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Samaritan House and Sutter Health/Mills-Peninsula Medical Center Present: The Main Event 2017 – Health Heroes Unmasked: What’s Your Superpower?

Burlingame, CA: Friday, March 24, 2017, Samaritan House and Presenting Sponsor, Sutter Health’s Mills-Peninsula Medical Center welcome over 500 guests for a celebration of Samaritan House’s Health Services volunteers.

Where: San Francisco Marriott Waterfront, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010

When: Friday, March 24, 2017, 6:00 PM

Master of Ceremonies: KTVU Weekend Anchor Heather Holmes

*“For 25 years, Samaritan House has operated two premier free clinics for medical, dental, vision, and other care, for people with no insurance and who cannot afford it. We’re only able to provide this care free to people living in poverty because of the dedicated professionals who give us their extremely valuable time. And thanking them for caring so deeply is what we’re about tonight.”
Samaritan House CEO, Bart Charlow*

Samaritan House is proud to recognize the contributions from the thousands of health care volunteers who’ve generously donated their time and expertise. Bay Area physicians, optometrists, dentists, nurses, dental hygienists, lab technicians, medical assistants, translators, receptionists, a wide range of specialists and other volunteers who have selflessly provided care for low-income families who cannot afford or cannot access healthcare in San Mateo County. Samaritan House operates the San Mateo Free Clinic and the Redwood City Free Clinic, which serve thousands of patients each year, completely free of charge. San Mateo Medical Clinic co-founders, Dr. Bill Schwartz and Dr. Walter Gaines, will be honored this year for their vision to serve low-income patients by opening the San Mateo Free Clinic in 1992 and for their years of service following the first clinic’s founding.

Samaritan House also receives financial support from many healthcare providers, foundations, corporations and healthcare districts which are equally invested in keeping San Mateo County residents healthy, including the event’s Hercules of Hope Presenting Sponsor:

“Mills-Peninsula Medical Center is committed to helping build healthy communities and Samaritan House provides important services improving the well-being of people in San Mateo County,” said Janet A. Wagner, CEO, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center. “We are proud to partner with Samaritan House to improve access to primary and specialty care.”

Health Heroes Unmasked: What’s Your Superpower? brings together our community heroes to celebrate and to be recognized for their service. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour featuring

drinks to help you leap tall buildings in a single bound, a unique silent auction, a gourmet dinner, live auction and Fund-a-Need, and dancing to the live music of *Pure Ecstasy*.

“Consistent access to housing, food, and other basic needs must be met for families to be secure and for communities to thrive. Our longtime partnership with Samaritan House to help advance their work ensures that we’re putting families back on the path of economic stability.” – Raquel Gonzalez, Bank of America Market President

Bank of America, the 2017 Main Event’s Colossus of Caring Sponsor, has also long supported Samaritan House’s work in San Mateo County. Generous community partners like Bank of America and its employees ensure that the more than 12,000 people served by Samaritan House each year are able to access the services to move from crisis to hope and opportunity. Employees volunteer in many programs throughout the year to benefit our neighbors in need.

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About Samaritan House:

Since 1974, Samaritan House has become San Mateo’s leading non-profit that brings a new level of hope, dignity, and empowerment to people living in poverty as they fulfill



immediate needs and guide people toward self-reliance. Recognized as a role model in the community, Samaritan House is the largest food distribution agency in the county. Other free services include shelter and housing assistance; medical and dental clinics; clothes for children; personalized case management and much more. For more information, visit www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org. Our Mission is to mobilize the resources of our community to help those among us who are in need, - while preserving dignity, promoting self sufficiency, and providing hope.

About Sutter Health's Mills Peninsula Medical Center:

Founded in 1908, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center is a [Sutter Health](#) affiliate providing top ranked, patient centered medical care and health care innovation at inpatient and outpatient facilities in Burlingame and San Mateo, California.

