



Transforming lives affected by addiction, violence and loss

**Tim's House – Seven Years of Service**

In its seventh year, Tim's House continues to provide much-needed transitional and sober housing for young men striving to straighten out their lives and successfully re-enter society. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, we served 12 men at Tim's House. Six clients were admitted during this time and currently 67% are referred by and concurrently participating in the Bridges Program, a county substance abuse treatment program for young men exiting the justice system (our priority population).



Many of our clients enrolled in college or training programs, worked on completing GEDs or were engaged in completing classes and work for outpatient programs. Our clients attended at least three 12-step meetings per week. All clients are encouraged to reconnect with family members, and several of them successfully reunited with children and were able to legally gain visitation rights or partial custody.

**Tim's House residents' proud accomplishments:**

- **92% maintained sobriety;**
- **92% stayed out of jail;**
- **83% enrolled in schooling programs to obtain certificates or degrees to advance their careers;**
- **83% of graduates had stable income when leaving Tim's House; and**
- **92% either moved on to stable housing or are still residing at Tim's House.**

Many clients come in to Tim's House after many years on the streets and going in and out of jail multiple times. They struggle to trust their own progress and recovery, and find it hard to ask for help or expect that any will be given to them. One of our clients started his time at the house with a lot of resistance to being there, and a good amount of ambivalence about following through with his commitment to Bridges and to being at Tim's House.

Despite this beginning, he has become one of the more supportive men in the house. He reaches out to new clients, helping them get to meetings and navigate the bus and train system in this county. He shares openly at house meetings about his struggles, and encourages other clients who are having difficulties. He feels very proud of everything he has accomplished; this is the first time in a long time that he can remember feeling this way about himself. His story, so similar to many others that come through our program, is one of the many reasons we do this work. If you would like to help the Foundation continue this powerful work and help deserving young men get their lives back on track, please make a donation today.

**10th Annual Gala is Big News!**



We are gearing up for our annual Gala celebrating our 10th year of service in the community, and we are planning big fun! Be sure you have Saturday, November 1st marked on your calendar to attend.

The Annual Tim Griffith Foundation Croquet Tournament will also be held on November 1st prior to the Gala. There will be exciting improvements this year that will make the event better



than ever. In this 10th year since Tim's death we want to remind everyone how much Tim loved to play croquet and this tournament in his memory is our very special way of honoring his memory



each year. It is fun for the entire family, so plan to meet at the San Mateo Elks Lodge at 2:30 p.m., the tournament begins around 3:00 p.m. and everyone will be back to the Elks Lodge by 5:30 p.m. in time to attend the Gala.

In addition to joining us at the Gala and Croquet Tournament, there are other ways you can show your support:

- **Donate Auction Items:** Wine, Travel, Dining and Entertainment are popular items that generate the most excitement. If you have an item to donate, please contact our auction chairperson Denise Harvey at dharvey@timgriffithfoundation.org.
- **Volunteer With Us:** Help with the planning activities or help the day of the Gala. One hour, one day or more would be tremendous help – it takes over 100 volunteers each year to make the Gala a success. Our Gala Volunteer Kick-off event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30th at 7:30pm in Redwood City. Please contact Lisa Perry at lperry@timgriffithfoundation.org to let her know you'd like to attend or to find out more information about volunteering with us.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gala and Croquet Tournament; you won't want to miss this big celebration!

For more stories and information about the work the Foundation is doing, please visit our website at

[www.timgriffithfoundation.org](http://www.timgriffithfoundation.org)

## July is National Bereavement Month

Fathers and Mothers have found grief support through the Foundation's Meadowlark Retreats. These are grief support weekend retreats for mothers and fathers who have suffered the sudden loss of a child. The retreats honor and comfort parents as they learn to deal with their new way of life—a life without a child they adored. The Fathers' Retreat is August 15-17 and the next Mothers' Retreat is September 19-17. For more information about these retreats or the grief support provided by the Foundation, please contact Stacey Redman at [sredman@timgriffithfoundation.org](mailto:sredman@timgriffithfoundation.org).



## Golf Tournament Fun!



The 7th Annual Tim Griffith Foundation Golf Tournament held on June 1, 2014 at the Los Lagos Golf Course in San Jose, CA was a huge success. The 50 golfers and guests

enjoyed perfect weather, a beautiful golf course and the pleasure of knowing that the event benefited the work of the Foundation: to transform lives of those dealing with violence, addiction and loss. One foursome reported that playing in the tournament was "the most fun we've had on a Sunday morning in a long time!"

The tournament raised over \$3,000, which is a record for the event. The 1st place winners (pictured here) were Nick Jackson, Jim Thompson, Kyle Garcia and Forest Roberts at 11 under par. The 2nd place team included Marty Redman, Bob Huff, Greg Martin, Bob Crabtree, and Bob Parker scoring 10 under par. And in 3rd place, Al Cunningham, Patrick Cunningham, and Josh Griffith came in at 5 under par.



Check out our website for a list of our event sponsors, raffle donors, and volunteers who made this event so successful!

## July 4th Great American Car Raffle



The 4th of July Raffle for a new Honda Civic or \$18,000 in cash was won by Hope Johnson of Atherton. Congratulations Hope! The Great American Car Raffle is run by the Redwood City Rotary Club, and has included our Foundation as a

participant several years in a row. The Tim Griffith Foundation sold over \$7,000 in tickets this year. A special thanks to Ryan Doleschal of Precision Tree Care for purchasing \$1,000 worth of tickets again this year!



## Attention Online Shoppers!

Now you can support the Tim Griffith Foundation two ways simultaneously simply by doing what you are already doing--shopping online!

First, join iGive.com, a free service where shopping at any of 1480 stores like Amazon, Travelocity, Overstock, and many more, means a donation to your favorite cause. The Tim Griffith Foundation can earn money whenever you shop online. We'll also get \$5 for each new supporter in July. All you need to do is try the iGive button through October 15, 2014 (<http://www.igive.com/welcome/lptest/wr24c.cfm?c=39477&m=955076&jltest=1>). No purchase necessary! So tell all your friends to join iGive in July!!



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## OUR MISSION

The Tim Griffith Foundation heals and strengthens Bay Area communities by providing support and services to those impacted by addiction, violence and loss.