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**OUR MISSION**

Founded in 1907 and rooted in our faith traditions of charity and justice, Catholic Charities CYO supports families, aging and disabled adults and youth through social services and opportunities for healthy growth and development.



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities CYO,

As we finish our centennial celebrations and are now well into the first year of our second century of service, I am continually reminded of the initial charge upon which Catholic Charities CYO was founded—to care for the orphans of the 1906 earthquake and fire, essentially providing them with a place to call home after having suffered through tragic events.

While the methodology may have evolved, Catholic Charities CYO still maintains a commitment to fostering a sense of home for youth who have weathered traumatic storms of abuse and neglect.

In this issue, you'll get to know our youth residential programs like San Francisco Boys' and Girls' Homes, St. Vincent's Foster Family Agency, and St. Vincent's School for Boys. These programs serve our most troubled and vulnerable youth—some of whom are already in the juvenile justice system—with a complex mix of social services, mental health, special education, family therapy and recreation.

You'll also get to know the stories of various clients who've endured so much so early in life, and meet the dedicated and capable staff who connect with them and assist them in envisioning a future they never thought they could have. This staff is led by **Kent Eagleson**, a leading expert in residential group care in California, and an individual who understands the needs of these children better than anyone I know.

Faithful support of our programs from friends like you has enabled us to bring a sense of home back to thousands of vulnerable children.

With gratitude,

Brian Cahill, Executive Director

**Jeff Fenton**, founder and chair of the **Vincenzo Wine Tasting & Auction** and **Mark Cleary**, founder and chair of the **St. Vincent's Golf Tournament**, are Catholic Charities CYO board members who selflessly volunteer their time, talent and treasure in support of our St. Vincent's School for Boys.

Jeff and Mark were moved by the stories of the boys and young men at St. Vincent's, and so impressed with how effectively the programs served them that both men each spearheaded new fundraising efforts to support the life-changing work at the School.

Jeff was initially inspired to action when he observed first-hand the profound changes in the lives of the boys currently at St. Vincent's and those previously in the program. "As a former Guardsman, I knew of St. Vincent's and the needs of the boys, but when I visited and met some of them, I decided immediately that there was more that I should do," said Jeff. The Vincenzo Wine Tasting & Auction, now in its 12th year, was a perfect solution given

**VOLUNTEER SALUTE**



**JEFF FENTON & MARK CLEARY**



his vast knowledge of and relationships within the industry.

Mark was similarly impacted by the young men he met. Determined to do his own part to support the School, he put together the annual St. Vincent's Golf Tournament, which also attracts and engages even more benefactors. "I have also made it my goal to inform and educate the community about the mission and importance of St. Vincent's. The boys there have been severely neglected or abused, sometimes both. They need the help, structure and caring that the staff and professionals at St. Vincent's offer," said Mark.

Their efforts have yielded much fruit, as both events have raised a combined total of more than \$2.5 million over the last 12 years!

Mark and Jeff epitomize the idea that in offering oneself in service to others, we can make a most enduring contribution. They have used their ideas, gifts and energy—creatively multiplied to abundance—to make life better for the boys of St. Vincent's. Their efforts have produced invaluable resources and support, and we thank them for all they have done, and all they will do. ■

**NEWS AND NOTES**

Price Waterhouse Cooper LLC  
**DONE IN A DAY**  
San Francisco Adult Day Services

On June 26, a group of ten volunteers from Price Waterhouse Cooper LLC graciously lent their gardening and painting skills for four hours to San Francisco Adult Day Services (SFADS), Catholic Charities CYO's adult day care program for frail, elderly and disabled adults. Volunteers replanted dozens of flowers and plants on facility grounds, and painted the two large back walls that surround the activity and resting area for the clients.

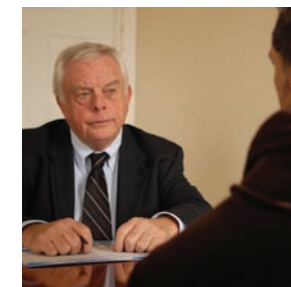
The new foliage and painting provide a much-needed sprucing up of the program facilities. **Patty Clement**, Program Director for SFADS, praised the group's efforts: "What the volunteers have accomplished for our program in a few short hours would have otherwise required valuable staff time and resources we currently don't have. Price Waterhouse Cooper's generosity is greatly appreciated by our clients and staff."

