



# Tim Griffith Memorial Foundation

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## Upcoming Events: Last, First and Annual!

### May 10 - Last Oppty

#### Day At the Races

Friends of TGMF will bid farewell to the historic Bay Meadows racetrack on its last Saturday of operation, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Post Time is at 12:45pm and we will once again enjoy the reserved Patio area at track level giving us a privileged view of the specific race dedicated to the Foundation.



We have **LIMITED SPACE** for this event, so please register quickly by sending a check to the foundation address or by going online at [www.rememberhim.com](http://www.rememberhim.com).

Ticket prices are \$50.00 per person, \$30.00 for 30 years and under and \$15.00 for under 18 years old. The price includes parking, admission, program and a delicious buffet lunch.



**A FUN TWIST** added to make our final event at Bay Meadows special: A Hat Contest! Show off your creativity by wearing either a "Fancy" hat (in keeping with the grand Derby tradition) or a "Fun" hat (in keeping with Tim's non-traditional spirit!) and a winner for each category will be selected. See you at the Races!

### July 27 - It's A First!

#### Annual Golf Tournament

Tim Griffith's uncle, Marty Redman, is coordinating our First Annual TGMF Golf Tournament.

Join us for a day of golf at Los Lagos Golf Course in San Jose. Our goal is to raise funds for the TGMF foundation while enjoying tournament competition, prizes, raffles and a barbeque luncheon.



[www.playloslagos.com](http://www.playloslagos.com)

If a day on the links is not your idea of fun, come and join the other TGMF non-golfers for the post-tournament barbeque. Tournament tickets are \$115.00, seniors and those under 30 are \$100.00 which includes the round of golf, cart and prizes. Non-golfers can purchase a barbeque only ticket.

Sign up by sending a check to the TGMF address or by going online at [www.rememberhim.com](http://www.rememberhim.com) website.

### November 22 - Annual Dinner & Auction

Mark your calendars to save the date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TGMF Dinner and Auction Fundraiser. Plan to make your holiday shopping easier and more meaningful by purchasing gifts at the fundraiser auction. Your dollars will go toward organizations that foster peace and compassion - the true spirit of the holidays. Consider making an evening at the fundraiser a special gift for friends and family; tables of 10 people can be purchased at a discounted rate. More information to follow! ☺

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 Foundation Giving

### From Alison Thoreau

Thanks to your generosity and participation at the 3rd Annual TGMF Fundraiser in November 2007, our Foundation was able to make donations to a number of organizations reflecting our mission statement of Peace, Hope and Healing in outreach to those impacted by violence, addiction, or personal hardship. Although our primary focus is to provide operational support for Tim's House, planned to open in 2008, we were also able to contribute to the following groups in the past three months:

**Your House South** is a program of Youth and Family Enrichment Services of San Mateo County - ([www.yfes.org/teens](http://www.yfes.org/teens)). Its focus is on providing emergency and temporary housing for youth aged 10 to 17 whose families are in crisis. Youths live at the shelter for 14-30 days, where they participate in a structured program that includes individual, group and family counseling.

The goal of the program is to reunite the youth with their families.

**St. Joseph's Community Stars Program's ministry** to work toward full participation of persons with disabilities in the life and worship of their parish and community. The program is non-denominational in its approach and continuously works towards eliminating the social and attitudinal barriers that, historically, have impeded these people's full inclusion in the community.

**The Achieve Program** ([www.achieveprogram.org](http://www.achieveprogram.org)) is a



privately funded organization that helps at-risk kids, usually due to family and financial instability, to complete their high school

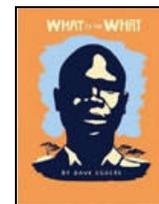
education and continue on to college. In addition to tuition support for placement at designated high schools, they are given after school tutoring, community service responsibilities, and mentoring responsibilities to other at-risk kids.



**Human Options** ([www.humanoptions.org](http://www.humanoptions.org)) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing domestic violence by protecting victims in a safe, non-judgmental environment and providing intervention and education programs. They offer positive alternatives to violence and support each person's search for self-determination.

**The Valentino Achak Deng Foundation** ([www.valentinoachakdeng.org](http://www.valentinoachakdeng.org)) aims to help rebuild war-affected

southern Sudanese communities by increasing access to education. As the region recovers and rebuilds, it is Valentino's dream to create educational opportunities throughout southern Sudan. The life story of Valentino's pre-war life in southern Sudan to his resettlement in the United States was told in Dave Egger's book, "What is the What".



Proceeds from the book's sales were used to start the Foundation.

**"Thank You!"**  
We are very happy to join with you in the support of these programs which embody the principles of peace, hope and healing. ☺

# 3 Great Reasons to Volunteer with TGMF!

*From Lisa Moreno*

**1<sup>st</sup>** and foremost is the cause. We are a recently founded organization that has made a substantial impact in a short amount of time.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** are the people. We are an energetic, committed group of volunteers who believe in the work we do and also have fun together.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** are the projects. Many



volunteers have said that it is very rewarding working in a small organization where the impact that is made is immediately apparent in our community. Because we are a 100% volunteer organization, we rely on volunteers to do everything

from stamping envelopes to planning and decorating events. If you have two hours a week, two hours a month or two hours to give at any time, we would love to have your involvement with the foundation.

We welcome and encourage teens and young adults as volunteers. Involving youth in our work is fun and honors the memory of Tim. To get started, contact Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Moreno at [lisa4t@gmail.com](mailto:lisa4t@gmail.com) ☺



## A Tradition of Family Giving

*From Deb Lemos*

Six years ago, the Barrow Family of Menlo Park came to the realization that they already have everything they need, and it would be better to give to a charity instead of themselves. Each season, a member of the family selects an organization to receive a donation and educates the family on the work of the organization. The responsibility for selecting the benefiting organization rotates between family members each year.



**The Barrow Family**

Kellie Barrow said "Knowing that all we need to do at Christmas is pick a cause, educate ourselves on the cause, then give to the cause, ultimately causes us to have a reason to celebrate! It just feels right, and helps with the stress level of the season." In 2007, Kellie Barrow, on behalf of her family selected TGMF to be the recipients of the family's Christmas donation, and we thank them for including TGMF in their tradition of family giving. ☺

*"Dear TGMF,  
I wanted to let you know that RCEF (Redwood City Education Foundation) distributed the Tim Griffiths Outdoor Education Scholarship money... we chose three school to receive the scholarships...Clifford School received \$710.00, Roosevelt School received \$569.00 and Fair Oaks School received \$569.00. I thoroughly enjoyed calling the principals and telling them I had money for their students - no strings attached!"*

Hilary Paulson, VP Redwood City Education Foundation



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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.*