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Compassion is Universal

Shanti's 42nd Annual Dinner to be Held on October 13th



Sandra R.
Hernández, MD

Please join us on Thursday, October 13th at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco for *Compassion is Universal*, Shanti's signature annual event. Presented by Nordstrom for the fifth straight year, the event will celebrate 42 years of providing compassionate care. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a sit-down dinner and program to honor those in the community who best embody Shanti's values of compassion and service.

This year, we are thrilled to recognize two true heroes of our community. The 2016 *Nancy Pelosi Lifetime Achievement Award* will be presented to life-long healthcare advocate and leader, Dr. Sandra R. Hernández, President and Chief Executive Officer of the California Health Care Foundation. Also, social justice champion, Dan Bernal, Chief of Staff for House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, will receive the 2016 *James C. Hormel Community Spirit Award*.



Dan Bernal

Each year, the Shanti Project works to enhance the well-being of over 2,000 people with terminal, life-threatening, or disabling illnesses/conditions. Through a continuum of services including in-home and onsite care navigation, emotional and practical support, and the preservation of the human-animal bond, we strive to achieve the highest medical and quality of life outcomes for San Francisco's most vulnerable.

We hope you join us on Thursday, October 13th, for an exceptional evening of food, drinks, and celebration of 42 years in support of compassionate service.

For more information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kim Lembo at specialevents@shanti.org or 415-625-5209.

A Record Breaking \$200,000 Raised at the 2016 PAWS Gala

Wednesday, May 25th 2016, was a treat for over 400 guests and their beloved dogs, as the Fairmont Hotel hosted PAWS' (Pets Are Wonderful Support) 21st annual PETCHITECTURE event, San Francisco's oldest signature event for both human and canine guests. The evening celebrated the human-animal bond and uniquely unconditional love of our pets. The gala featured innovatively designed pet habitats, performances by Paula West, and the presentation of the Inaugural *Champion of the Human-Animal Bond Award* to Dede Wilsey for her longstanding dedication to the PAWS mission over the past 25 years. In addition, former San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. formally announced the dedication of the PAWS Legacy Circle in memory of the late Wilkes Bashford, the iconic San Franciscan and luxury clothier. Mr. Bashford was PAWS most long-standing supporter and, in fact, hosted the first-ever fundraiser for PAW—a doggie fashion show in the 1980s. In all, over \$200,000 was raised at this year's PETCHITECTURE, supporting services for PAWS clients so they can stay together with their companion animals. Next year will mark the 30th Anniversary for PAWS, and we look forward to another record-breaking PETCHITECTURE in 2017 to mark the milestone!

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A Message from our Executive Director



As we enjoy our 42nd year of serving the community, I am pleased to share that Shanti's services continue to grow as we are called upon to utilize our model of compassionate care for a greater number

of our neighbors. In fact, for our current fiscal year, the Board of Directors passed an agency budget of more than \$5,000,000 for the first time in Shanti's history, and this growth is spearheaded by three exciting programmatic initiatives:

1. Last Fall, we introduced the Margot Murphy Women's Cancer Program (previously only serving women with breast cancer) to support all vulnerable women in San Francisco diagnosed with any kind of cancer through treatment and beyond;
2. In November, our long-time community partner, PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) officially became a part of Shanti to ensure that sick, home-bound,

and disabled San Franciscans can stay together with their companion animals; and

3. This Summer, we were selected by the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services to utilize Shanti's pioneering peer support volunteer model and start a program to reduce isolation in the aging LGBT community.

As we evolve, what has not changed is the core belief on which all our services were founded: that no one should have to face the challenges of life-threatening or disabling illnesses alone. With that in mind, I invite you to join us on October 13th at the historic Palace Hotel as we celebrate Shanti's growth and mission of providing support to San Francisco's most vulnerable at our 42nd annual *Compassion is Universal* fundraiser.

On behalf of the entire agency, I thank you for your continued generosity and support and hope to see you in October!