Hats off to the Price Waterhouse Cooper volunteer group, including **Bruce Norton, Rowena Amongo, Jeffrey Miller, Natalya Krichevskaya, Kimberly Daniel, Aida Shaghzoian, Rosaly Quanesamone, Lori Pagan** and **Brenda Sorensen-Aya**. We are thankful for their kindness and assistance! ■

For information about how your company can help at one of our programs, contact Program Coordinator **Liz Rodriguez** at [erodriguez@cccyo.org](mailto:erodriguez@cccyo.org).



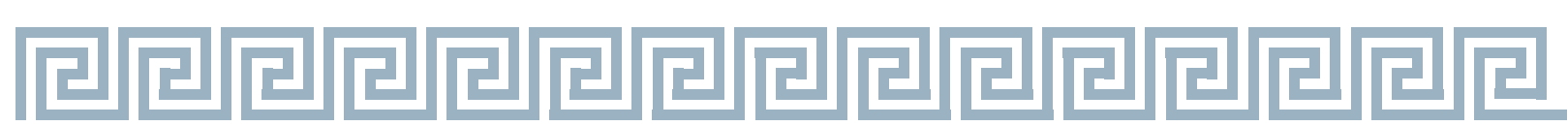
**Behavioral Healthcare Services**  
Increase Services to Parishes with the Help of an Anonymous Donor



A generous \$25,000 grant from an anonymous donor has assisted Catholic Charities CYO's Behavioral Healthcare Services in expanding services to parishes throughout Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties via community seminars that increase awareness about issues like domestic violence, family communication, high-risk behaviors among teens, substance abuse, and elder abuse.

Working in partnership with parish and interfaith leaders to determine the needs of each community, CCCYO counselors are helping to break down the barrier of isolation that impacts so many Bay Area families by providing services in an accessible environment where they feel safe and supported.

Counselors have already completed their first series of community workshops at a North Bay parish this summer, and had great success with three workshops specifically related to domestic violence. Attendees received information on identifying unhealthy behaviors, coping with stress, healthy communication skills, and how to seek help. As the series progressed, attendance more than doubled from 20 participants to 50. The significant increase highlights the need for this of type service, which helps families currently struggling with a mental health issue, and also helps others recognize early warning signs in order to prevent a crisis from occurring. ■



# VINCENZO

## WINE TASTING AND AUCTION

Vincenzo Wine Tasting & Auction was started 12 years ago in October 1997 by Catholic Charities CYO Board Member **Jeff Fenton**. A long-time youth advocate and wine connoisseur, Fenton believed that collaborating with the Bay Area's strong food and wine industry would be the ideal vehicle to raise funds for St. Vincent's School for Boys. Originally dubbed The Wine Auction of Santo Vincenzo, the name was shortened after it was established as an annual event.

Vincenzo has consistently featured dozens of local wineries, restaurants and caterers, and has been a perennial favorite of the season for many participating vendors. Wineries such as **Ravenswood Winery, Roederer Estate, Chalk Hill Estate, Grove Street Winery, Handley Cellars, Oakville Ranch Vineyards** and **Spottswoode Estate Vineyards** have all become annual supporters.

In addition to the recognizable winery names, Vincenzo has added prestige over the years with amazing Honorary Chairs like **Dick & Ann Grace, Julie Komes Garvey, Mary Novak** and **Beth Novak Milliken**. Since 2003, renowned auctioneer **Dave Reynolds** has brought his vivacious personality to the stage at St. Vincent's to add to the festive atmosphere of the day. **Dennis Foley**, a rare wine expert with vast knowledge of the industry, has consulted for Vincenzo for the past seven years.

While guests certainly enjoy sampling the delicious wine and food during the first half of the afternoon, the live auction later in the day is perhaps the most entertaining part of the event. With large format wine lots going for several thousand dollars and bidding wars breaking out on a regular basis, you never know what to expect at a Vincenzo auction. In 2007, Jeff Fenton even decanted a 9-liter 1993 Rutz Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and served it to the entire crowd as the auction proceeded!

