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THE SHANTI PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Gayling Gee Becomes New Chair of Shanti Project

In November, Douglas P. Holloway stepped down as Chair of Shanti Project's Board of Directors and was named Chair Emeritus. Gayling Gee, R.N., M.S., was elected the new Chair of Shanti's Board.

Ms. Gee has been a leader in San Francisco's AIDS response since 1981 when she began working with Dr. Paul Volberding to open Ward 86 outpatient clinic for people with AIDS at San Francisco General Hospital. Ms. Gee joined Shanti's board in May, 1988, and served as Vice Chair from 1989 until this year. She has served as member to the board's Personnel and Volunteer/Direct Services Committees.

Ms. Gee is presently Director of Medical Nursing at San Francisco General Hospital. Previously the Head Nurse of the Ward 86 AIDS/Oncology Clinic, she coordinated clinic services to provide comprehensive care to AIDS and oncology patients. Ms. Gee is a graduate of the University of California in Berkeley and San Francisco Medical Center and has published numer-



Gayling Gee (left), newly elected Board Chair, with Chair Emeritus Doug Holloway at a reception held in his honor on departure from the Board. Photo: Jeanine K. Reising

ous articles and a book on AIDS nursing care. She was a presenter at the International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy, in 1991.

Ms. Gee says that her years as a board

member for Shanti Project "have been filled with a determination that people with AIDS receive the most compassionate care and be able to live independently and with dignity. I am most proud of our excellent history of services to people with HIV in San Francisco, in particular our services to gay men — the population most affected by HIV in the City. I hope to see us continue to expand services to people with AIDS in the future, and continue to improve services to populations that have been traditionally underserved — including women and children, people of color, and people from San Francisco's poorer communities."

Doug Holloway joined Shanti Project's board in 1988. Shortly thereafter, the agency faced a major organizational crisis, internal conflict, and concern from the public and governmental funding sources. Holloway worked quickly to find resolution to the agency's crisis. He became board chair in January, 1989, and brought

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PLAN TO DANCE OR PLEDGE A DANCER

Fifth Annual AIDS Dance-A-Thon

March 7, 1992
6:00 pm—Midnight

Festival Pavillion at Fort Mason

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"Home Is Where The Heart Is" Graces Valentine's Day Tradition

Continuing to build on a very warm tradition started last year, Shanti is preparing several exciting events for the 1992 "Home Is Where The Heart Is" campaign benefitting Shanti's Residence Program for people with HIV/AIDS.

Plan to attend one of the Valentine's Day Breakfasts on February 14th held at two different restaurants with two sittings at each. Or attend at least one of the dance nights which will be hosted by four of the hottest clubs in San Francisco. The Valentine's Dances will take place Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, February 13-16. To cap off the "Home Is Where The Heart Is" weekend, the S.F. Eagle bar invites everyone to attend its Sunday afternoon "beer and soda bust," on February 16th. An auction will be held, featuring dinner dates with celebrities and the hottest men and women in town.

Since last February, the Residence Program has gone through many exciting changes. During the summer, the program opened four new houses, bringing the total number to

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Shanti is a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace." An eclipse is the passage from light to darkness to light. For Shanti Project, it represents the process of change brought about by illness, grief, and the understanding and hope that people living with AIDS experience from the work of volunteers who bring their love and support.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Shanti Project is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization serving people with AIDS and disabling HIV and their loved ones in San Francisco. Shanti recruits and trains volunteers who provide emotional, practical, social and residential support to individuals affected by HIV-related disease. Shanti enhances the quality of life and the independence of people with AIDS and HIV while reducing the need for institutional care.

Shanti Project:

- Abides by the highest ethical and financial standards in managing programs and in personnel policies and procedures.
- Reaches out and provides services regardless of sex, age, income, race, ethnicity, cultural background, sexual orientation or lifestyle.
- Functions as a multicultural organization in all its activities, including the membership of its Board of Directors and in the recruitment and training of its staff and volunteers.
- Is sensitive to the needs of each client in an accepting, nonjudgmental manner.
- Supports civil and human rights and the dignity of its clients and the HIV-affected community at large.
- Builds and nurtures collaborative relationships with other organizations that provide services to people with HIV-related disease.



Sharing in United Way Funds

SHANTI HAPPENINGS



Left: In late November the Crossings Program joined with **Sunburst National AIDS Project** to provide a volunteer training for people who will serve children with AIDS and families affected by AIDS. Sixteen new volunteers completed this innovative training. Photo: Peter Niland



Right: In October, Shanti's new **Crossings Program** held its first volunteer training, graduating more than 20 new volunteers who are now serving people with AIDS in the Tenderloin, Mission, and South of Market areas of the City.