Upcoming Event: Teal 2 Heal 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk In Honor of Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

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GOLDEN GATE PARK
SAN FRANCISCO

9:00 AM
Run/Walk Start
10:30 AM
Finish Line Program

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5K RUN/WALK & 1 MILE WALK
FOR GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS

Margot Murphy WOMEN'S CANCER PROGRAM

UCSF Division of Gynecologic Oncology

Join us on Saturday, September 10th, as we partner with UCSF for a second year in a row as we raise awareness and support for those battling gynecological cancers.

For more information, please visit www.sfteal2heal.com.

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Shanti Project Launches Margot Murphy Women's Cancer Program

On November 10th, 2015, the Shanti Project launched the Margot Murphy Women's Cancer Program – an expansion of our Breast Cancer Program – marking San Francisco's most comprehensive community-based effort to support all women diagnosed with cancer. The moment was commemorated at City Hall with San Francisco Supervisors Jane Kim, Malia Cohen and Katy Tang, as well as Assemblymember David Chiu in attendance.



Supervisor Katy Tang, Cecilia Thomas with CPMC, Supervisor Jane Kim, Supervisor Malia Cohen, Shanti Executive Director Kaushik Roy, Esfir Shrayber, Assemblymember David Chiu and Anna Damiani

Assemblymember David Chiu reminded the crowd, that "women's health is everyone's health," as he cited the fact that mortality rates from cancer for men are declining a third more rapidly than mortality rates for women with cancer in the Bay Area. Kaushik Roy, Executive Director at the Shanti Project, agreed, saying that this program is a big step in addressing the equity issues between men's and women's health and credited the program's staff for their dedication in supporting their clients. "Our program staff support some of the community's most vulnerable members—women who come to us scared, alone, lacking resources, facing numerous life challenges from poverty to isolation to language barriers, and who all recently received the news that they have cancer," said Roy. "It's inspiring to see how staff members stay with their clients during every step of their journey."

For the past 14 years, the program had exclusively served breast cancer clients. We are very grateful to the city and county of San Francisco for the increased funding that allows the Margot Murphy Women's Cancer Program to work to ensure that **no woman has to face cancer alone.**

client spotlight

Tom By Adrienne Elias, Program Manager, Shanti HIV Services Program

Tom has been a long-term HIV survivor for close to thirty years, and a Shanti client for over twenty. Recently leaving an unhealthy relationship behind and coming back to San Francisco, he knew Shanti would be there to support him. The first two months were the most difficult – mourning loss and sleeping outside or in a shelter. His health was taking a turn, but Tom knew that Shanti was there to help him through this difficult time. He was able to access the drop-in center at Shanti twice a week, which provided a safe and warm environment – and a hot cup of coffee. In this safe space, Tom was able to reconnect with old friends and familiar Shanti faces who knew his story and could provide a compassionate ear and a strong shoulder for support. Now Tom is in permanent housing and participates in the Shanti L.I.F.E./Honoring Our Experience programming – connecting with other long-term survivors and sharing his story. Tom's health has improved considerably and, as he says, "Shanti has always been there for me, it has saved my life."



MJ Isabell By Steven Rudnick, Bilingual Care Navigator, PAWS

MJ sought out PAWS services in 2008 after being referred to PAWS by staff at Open House. A community organizer, AIDS activist, and social worker originally from Chicago, MJ has worked tirelessly to protect the children living in her home neighborhood of the Tenderloin from drug and other criminal activity. An assault from retaliating gang members sent her to the hospital, resulting in severe post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and depression. Seeking to overcome her fear of going back outside into her neighborhood, a social worker suggested she adopt a companion dog to relieve her symptoms. MJ researched different breeds and adopted a Tibetan terrier, naming her U R A Diva, or "Diva" for short. Today, MJ is able to fully care for Diva with the help of PAWS' Vet Care Fund, dog washes, and other client support services. Diva helps MJ give back to the community, too: now a registered service dog, Diva accompanies and protects MJ as she works to make our city a safer, better place.