And though Vincenzo is always a chance for friends to catch up, the real reason for the occasion is emphasized every year via a poignant speech from a St. Vincent's graduate. These young men share their remarkable stories of childhood, the difference the program has made in their lives, and what the staff has meant to them. Their willingness to express these difficult years of their lives with the guests invokes many emotional responses. These program graduates are inspirational role models for the Vincenzo guests and also for the boys currently at St. Vincent's.

Just as you must rotate a fine wine in a cellar, sometimes great things need a little shaking up. With that in mind, **Vincenzo 2008 will be on Friday, November 14 at the Bently Reserve in San Francisco**. While still maintaining the wine tasting and auction components, this year's event will also feature a catered dinner with an array of delicacies from San Francisco caterer **Dan McCall**. Along with our generous supporters, we look forward to continuing the meaningful tradition of providing for the St. Vincent's School for Boys at the 12th Annual Vincenzo Wine Tasting & Auction. **Please join Honorary Chairs Kate and Tom Klein, Proprietors of Rodney Strong Vineyards, on November 14!**

[WWW.VINCENZO.ORG](http://WWW.VINCENZO.ORG) FOR MORE INFO

## St. Vincent's School for Boys

### THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Nestled in the rolling hills off U.S. Highway 101 just north of San Rafael California, the campus of St. Vincent's School for Boys is a familiar sight for many Marin County residents. But few are aware of the rich tradition upon which this home has been founded—or of the profound difference it has made in the lives of countless young boys and men.

The story of St. Vincent's begins with an Irish-born pioneer named **Timothy "Don Timoteo" Murphy** who, on his death bed, requested that a "seminary of learning" be established on a large tract of Marin County land he was deeding to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of California. **Archbishop Joseph Alemany** called upon the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul to make Don Timoteo's dream a reality. When the school was founded on January 1, 1855, its mission was two-fold: to serve as a school for nearby children and as an orphanage for young girls from San Francisco.

The next several years brought tremendous change to St. Vincent's. The effects of cholera, combined with Civil War casualties, were being felt in California and the number of orphans residing at St. Vincent's swelled to almost 150 by 1868. At the turn of the century and throughout the next couple decades, more schoolrooms, dormitories and a chapel were constructed and, with the continued addition of more orphans, the facility transitioned its focus to serve mostly boys.

By the early 1940's, CYO had expanded to California and Monsignor McElroy, who was leading St. Vincent's at the time, was placed in charge of the Archdiocese's CYO program. Thus began St. Vincent's long affiliation with CYO (and eventually Catholic Charities CYO when the two agencies merged over 60 years later).

In the 1960's and 1970's, St. Vincent's became a leader in the care of troubled youth, shifting from its institutional, orphanage-style past into its residential-care future. This



transformation was solidified in the 1980's and 1990's when treatment services were expanded and reorganized to serve children with severe emotional problems and offer foster care services. By this time, the school was now licensed by the California Department of Social Services.

The general goal of helping children in need had not changed since the school's inception in 1855; only the methodology has changed. In 2000, the Equestrian Program—unique to St. Vincent's and its beautiful surroundings—was introduced and allowed the boys to engage in a remarkably effective form of recreational therapy.

Now under the direction of **Kent Eagleson** with **Dan Gallagher** supervising programs and operations and **Annette** supervising therapeutic and mental health services, St. Vincent's School for Boys is a licensed, residential treatment home for boys ages 7-17. Boys are provided 24-hour care and mental health services. Serving over 25 California counties, St. Vincent's is the only Northern California residential treatment center that offers a Therapeutic Equestrian Program.

St. Vincent's School for Boys was founded in 1855 to house, clothe, feed, educate and care for the orphans of California's Gold Rush and has been in continuous operation for more than 150 years, making it one of the oldest institutions west of the Mississippi dedicated to serving youth through foster care. The program has helped restore a sense of home and belonging to literally thousands of youth and plays an essential role in the future of today's abused and neglected children in Northern California. ■



## ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS: CARING FOR ATRISK YOUTH

**Jeremiah** was nine years old when he first came through the doors of St. Vincent's School for Boys. He had been living with his mother in the East Bay, but there were a lot of problems at home and his mother was struggling to provide Jeremiah with the support he needed. Although he was a very bright boy, he did not attend school regularly and was prone to angry outbursts in class, which resulted in him falling two years behind in school. This anger carried over into most parts of Jeremiah's life making it hard for him to make friends or trust adults.