The Bridge for Kids, the Center for Positive Care, the Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Center, The SF AIDS Foundation, and Shanti Project collaborated to present the **Women, Children, and Families Holiday Party** held at 525 Howard in December. Many who attended were delighted to be able to enjoy a comfortable, safe, and fun afternoon with friends they usually see only in hospital situations. Four clowns, a magician, a story teller, holiday music, terrific food prepared by Project Open Hand, desserts donated by a number of restaurants and bakeries, and, of course, Santa Claus all helped to make this a wonderful party for women, children, and families from all over the Bay Area.



The City of Refuge Community Church Choir, under Rev. Yvette Flunder, presented a spirited program of gospel music as part of the entertainment at **Shanti's 1991 Winter Celebration** held at Unitarian Center in December. More than 500 volunteers, clients, staff, board members, friends of Shanti and their guests joined in the excitement and warmth of the occasion. Dozens of businesses contributed goods and services, and dozens more individuals contributed time and talent to the event. Great food, a Klezmer Band, coffeehouse entertainment, Santa Claus, and the joyousness of the season all combined to make the event memorable for all who attended. Photo: Peter Niland

Another satellite office has recently opened to house Shanti's expanding services. In order to better serve people with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco in need of low-cost housing, Shanti's **Residence Program** moved its offices to 1540 Market Street in the City. The new office are also the location for the new HIV Housing Network, which will provide an accessible housing network and referral system that links people who are HIV positive with available housing options throughout San Francisco.

GAYLING GEE (Continued from page 1)

Eric Rofes to San Francisco in April, 1989, as executive director.

Mr. Holloway's tenure as board chair carried Shanti Project through four difficult years and restored the public's confidence in the agency. He has overseen the creation of increased AIDS services and managed the agency's growth from a \$2.7 million organization to \$4.5 million. He directed the creation and implementation of Shanti's landmark two-year planned transition into a multicultural organization. His efforts to bring the corporate community into increased involvement with AIDS organizations have benefitted dozens of community groups.

Mr. Holloway is Executive Vice President and Chief Loan Examiner for Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, president of Irwin Memorial Blood Centers, chair of the Friends of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Department of Public Health.

As Chair Emeritus, Mr. Holloway continues his involvement with the board. "It has been an extraordinary privilege to serve on Shanti's board, to make a contribution to the AIDS crisis by helping develop policy and by helping to insure that much needed services continue to be delivered to people with AIDS. I am sure that I won't be able to resist continuing to serve in some capacity in the future," said Holloway.

1992 CIRCLE OF LIGHT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING RAISES \$135,000

The 1992 Circle of Light Campaign Cabinet, chaired by Charles Dishman and Deborah Sweeney-Taylor, hosted the campaign launching party in November at the Rincon Hill Spectrum Gallery. The early evening reception welcomed new and old donors to Shanti Project. Guests and Cabinet members had a chance to visit and enjoy the delicious food prepared by Postrio Restaurant, while Chanticleer, the Jesters, and many other local groups entertained on two different stages.

The Circle of Light is a special group of concerned and generous donors who make significant contributions to Shanti Project annually.

A very special part of the evening included the presentation of the 1992 Circle of Light Philanthropy Award to Pacific Gas and Electric. PG&E was not only honored for its financial contributions, but also for its incredible commitment to Shanti through providing volunteers, resources, and advisory services.

At the end of the reception, the Cabinet announced that \$135,000 was raised that evening. The goal for the year is \$350,000. If you would like more information about the Circle of Light, please contact J. Robbie Fabian at Shanti, (415) 777-2273.

Acclaimed Shanti Premiere Series Continues With Winter-Spring Line-up

Four exciting theater events between January and April make up the Winter-Spring Shanti Premiere Series. "Man of La Mancha," starring Raul Julia and Sheena Easton, opened on January 7th at the Orpheum Theatre. Shanti ticket holders were invited to attend the post-show reception with the stars at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. On January 21, "Grand Hotel," the Tony Award winner, premiered and Shanti benefit ticket holders enjoyed a reception with the stars at the Grand Hyatt.

It's not too late to get Shanti Premiere Series tickets for the other great shows in the series. Tickets are available for "A Few Good Men" on March 10th, which stars "thirtysomething"'s Timothy Busfield; and the highly praised "Once On This Island" on April 21. You can buy tickets for one show, or, at a discounted price, for both remaining shows.

For confirmed dates and times, and for ticket information, please call Elaine Jennings at In Any Event, (415) 928-0455.

VALENTINE'S DAY (Continued from page 1)

18. More recently, the Residence Program moved to a new office at 1540 Market Street in San Francisco. This new setting allows Shanti to coordinate the newly established HIV Housing Network, making it easier for people with HIV/AIDS to access available housing options.

We hope you can take part in one or all of these "Home Is Where The Heart Is" events. For more information about our Residence Program, call their new offices (415) 575-3710. For details on the Valentine's events, call Alix Sabin at Shanti Project, (415) 777-2273.

