and he is strongly trusted by the Special Olympics of Northern California.

## LOGAN GUTIERREZ-MOCK

Bay Positives

Logan has put his heart and soul into Bay Positives, the world’s first peer-run agency for young people living with HIV and AIDS. Bay Positives helps countless Bay Area youth to live longer, healthier, happier and productive lives.

Logan continues to positively impact our community time and time again.





## CHARLOTTE HILL

Kids In Parks

Charlotte is the driving force behind the non-profit organization, Kids In Parks. Throughout the school year, Kids In Parks takes middle school science classes to McLaren Park. These students are from traditionally underserved communities lacking in environmental studies, and Kids In Parks provides a hands on experience with nature.

## NORMA HOTALING

Sage Project

Norma is a Founder and Executive Director of Sage Project, a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of individuals victimized by, or at risk of sexual exploitation, violence and prostitution.

The Sage Project introduces trauma recovery services, substance abuse treatment, legal advice, and housing assistance to help those in need.





## NETTIE KELLY

Tall Ship Education Academy

Nettie runs the Tall Ship Education Academy, an academic program based in San Francisco that uses sail training vessels as a platform for experience-based learning and personal growth for high school girls. Her program provides girls with the confidence, self-esteem, sense of responsibility, and inspiration to lead better lives.

Nettie inspires her girls to follow through with personal challenges, such as finishing high school.



## JANINE LEE

Capture the Dream

Janine is the Founder and CEO of Capture the Dream, a non-profit assisting disadvantaged and at-risk youth through monthly events and activities. Each month, Janine helps low-income families throughout the Bay Area to participate in a memorable family experience that they usually wouldn't be able to afford, such as a basketball game or a movie.



## STEVEN LEE

Rebuilding Together

Steven is a volunteer board member of Rebuilding Together of Oakland, a non-profit that repairs the homes of elderly and disabled, low income residents in Oakland. Recently, Steve has worked endless weekends with teams of volunteers to repair the home of an 83 year old woman suffering from Alzheimer's.

## DONNA LEMMON

Integrated Community Services

Donna is the Founder of Integrated Community Services, a non-profit agency that provides solutions to the critical needs of individuals with disabilities in Marin and Sonoma counties. Donna and her staff cultivate employment, independent living skills, training, and much more.