Fortunately, Jeremiah was referred to St. Vincent's where he had access to a combination of therapeutic, educational, day treatment, and recreational programs designed to help him find his own path to success. This path began with learning how to cope with his feelings of anger and sadness in healthy ways. During his

stay at St. Vincent's, he met with his therapist Judy every week and also developed a strong relationship with his house supervisor Ann and team leader Tasha. When asked about the best lesson he gained from the therapeutic program staff, Jeremiah is very clear. "I learned how to be patient and focus on myself. The staff has definitely helped me learn coping skills so that I know how to handle myself when I feel angry or upset."

He is also quick to name the horses in the Therapeutic Equestrian Program at St. Vincent's as his greatest source of happiness. "There were some days when nothing was going right but I could always look out the window and see the horses in the pasture. Just watching them makes me feel calm," says Jeremiah. He eventually earned the privilege to participate in the wrangler program and became a regular fixture at the stables. Whether helping **Lauraleigh**, the equestrian program supervisor, groom the horses or going for a Saturday ride with **Kent**, the Executive Director of St. Vincent's, horses are now a stabilizing force in his life.

While learning to cope with feelings and emotions remains one of the most vital successes of his stay at the program, Jeremiah has also overcome significant educational hurdles. Knowing that he possessed the potential to attend mainstream school, Jeremiah set a goal of working his way back to public school. To accomplish this, he attended Timothy Murphy School, a private, non-profit school located on the St. Vincent's campus, where he benefited from small class sizes with educational staff trained to meet his special learning needs. Timothy Murphy School also partners with the Day Treatment Program at St. Vincent's to integrate mental health services into the school day, which promotes strategies that successfully break down the mental and behavioral barriers that can disrupt learning. ►

*Kent Eagleson (right), Executive Director of St. Vincent's School for Boys*



After two years of long, hard work at Timothy Murphy School, Jeremiah was able to improve his academic record enough to return to his grade level in a public school. He has greatly improved his math and reading skills and now considers these his best subjects. Once an absentee student, Jeremiah is now thriving in public school, where he is confident in his abilities and excited about learning.

At age 13, Jeremiah has graduated from the St. Vincent's program and is now living with a foster family in Marin County, where he continues to receive the care and support that he needs to thrive. He receives additional support through the St. Vincent's Foster Family Agency, and although he no longer lives on campus, he still regularly visits the staff. He also continues to be involved with the equestrian program, serving as a mentor to younger boys in the program.

Reflecting on the difference that St. Vincent's has made in his life Jeremiah says, "When I first moved to St. Vincent's, I was full of anger and sadness. The program helped become a much more disciplined, calmer, focused person."

Since St. Vincent's opened its doors 150 years ago, nearly 8,000 boys like Jeremiah have found shelter and solace within its walls. This year alone, St. Vincent's will serve over 85 boys, ages 7-18, who are referred from in-patient psychiatric facilities and county agencies throughout Northern California. ■

## THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

One of the unique ways St. Vincent's School for Boys helps children to begin to heal from past trauma is through its Therapeutic Equestrian Program. The staff believes that children need a foundation of love and support and the ability to form lasting bonds of trust in order to live healthy and successful lives. Many of the children who come to St. Vincent's have been so severely traumatized they find it almost impossible to form even basic emotional bonds with anyone. Animals, however, have an extraordinary way of breaking down sensitive barriers and reaching these children. The horses at St. Vincent's provide these struggling boys with a non-threatening recipient of love and devotion.

Through their interactions with the horses, the boys learn to care for and nurture the animal while also embracing attributes like relaxation, respect, commitment, discipline, concentration, responsibility, trust, patience, and empathy. At the same time, they develop riding skills, foster confidence and gain an overall sense of accomplishment.

Initially, the boys are introduced to the horses and are taught the basics of equine care—feeding, grooming, handling, exercising, nutrition and basic first aid. Program participants also attend scheduled visits from the veterinarian and farrier, where they learn about the responsibility involved in taking proper care of the animals. As boys advance through the program, they have the opportunity to become wranglers, receiving additional instruction in horse care and riding in return for taking on greater responsibilities like cleaning stalls, grounds maintenance, or caring for sick or injured horses.