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Shanti's Forty-First Anniversary Dinner
Wednesday, the Fourteenth of October, 2015.
The Palace Hotel, San Francisco



Event Chair, Bahya with her husband Gus Murad



Mistress of Ceremonies,
Janet Reilly



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, speaking at the opening reception for
Compassion Is Universal



Michael P. Nguyen with spouse James C. Hormel
(recipient of The 2015 Nancy Pelosi Lifetime
Achievement Award) and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi



Hopeful bidder during the
exciting live auction



Shanti and PAWS Executive
Director, Kaushik Roy



Supervisor Scott Wiener



Omar Sharif, Jr. (Event Host),
Eugena Washington (America's Next Top Model Finalist),
Bahya Oumlil-Murad (Event Chair), and
Sasha Farber (Dancing with the Stars' Pro Dancer)



California Senator Mark Leno
speaking with Congresswoman
Nancy Pelosi



*The PAWS 21st Annual Signature Gala,
Wednesday, the Twenty-Fifth of May, 2016.
The Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco*



Frank Petkovich (Shanti Board Chair), Cindy Spring, Christopher Wiseman (Shanti Board member), Dr. Charlie Garfield (Shanti Founder), and Tim Averbeck



Musical Guest,
Paula West



Pet Habitat designed by Lucas and Jennifer Alhstrand



Former PAWS Executive
Director, John Lipp



Supervisor Jane Kim and Paul
Henderson, Deputy Chief of Staff
& Director of Public Safety



Kaushik Roy, Shanti and PAWS Executive Director, and Marian Goodell, CEO & Founding Board Member, Burning Man Project



Dede Wilsey (recipient of the 2016 Inaugural Champion of the Human-Animal Bond Award) and former Mayor, Willie L. Brown, Jr.



Todd Traina with Traina family dog, Zipper – PAWS' new 2017 Pet Idol!

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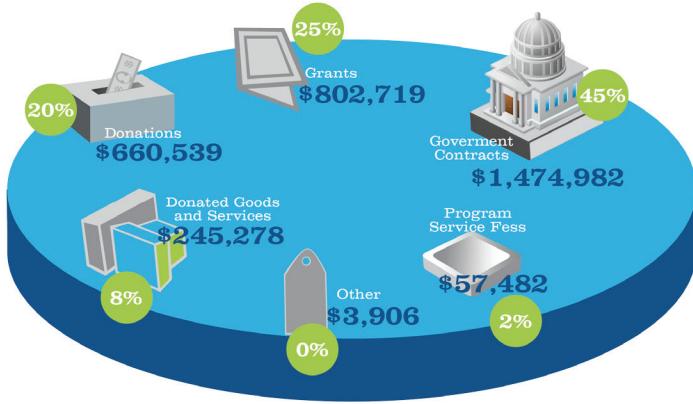
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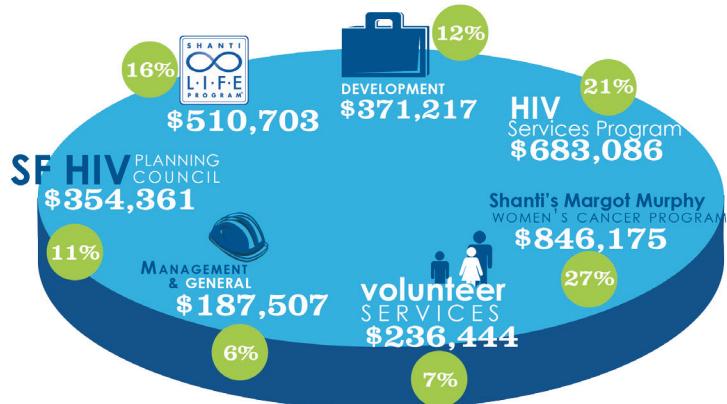
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