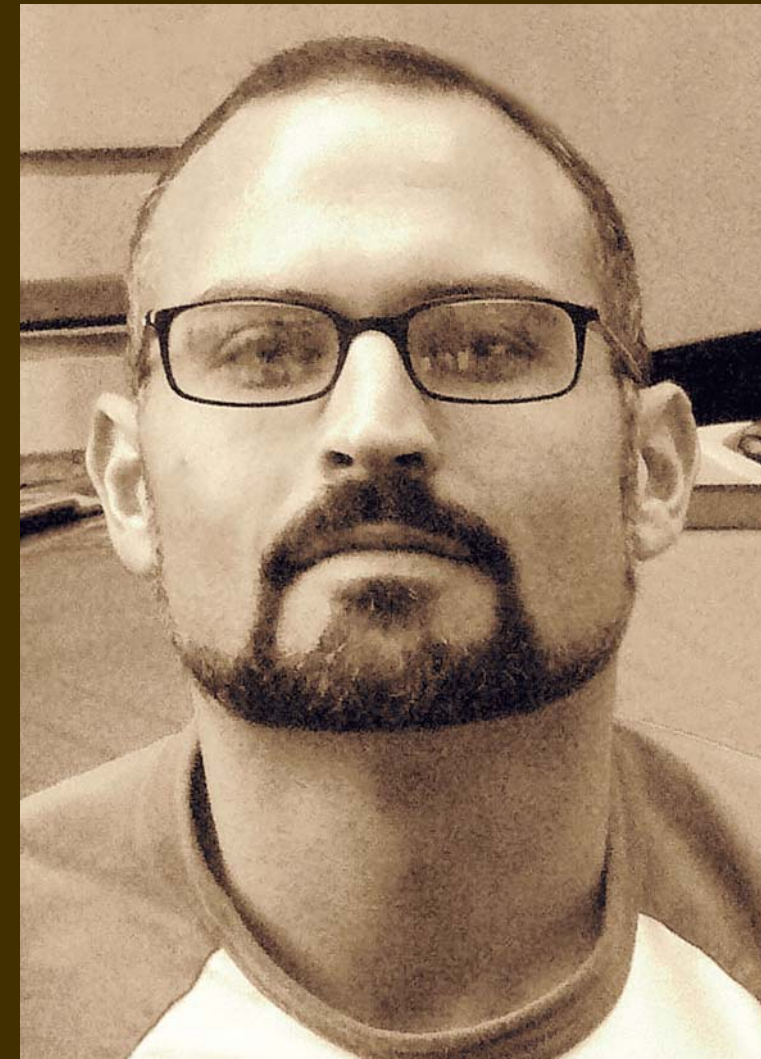


## LAWLAND LONG

Chinatown Community Children's Center

Lawland is the Executive Director of the Chinatown Community Children's Center, a non-profit organization that provides early childhood education and social services to a low-income, recent immigrant population in San Francisco's Chinatown.

Lawland works tirelessly to make sure that the kids in our community are prepared for kindergarten and beyond.



## HENRY LUCERO

Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS)

Henry works with the non-profit organization Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS), to ensure that people with HIV, AIDS, cancer, and disabilities can afford to take care of their pets. Henry works endless hours to coordinate events, like Petchitecture, to help fund this worthy cause.





## JANE MARTIN

Plant SF

Jane works for Plant SF, a non-profit that makes a difference by working with neighbors and city agencies to green the City through sidewalk plantings. They not only look great and bring neighbors together; they also help alleviate the storm water load to our overburdened sewer system.

## PADRIC McCAIG

Development for Shanti

Padric is the Director of Development for Shanti, a non-profit that enhances the quality of life, health, and well-being of people living with breast cancer, HIV, and AIDS in San Francisco. Shanti offers a variety of services including care navigation, treatment advocacy, highly-trained volunteers who provide practical and emotional support, health and immune enhancing workshops and services, social activities and many more.





## ROBERT McDANIELS

Boe-Decker Park Recreation Program

Robert runs the Boe-Decker Park Recreation Program in San Francisco's Tenderloin, a tiny children's space in a crime and drug ridden neighborhood where he helps young kids avoid the life of crime and use of drugs.

Robert also coaches the Tenderloin Youth Track Club which has produced several nationally ranked athletes.

## KRISTOPHER McDOWELL

California Cabaret

Kristopher founded a non-profit organization called California Cabaret, where he produces concert and musical events to raise funds for HIV and AIDS awareness.

He has made valuable contributions to the AIDS Emergency Fund and Under One Roof, and continues to find grants to offer students in the Bay Area tickets to see musical events.





## LARA MENDEL

Mosaic Project

Lara is the Executive Director of the Mosaic Project, a non-profit organization that teaches community building, conflict resolution, mutual respect, and self-esteem to fourth and fifth grade students all over the Bay Area in a week-long outdoor school.

## TEGRE MILES

Mile High & Mile High Sierra House

Tegre Miles operates two group homes for abused and neglected children – Mile High and Mile High Sierra House. Tegre helps all of his kids with life's obstacles as well as takes them on vacations.





## JACK MILLER

Africa Jack Foundation

Last year, Jack began a quest to help children in Africa affected with AIDS. The Africa Jack Foundation was established to provide resources and funding to build learning centers at HIV orphanages in sub-sahara Africa.

Jack is working to better the lives of children affected by HIV and AIDS. To learn more, go to [africajack.com](http://africajack.com).

