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This year, our annual raffle benefits the St. Mary's McAuley Institute Adolescent Psychiatric Programs.

With YOUR help we were able to raise over **\$18,500** that provides a safe haven for the troubled youth of San Francisco. With the funds raised we will now be able to provide additional support for classroom supplies, calming tools, and therapeutic care. **THANK YOU.**



Brother George Cherrie and Sisters Gloria Miller, Mary Kilgariff, and Timothy Gallagher (our Sister of Mercy) pull the winning raffle tickets on Mercy Day!

**ARE YOU OUR 2013 ST. MARY'S FOUNDATION
RAFFLE WINNER? LOOK INSIDE TO FIND OUT!**

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34TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Raises over \$240,000 for Sister Mary Philippa Clinic



Cheri Goudy and Lois Weiss matching with Lou Seal!

On Monday, August 26th, St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation celebrated its 34th Annual Golf Classic at the Olympic Club. The sun came out shining as players of the tournament, old and new, stopped for drinks and breakfast as they were greeted by dancing Giants' mascot, Lou Seal passing out Giants/Dignity Health caps. With the sounds of bag piping in the background, players were geared up and ready to go as they prepared to go out on the greens.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, St. Mary's staff, and Sisters of Mercy,

players were welcomed at each hole with giveaways, ice cream, and of course, the Olympic Club's famous hot dog shaped hamburgers for lunch. However, a special mention must be made for Sister Mary Kilgariff, for without her we would not be able to raise money out in our Vegas Hole. With her friendly coercive tactics, most players cannot say no as they bet their money on swings.

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Foundation Retina Fund to purchase VITRECTOMY MACHINE



We are thrilled to announce the purchase of a new Vitrectomy machine for the Surgery Department at St. Mary's through the Retina Research Fund.

We couldn't be happier to support the surgery department in making this purchase. Of our medical staff of over 550 physicians, 20 are ophthalmologists that actively perform surgeries on almost 1000 patients a year.

With this new and improved machine, surgeries will include high performance probes and allow better surgeon stability, control, and efficiency.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY'S RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Stephen Levin
2. Judy Nejasmich
3. Peggy Nevin
4. Linda Randle
5. Kate & Frank Charlton
6. John A. Selle
7. John A. Selle
8. Josephine Migala
9. John Page
10. Virginia Masuoka

**Grand Prize:
Daniel Christy**

Beneficiary is
McAuley Adolescent
Psychiatric Programs

Patient Highlight: THE STORY OF RAY

Ray is a patient at St. Mary's Medical Center currently receiving care under the Adolescent Day Treatment Center (ADTC) program with the McAuley Institute. As an only child who resided at home with his alcoholic stepfather and mentally ill mother, Ray had an unstable life prior to his admission at ADTC. His mother had a history of poor compliance with her medications and substance abuse, which resulted in repeated psychiatric hospitalizations. His parents frequently engaged in loud abusive arguments that would escalate to physical abuse, and often times Ray would

be attacked in the crossfire. Ray was totally isolated in his home with very little stimuli except television and his schoolwork. As time progressed, Ray began to display many self destructive and suicidal behaviors and eventually required numerous psychiatric hospitalizations. After Ray was admitted to the ADTC program, it took several months for Ray to begin a trusting relationship with his various therapists and admit to the chaos of his home situation, including physical abuse and neglect. Child Protective Services saw the threats in the environment Ray lived in and eventually

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The delightful day concluded with a light dinner buffet and a silent and live auction hosted by KNBR's Brian Murphy and Lee Hammer. With their comical and persuasive antics, bidding wars were started as players fought over 50 auction items including Disneyland tickets, beautiful orchids, and thanks to Dr. Robert Murray, our highly sought after Giant's memorabilia including individually signed Buster Posey, Matt Cain, and Barry Zito bats as well as a signed poster from Sergio Romo.



Sisters Joanne DeVincenti and Timothy Gallagher pass out ice cream with Gary Sabatte from Berkeley Farms

The tournament hosted 180 players and raised more than \$240,000 in support of the Sister Mary Philippa Clinic at St. Mary's. The Foundation cannot be

more thankful for all the players who participated in the tournament, the hard-working volunteers and our dedicated sponsors.

A Graduate of the McAuley Institute of Adolescent Psychiatric Programs

removed Ray from his home. He was placed in a group home where he thrived and was prescribed psychotropic medications to address his depressive and psychotic symptoms, which provided positive results. However, one side effect of the medications was an increase in appetite and within a year, Ray gained nearly 50 pounds. ADTC formed a skill building group to focus on the health needs of Ray and other clients who need assistance in making important lifestyle choices. When living with his parents, what food the family had in the home generally came from take-out restaurants. It soon became apparent that

Ray and many others in the group had never gone grocery shopping or cooked a meal for themselves. The skill building group addressed many healthy lifestyle choices, including selecting appropriate foods, portion control, exercise and appropriate sleeping habits. Within 4 months of attendance, Ray has lost weight, admitted to feeling better and is functioning more independently. He recently graduated from ADTC's high school and is planning for a complete discharge from the program within a few months.

For information and admissions:
Day Treatment Center - (415) 750-4909.
Inpatient Program - (415) 750-5649.

(This is composite patient story to protect patient privacy.)



JOAN BERTANI

St. Mary's Medical Center and Foundation lost a dedicated volunteer this past month in the recent passing of Joan Marie Bertani, on September 8th. Joan was the current president of the St. Mary's Auxiliary and member of the Foundation Board of Directors. She was well respected for her advocacy and gentle manner. She passed away gracefully on September 8, 2013.

Joan was trained at St. Mary's Medical Center as a lab technician in 1955. Years later in 1993 she returned as a volunteer and continued her service right up to last week accruing over 6,300 hours. For three decades Joan volunteered in a variety of departments including the ICU Waiting room, the Gift Shop, and the Auxiliary. Most recently Joan served as the Auxiliary president. In addition, as a member of the Foundation Board she was integral member of the committee supporting the new Cancer Center and most recently the Sister Diane Grassilli Center for Women's Health.

She was an active member of St. Brendan Parish for over 50 years and willingly volunteered her time to help in the church community. She will be remembered as an enthusiastic competitor in tennis, bridge, and dominoes. She also enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events. She was their greatest (and most vocal) fan!

She will be greatly missed as a beloved member of St. Mary's Medical Center. We are most grateful that the family has requested memorial gifts be sent to the hospital in lieu of flowers. This is just one more way Joan's legacy of love and support for St. Mary's continues to live on.

THANK YOU, TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR 34TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



COUP D'ETAT