Whether participating in the general therapeutic program or advancing to become a wrangler, working with the horses allows the boys to develop a sense of pride in succeeding in the program. The experience also significantly improves their social skills, behavioral patterns, and overall well-being, encouraging the boys to thrive and develop the tools necessary to transition back into society. ■



# TINA SCHILLBERG

San Francisco Boys' and Girls' Home Employee Since 1997



**Tina** came to San Francisco Boys' and Girls' Homes (SFBGH) in 1997. She first started part-time as a childcare worker at the residential group program, which provides therapeutic treatment, behavioral modification, strength building, and family reunification support to troubled and vulnerable teenagers, many of whom come from backgrounds of abuse, neglect, and poverty.

After a year in that position, she moved into the role of program social worker, administering case management services, collateral services, and individual, family, and group therapy primarily for the girls in residence, and in an on-call capacity for the boys.

For Tina, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who holds a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from California State University, San Bernardino, her role has transformed and enriched over time. Recently named Director of Mental Health Services for SFBGH, Tina currently provides treatment planning, consultation to program supervisors and childcare staff concerning treatment services, individual and family therapy for the girls, and case management services to connect them to community resources for mentoring, anger management, tutoring, vocational training, and college preparatory programs.

Tina enjoys working with the adolescents at SFBGH because providing therapeutic services in a group home setting allows for consistency in her relationship with the young clients—many of whom have been let down by the adults in their lives or have never known stability.

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“I get to see the work we do on learning assertive communication skills, goal development, conflict resolution, and problem solving put to practical use on a daily basis, and it is so important to me to be able to provide them that consistency and continuity of care,” explains Tina. “We see results down the road and in the short term: they earn their first 3- and 4- point grade point averages, get jobs, build savings, go home, graduate from middle- and high-school, go to vocational programs, and go to college.”

Through an upcoming program expansion at SFBGH, Tina will begin supervising a two to six months after-care program for clients who leave SFBGH to reunite with their families. Program interns will help execute the after-care program.

“They get so much structure here at SFBGH,” says Tina, “when they exit the program and return home, they often need the support of after-care to help them carry their progress into their home environment. This expansion will allow that to happen, and I’m pleased we can add this dimension to our services.”

Tina believes the energy and resources devoted to the development of these teens is a worthy investment because “our youth hold so much promise,” she says. “They are full of energy and hope. This work is my passion.” ■

**MANY THANKS, TINA, FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE YOUTH AT THE SAN FRANCISCO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOMES!**

For more information about SFBGH, please contact Tina at [kschillberg@cccyo.org](mailto:kschillberg@cccyo.org).

# Sean Kurmas

## FROM FOSTER CARE TO A FUTURE OF HIS OWN DESIGN

At age seven, **Sean Kurmas** and his brother were removed from their mother's care and placed in a foster home. That first foster home didn't work out, so they were moved to a temporary shelter until a more suitable placement could be found. Within the year, Sean was relocated to St. Vincent's School for Boys, Catholic Charities CYO's licensed, residential treatment home for at-risk boys ages 7 to 17. “I really bonded with the staff at St. Vincent's,” Sean recalls. “I still keep in touch with a few of them today.”

Sean's brother stayed behind in foster care for a few more years before he, too, came to live at St. Vincent's. “My brother being there helped me get through,” remembers Sean. Even though we lived in different houses on campus, just knowing he was there really helped me.”

Sean left St. Vincent's at 15 and moved into a foster home where he stayed for a year and a half. With only two weeks' notice to find another place to live, Sean's foster parents decided to stop fostering and relocate out of state. The household—which included other foster kids—disbanded.

Fortunately for Sean, a former resident of St. Vincent's was living with a foster family at the time and was doing very well there. He told Sean about **Kim and John Munoz**, his foster parents, and Sean agreed to meet them. The Munoz family was open to Sean coming to live with them and in 2007, at age 17, he moved in.

For the first time since entering the foster care system, Sean felt that his needs were being met with the Munoz family. He recalls that it was during this period that he matured very quickly, almost as if he were making up for lost time. He attributes this to being given greater independence, and being trusted by his new foster parents to make the right choices with the

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Visit [www.cccyo.org/stvincents](http://www.cccyo.org/stvincents) for more information about St. Vincent's Foster Family Agency or call 415.507.2000.