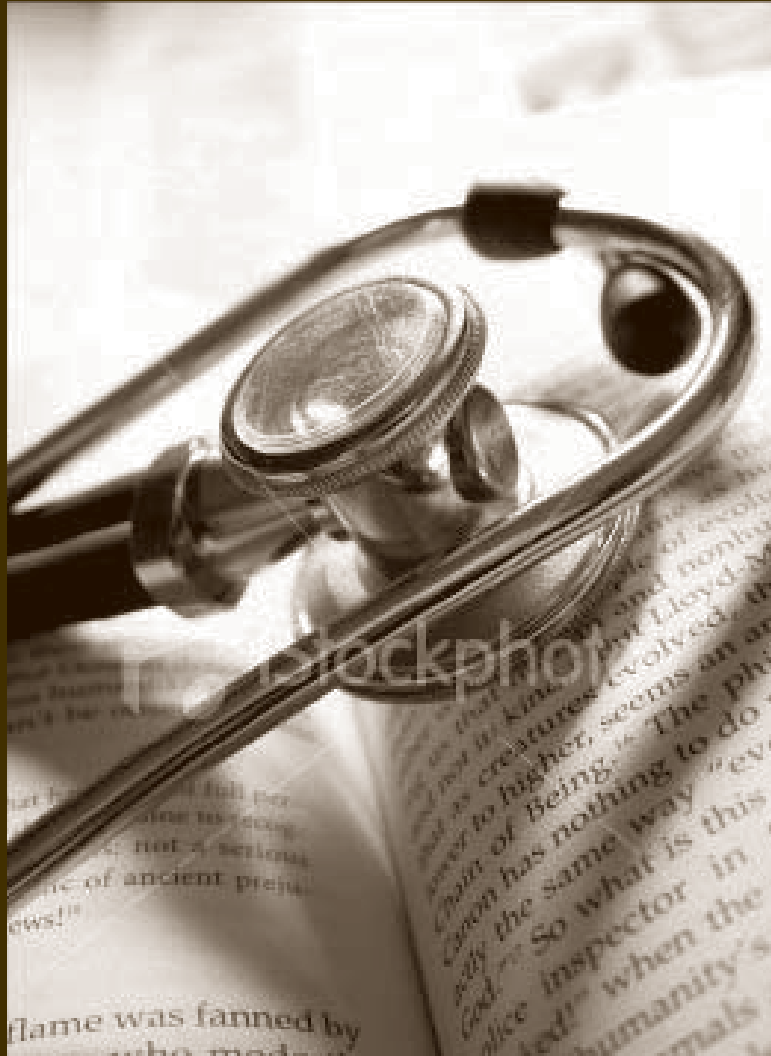
## GREG MIRAGLIA

Napa Community & Matthew Shepard Foundation

Greg is a leader in the Napa community as well as at Napa Valley College for fighting hate crimes through education and awareness. He is responsible for bringing several major community speakers to the college including parents of children who have suffered from hate crimes.

Greg also serves as a board member for the Matthew Shepard Foundation which provides hate crime prevention throughout the U.S.





## CARO MONICO & ZOEL QUINONEZ

Clínica Martín-Baró

Zoel and Caro founded the Clínica Martín-Baró which is a health clinic in the Mission District of San Francisco run by medical and undergraduate students of UCSF.

The clinic provides access to free and linguistically accommodating health care to the medically under-served.

## LYNNE MOQUETE

Building Homes - Building Hope

Lynne is the Director of Building Homes - Building Hope, a non-profit that takes students and adults to the Dominican Republic to build homes for people living in poverty.

Building Homes - Building Hope strives to establish a cross-cultural connection and a global awareness amongst members of the community.





## HELEN PARKER

Youth Treatment & Education Center

Helen is one of the founding teachers of the Youth Treatment and Education Center of San Francisco. YTEC addresses youth's academic, emotional, and behavioral needs in the least restrictive environment as an alternative to incarceration. This program gives many wonderful children a second chance at life!



