

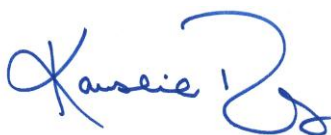
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On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and, most importantly, our clients, I want to extend my most sincere gratitude to all of you who joined us to commemorate our 35th Anniversary. It was a special evening which allowed us, as a community, to celebrate our past accomplishments, as well as embrace the work that lies ahead of us. This year, we will have served over 2,000 San Franciscans with breast cancer or HIV/AIDS. It is your generosity and spirit of commitment that allow us to be there for some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

It was inspiring to witness the warmth, gratitude and fondness so many have for Shanti's incredible legacy of care-giving. In so many ways, Shanti is a symbol of the much larger compassionate community in the Bay Area. An organization such as ours could only evolve and be sustained in a community where, at its heart, there rests tremendous compassion and true decency—where, when we see that our neighbors may be sick or in pain and it may be so much easier to look the other way, we don't. Instead, we move towards our neighbors with open arms and an open heart.

Today, all of our programs are based on the same fundamental principle on which Shanti was founded in 1974: no one should have to face a life-threatening illness alone. With your continued support, let us embark on our 36th year of service and work together to make sure that no underserved individual with HIV/AIDS or breast cancer faces their illness by themselves.

In gratitude,



Kaushik Roy
Executive Director