Sean (seated) with St. Vincent's Foster Family Agency case worker Dorothee Meier and foster parents Kim and John Munoz

increase in freedom. “I grew a lot because instead of living in a group home or other facility, I was out in the public, exposed to the real world. I learned very quickly how to act, what to do, and what's right.”

St. Vincent's Foster Family Agency, which is directed by **Megan Chesnut** and designed to place youth with families who are prepared for a long-term commitment, helped Sean to successfully transition into the Munoz family.

**“KIM AND JOHN ARE LIKE REAL PARENTS TO ME. MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM IS DEFINITELY ONE I WILL CARRY FORWARD.”**

Sean celebrated his eighteenth birthday in July 2008. Newly emancipated, he is now legally an adult and his own person, in every sense of the word. For the first time in his life since being placed in foster care as a child, Sean is looking forward to a future of his own design.

A graduate of Petaluma High School, in August Sean started classes at Santa Rosa Junior College where he wants to major in administration of justice and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. Right now Sean is looking for work as a public safety dispatcher so he can earn money and get his own apartment.

Until then, he chooses to stay with the Munoz family. To support his independence and increasing responsibility, he pays rent. “Kim and John are like real parents to me. My relationship with them is definitely one I will carry forward.” ■

Sean and his brother remain connected and in another year, his brother will also emancipate.



## RED HOUSE RAISES CRUCIAL FUNDS FOR HIV/AIDS HOUSING & SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Red House, an annual fundraiser for our Assisted Housing and Health programs, raised a phenomenal \$55,000 on Tuesday, June 3 at Mecca, in the heart of the Castro. This festive evening, which directly benefits supportive and health programs for people living with disabling HIV/AIDS, has raised over \$300,000 since 2004.

This lively gathering of friends and community leaders also celebrated the 23rd year of Catholic Charities CYO's monumental support to those living with HIV/AIDS and honored **Tenderloin Health**, a CCCYO collaborator of more than 15 years that provides health services to the Tenderloin's homeless and most vulnerable residents with HIV/AIDS.

For their leadership and support, a most grateful "thank you" to event Co-Chairs **Nanette Lee Miller** and **Nicholas Andrade** as well as Presenting Sponsors **Kristine** and **Jim Silva**.

Dressed in 'red chic', guests dined and mingled with a quintessentially Bay Area crowd, including Supervisor **Bevan**

**Duffy**, media personality **Donna Sachet**, creator of Betty's List **Dr. Betty Sullivan**, Tenderloin Health Board Chair **David Krimm** and CCCYO Board President **Cecilia Herbert**. The evening featured dinner, signature cocktails, music, raffle, silent auction and our client speaker who shared his touching story of success and support in the Peter Claver Community.

As a first responder to the epidemic in 1985, Catholic Charities CYO continues to be one of the largest HIV/AIDS service providers on the West Coast, helping to address the financial, medical and emotional stresses of those living with HIV or AIDS. The scope and reach of CCCYO's HIV/AIDS services is profound considering that 25% of the HIV/AIDS population in San Francisco has received direct assistance from CCCYO. Specifically, CCCYO provides over 200,000 nights of housing for women, children, LGBT and other individuals living with HIV/AIDS this year and every year since 1995, and has provided over \$2 million to help offset health care costs. ■



## THE 49TH ANNUAL CYO GOLF DAY RAISES OVER \$292,000 FOR CYO CAMP

Over 250 celebrities and CYO Camp friends came together on May 5 to celebrate the 49th Annual CYO Golf Day. San Francisco 49er Head Coach and Honorary Chairman **Mike Nolan** and Tournament Chairman **Bill Ring** joined San Francisco 49er greats **Dwight Clark**, **Harris Barton**, **Dan Bunz**, **R.C. Owens**, **Jamie Williams**, **Guy McIntyre** and others to raise essential funds for CYO Camp.

In five-somes, the duffers played a scramble format and competed in Closest to the Hole, Longest Drive and Most Accurate Drive competitions during their rounds.

At the 19th hole, golfers enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo Mexican buffet as CCCYO Board Member **Jeff Fenton** emceed the live auction, which raised over \$32,000.

The most poignant moment of the evening came when a current CYO Camp Counselor shared her inspirational life story and how CYO Camp has significantly impacted her life. Through tears, she expressed thanks to those who made it possible for her and other children to attend camp. Over \$30,000 was raised for the scholarship fund due to her touching remarks.