SHANTI FUNDRAISING

Shanti Project received the following corporate gifts in December: \$25,000 from **Philip Morris** in partial support of the Practical Support Program; \$20,000 from **Levi Strauss** to assist the Volunteer Referral Network; \$5,000 challenge grant from the **Lurie Foundation** for Shanti's Hospital Counseling Program; and \$20,500 from **Metropolitan Life Insurance** for the Emotional Support Program. The members of the Board of Directors of Shanti welcome our new corporate friends to our family of friends and supporters.

Larry Hashbarger, Chair of the Academy of Friends, chats with Joan Collins, star of "Private Lives" at the opening night reception on November 26th. Benefitting Shanti Project and two other AIDS agencies, the event was sponsored by the Academy of Friends, and made a big splash with a pre-performance dinner and a post-show reception. Ticket holders for the gala event met Ms. Collins at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Photo: Michael Vita



Premiering on November 27 at the Golden Gate Theater, the critically acclaimed cast of "City of Angels" entertained an opening night full house. The 1990 Tony Award Winner for Best Musical enraptured the audience with stunning set design and wonderful musical selections. The reception at the Pan Pacific Hotel following the performance was attended by the entire cast who mingled with Shanti supporters.



The "Say It with Music" concert on December 10 at the Curran Theatre, featuring Michael Feinstein and Rosemary Clooney, brought to an end the successful Fall/Winter Shanti Premiere Series. Following the performance, Shanti ticket holders enjoyed a reception hosted by the Pan Pacific Hotel. Seen here at the reception are Shanti's Development Director, Robbie Fabian, with several major donors and Michael Feinstein. (Left to right) Robbie Fabian, Marc Mencher, Seth Cloutman, Michael Feinstein, and Ron Pacheco. Photo: Gloria Swanson

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FEB/MAR/APR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 13-16/Friday-Sunday

"Home Is Where The Heart Is"

This four-day celebration benefitting Shanti's Residence Program includes: Valentine's Day Breakfast on February 14 at two restaurants, Valentine's Dances at four of the City's hottest dance clubs — a different club each night — February 13-16, and Valentine's at the Eagle (Folsom at 12th) on February 16. For details, call Alix Sabin at 415/777-2273.

February 15/Monday

President's Day Holiday

Shanti offices will be closed.

February 25/Tuesday

Board of Directors Meeting

6:15pm.

March 4/Wednesday

Volunteer Opportunity Night

Learn from active volunteers about the many ways you can help Shanti. 7:00pm.

March 7/Saturday

Fifth Annual AIDS Dance-A-Thon

Join the Fifth Annual San Francisco AIDS Dance-A-Thon, a six-hour fundraising dance benefitting eight AIDS agencies, including Shanti Project, beginning at 6:00pm at the Festival Pavillion at Fort Mason. Pre-registration is required. Call 415/392-9255 to register.

March 10/Tuesday

"A Few Good Men"

Shanti's Winter-Spring Premiere Series continues with the opening night performance of "A Few Good Men" starring Timothy Busfield. Benefit tickets holders will enjoy a reception with the stars of the show. Call Elaine Jennings at In Any Event, 415/928-0455 for information and reservations.

March 14 and 21/Saturdays

Crossings Volunteer Training

A training for those interested in providing emotional and practical support to children and their families affected by AIDS. Contact Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink at 415/777-2273.

March 24/Tuesday

Board of Directors Meeting

6:15pm.

April 1/Wednesday

Volunteer Opportunity Night

Learn from active volunteers about the many ways you can help Shanti. 7:00pm.

April 10-12/Friday-Sunday

Practical Support Volunteer Training

A weekend training for those interested in providing practical assistance to people with AIDS. Contact Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink at 415/777-2273.

April 22/Wednesday

"Once On This Island" Benefit

On April 21, the opening night performance of "Once On This Island" ends the Shanti Winter-Spring Premiere Series. A reception with the stars follows the event for benefit ticket holders. Call Elaine Jennings at In Any Event, 415/928-0455, for information.

April 25-26

Volunteer Training to Serve the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

A training for volunteers who wish to work with deaf or hearing impaired people with HIV disease, co-sponsored by UCSF Center on Deafness, Deaf Community AIDS Project, Catholic Charities Hearing Impaired Program, and Shanti Project. To enroll, call Bert Bloom at 415/777-2273.

April 28/Tuesday

Board of Directors Meeting

6:15pm.

May 9/Saturday

AIDS Bike-A-Thon

Ride for Shanti or pledge a rider in this annual event. For information, call Alix Sabin at 415/777-2273.

All meetings are held at Shanti Project,

525 Howard Street, San Francisco, unless otherwise stated. For more information, call 415/777-2273 or

(TDD) 415/495-7495, weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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