## CARLTON PAUL

Castro Community on Patrol

Carlton is the Cofounder of a new grassroots non-profit called Castro Community on Patrol, where volunteers watch the streets of the Castro to keep it safe. This volunteer-driven organization creates a presence so that criminals may think twice about victimizing our community.



## JAMIE RAY

### SF ROMP

Jamie runs SF ROMP - the San Francisco Rescued Orphaned Mammal Program, a volunteer based non-profit that rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife.

As San Francisco's first wildlife hospital for mammals, SF ROMP provides humane solutions to wildlife problems.

## GENE RUSSO & JOAN SCHUBIN

### Connecting Through Dance

Gene and Joan founded Connecting Through Dance which is a unique program for connecting the visually impaired and recently blinded with the sighted community through ball room dance.

The program provides an opportunity for bringing together a diverse group of community members.





## SUSAN RUXTON

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Susan is the President of Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, an organization dedicated to finding permanent homes for animals living in Bay Area animal shelters.

Susan works tirelessly to provide cats and dogs another chance.

## VERONICA SHEPARD

Southeast Health Center

Veronica is a community health worker at the Health and Environment Resource Center and the Southeast Health Center in Bayview Hunters Point.

She promotes women's health and breast cancer awareness to the under-served bayview Hunters Point community, which historically has high rates of breast cancer and high mortality because of the lack of mammograms.







## KAVITHA SREEHARSHA

Narika

Kavitha volunteers as the President of the Board of Directors at Narika, a domestic violence helpline for South Asian women.

She also works as an attorney providing free services to these victims. She is truly a community advocate working to end domestic violence in the South Asian community.

## ROBIN SWEENEY

Southern Marin Hot Meal Coalition

Robin is an 81 year old registered nurse and former mayor of Sausalito. Robin helped found the Southern Marin Hot Meal Coalition which consists of volunteers, including Robin, who feed the homeless and needy people in Southern Marin five days a week.





## ANNE MARIE THEILSEN

### SCRAP

Anne Marie and her mother started the non-profit organization, SCRAP, to provide teachers in San Francisco donated supplies. SCRAP is a creative resource center where donations of reusable materials such as paper, jewelry, wood, buttons, and plastics are collected from businesses, institutions, and individuals, and distributed to art and educational groups.

## JOSEPHA VAUGHAN

### Art Seed

Josepha is the Founder of Art Seed which is a non-profit that introduces underprivileged youth to the art community by participating in art projects and meaningful art experiences.





## PETER WILSON

Benicia-Vallejo Humane Society

Peter is the Director of the Benicia-Vallejo Humane Society. Many happy pets and owners find each other because of Peter and his staff. No matter how hard things get, he always maintains a positive and upbeat attitude.

## JOHN WOOD

Room to Read

John is the Founder of Room To Read, a non-profit organization that has built schools and libraries throughout the world in an effort to break the cycle of poverty in third world countries.





## JUDY WOODS

Haight Ashbury Food Program

Judy came to the Haight Ashbury Food Program 14 years ago for a free meal. She first started volunteering at HAFP and then enrolled in the first job training course 10 years ago.

After graduating, the organization hired her to run the program's kitchen. The Haight Ashbury Food Program kitchen serves more than 65,000 meals per year to the hungry in the Haight as well provides training in the culinary field.



## VICTORIA YANG

Furry Friends Rescue Group

Victoria volunteers for the Furry Friends Rescue Group which helps find homes for stray and abused dogs. If she's not at home taking care of a furry friend, then she is out trying to find a suitable home for them.



## TORANGE YEGHIAZARIAN

Golden Thread Productions

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Torange founded Golden Thread Productions, a non-profit theatre dedicated to exploring Middle Eastern culture and identity as represented throughout the globe.

Through its timely and relevant work, Golden Thread showcases difficult issues in Middle Eastern life for the entire Bay Area and the Middle Eastern community.

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