Thanks to our top sponsors: **UnitedHealthcare**, **O'Brien Homes**, **ABD Insurance & Financial Services**, **ATR International**, **Celtic Golf Management**, **Franklin Templeton Investments** and **Top Oil Products**, the event raised over \$292,000! ■



- 1 **RED HOUSE:** CCCYO board member **Mark Okashima**, CCCYO Board Member and event co-chair **Nanette Lee Miller**, **Joe Cooper**, CCCYO Board Member and event co-chair **Nicholas Andrade**
- 2 **RED HOUSE:** CCCYO Executive Director **Brian Cahill** presents the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Award to **David Krimm**, Tenderloin Health Board Chair
- 3 **RED HOUSE:** CCCYO Director of Development **Marti Sullivan** and **Alex Abello**
- 4 **GOLF DAY:** UnitedHealthcare players **Charlie Crouse**, **Jeff Dooley**, **Chris Nussbaum**, **Sue Lutz**, **Matt Temple**, **Adam Tolloison**

## CYO athletics

New this summer was a three-week volleyball camp run by the San Francisco Juniors, a volleyball club based in San Francisco. 150 participants attended the camp at the CYO gym in Serramonte, where they sharpened their volleyball skills and made new friends. A generous grant from the **Olympic Club** made it possible for us to purchase portable volleyball nets, effectively doubling the size of our gym space (and thus the number of participants we could accommodate) for these summer volleyball camps.

CYO Athletics also offered its third summer of co-ed volleyball league play, serving 475 boys and girls. Over 400 youth played in our summer basketball league and 40 more played Gaelic football. These leagues were held at night and games were played at St. Emydius, CYO Serramonte, Star of the Sea, Mission Dolores, and St. Thomas More gyms.

Accessibility to league play was made even easier this summer with the addition of the on-line registration feature on the CYO Athletics website. ■



## CYO camp

This summer 800 happy campers attended CYO Summer Camp over seven week long sessions that kicked off June 23 and concluded August 15. Forty-five staff members—hailing from different parts of the U.S., England, Wales, Australia, Hungary, and Ireland—contributed their cultures, personalities, and humor to the mix at summer camp.

In addition to the daily rhythm of camp, campers from each session slept under the stars, cooked over a campfire, canoed down the Russian River from the town of Monte Rio, and participated in evening campfire programs including singing songs, performing skits, and cheering each other on.

Session 2, a highly successful 'First-Timers' Camp' for children entering 2nd grade, provided a welcoming introduction to camp life.

Campers from Freestone (3rd - 4th grade), Middle Earth (4th - 5th grade), and Wildwood (7th - 8th grade) enjoyed swimming, canoeing, the challenge course, and afternoon electives like arts & crafts, sports, and nature activities.

The CIT Program for 14-16 year-olds included leadership training classes and practice working with cabin groups under the tutelage of counselors and leadership staff.

Miwok Teen Adventure Camp, which welcomed one hundred 15 & 16 year-olds, offered challenging outdoor activities, environmental stewardship, and positive group dynamics. These participants camped in open-air cabins on the rustic side of the CYO Camp grounds. ■

NOVEMBER

14 12th Annual Vincenzo Wine Tasting & Auction

Join Founding Chair Jeff Fenton at the historic Bently Reserve in San Francisco for exclusive tastings from an array of California's premier wineries. A gourmet gala dinner catered by Dan McCall sets the stage for the highlight of the evening – an auction featuring rare wines from around the world and other unique items.

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29-31 DEC 29-31 Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot

Please support the Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot, at Fort Mason's Festival Pavilion. The Guardsmen provide camperships to qualifying CYO Summer Campers. More info at www.guardsmentreelot.com.

DECEMBER

1 A Legacy of Service: A Salute to Brian Cahill

For over 40 years, Brian Cahill has been a humble servant and bold leader. Please join his family, colleagues, and friends as we wish him Godspeed in his retirement.

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JANUARY

23 CYO Hall of Fame Awards & Induction

Three new members will join the CYO Hall of Fame at Catholic Charities CYO Father O'Reilly Parish Center at St. Emydius Gym. The evening recognizes honorees that embody the legacy of leadership that has distinguished San Francisco CYO Athletics since 1933.

Info: 415.972.1213 / ccyo.ccyo.org

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