



Tim Griffith Foundation

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SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Tim Griffith Foundation Auction and Dinner! Saturday, Nov 17th

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Annual Fundraiser News



1st Annual Fundraiser "kids" table – Josh, Emmalea, Leslye and other friends of Tim

2006 Fundraiser Results

By all accounts, The 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction and Dinner held in October of 2006 was a tremendous success. There was a great energy at the New Orleans themed event, and thanks to all of you **\$60,000** was raised! Because of your generosity, we are able to continue the dream of Tim's House and the support of organizations dedicated to helping those who cannot help themselves. For a complete look at organizations who have received funding from the Foundation, view the Grant History at remembertim.com website ☺

Auction Items Needed

Our fundraising success has a lot to do with the generous donations and purchases of silent and live auction items. Many of you have been so generous, and we thank you! If you have an idea for a great item – or have a great item to donate please contact **Shannon Hunt-Scott** at Shannon.Hunt@gmail.com – Remember it can be large or small – home made or purchased...those gift cards you have received and never used, a round of golf at your favorite golf course or a weekend at your cabin...The ideas are limitless and all are appreciated! ☺

Volunteers Needed

Want to volunteer your time to help? We need volunteers throughout the year...one hour, one day, one event, or more, we rely on our volunteers to help in many ways. Anything from assembling gift baskets, addressing envelopes or newsletters, making posters, selling raffle tickets and tables! We need it all! To learn more about volunteering, or to sign up, please contact **Lisa Moreno** at Lisa4T@gmail.com ☺

A Day At The Races



From Julie Gayner

Friends and family gathered for an afternoon of fun at the 2nd Annual Day At the Races held on April 17th at Bay Meadows racetrack.

Everyone enjoyed a day in the sun and lunch at the Club House Patio and cheered on the horse dedicated to Tim and the Foundation. Between ticket sales, raffle tickets and donated winnings, the foundation raised \$6,000.00! ☺



On March 18th, we, plus thirteen of our friends, were treated to delicious food and wine, and an introduction to the mysteries of the Tango dance and its culture.



Alison Thoreau and Lou Vasquez

Lectures and plays. Check out their website: <http://www.alwaystango.com>. We were very lucky to get the benefit of their donated lesson; their passion for what they do was evident. They are great, very patient, teachers and incredible to watch – their grace and precision was remarkable. And, did I mention the incredible food? Thank you, **Theresa Hernandez-Heinz**, for preparing a wonderful array of hot and cold tapas, and to **Stacey Redman** and **Lisa Moreno** for your gracious hosting and much-needed beverages – keeping track of your steps and your posture really makes you thirsty. Lastly, thanks to **Shari McCloud** of *Studio S* in Redwood City for offering us the perfect place to kick up our heels. Por siempre tango! ☺

Tango & Tapas

From Alison Thoreau

Tango is a way of life. That, and it's very hard to let your partner lead. That's what I learned on a Sunday night last month. As high bidders of the "Tango and Tapas" evening offered as a live auction item at last year's fundraiser, my husband Lou and I won an unforgettable experience.

"Thanks to **Shari McCloud** of **Studio S** in Redwood City for offering us the perfect place to kick up our heels!"

Alicia and Juan Carlos Suarez, our instructors, were born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the birth place of Tango. They are life time dancers of the tango and enjoy teaching others the gift of dancing. Today, Juan Carlos and Alicia promote tango culture in Houston, Texas by teaching Argentine Tango, sponsoring tango exhibitions,

The Story of Tim's House



"A chance to prove myself, a chance to better myself, a chance to change my life."...
From a Bridges Participant.

From Stacey Redman

As a collaborative project with the Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation, the Service League is proposing to establish a clean and sober supportive housing facility for 5 young men, ages 18 to 30, who are enrolled and in good standing in the San Mateo County Probation Department's Bridges Program. Tim's House will provide a safe and supportive shared living experience with positive living and social activities.

The House will provide the stability of a structured, supportive living arrangement for 5 young men to positively impact their successful completion of the Bridges program, maintain sobriety, and move on to a drug-free, productive and personally satisfying lifestyle. Length of residence is for the duration of the individual's Bridges involvement, up to one year.

Want more info? Contact us!
timgriffithfoundation@gmail.com ☺

Volunteer News

From Lisa Moreno

The foundation board thanks **Randy Polk** for the donation of his time and talent in setting up and maintaining the rememberetim.com website. We couldn't miss this opportunity to tell Randy and everyone else how much he is appreciated!

Thank you Randy!

Want to Help? Here's How!

- Volunteer your time or special talent
 - Donate an Item for Auction
 - Shop with iGive
 - Attend a Fundraising Event
- To get started, contact **Lisa Moreno** at Lisa4T@gmail.com ☺

Foundation News



1st Quarter Foundation Giving
From Alison Thoreau and Stacey Redman

The Foundation's grant giving has been primarily focused on helping young people in the first quarter of 2007. Due to the success of our "Mardi Gras in October" Fundraiser, we are very happy to announce that we were able to send \$2,000 in January to the *Save the Children Fund for Katrina Relief*. Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world.



Our funds were specifically targeted to ensure the well-being of children still displaced by Hurricane Katrina. In March we established a partnership with the *Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF)* through our grant of \$1,800 to supplement their support of the *San Mateo County's Outdoor Education Program* for 5th and 6th graders in the Redwood City School District. This week-long residential program, held at Jones Gulch in the Santa Cruz Mountains, allows the students to explore the natural world and work together as a community.

The *RCEF* will combine our funds with theirs to cover the \$250 per student cost of the program. *RCEF* raises private money to provide enrichment programs to all students in Redwood City School District. Funding is focused on academic achievement, music and art, and wellness.

Last month we were able to help a local family that was not able to pay funeral costs for their son who had taken his life....the TGMF was able to bridge a small gap that the family was experiencing in order for them to provide the service. ☺



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Our Mission

The Tim Griffith Foundation, born out of tragedy, has as its guiding principles the ideals of Peace, Hope and Healing. The mission of the Tim Griffith Foundation is to partner with public and private agencies to deliver support services and education without bias, to those affected by violence, addiction and personal hardship. Through our example and through our acts, we hope to inspire individuals and groups to act compassionately and peacefully.