

## **George Mark Children's House Founder Dr. Kathy Hull Receives Helping Heart Award from Children's Health Guild**

SAN LEANDRO, CA—Dr. Kathy Hull, founder of [George Mark Children's House](#) (GMCH) was recently honored with the Helping Heart Award from the Children's Health Guild (CHG) for her extraordinary legacy of providing compassionate care for children with serious medical conditions, at the CHG annual Spring Gala; An Evening of Garden Folly held at the Fairmont San Francisco.

"Receiving the Helping Heart Award was an uplifting honor, both for me and for the recognition of the positive impact that George Mark has had, and continues to have, on our community and beyond," said Dr. Hull. "From all of us at GMCH, enormous gratitude to the Children's Health Guild for their unflagging support of the work that we do."

Established in 2004, George Mark is a model of compassionate care for children and young adults, and support for their families, provided in a beautiful home-like setting. As the pioneer in the United States for providing pediatric palliative care in a residential locale, George Mark has led the way for additional homes to adopt their comprehensive approach to caring for children with serious medical concerns. The House's dedicated interdisciplinary team provides around the clock critical care including respite, transitional, end-of-life, and bereavement support.

The healing power of nature and the regenerative beauty of George Mark Children's House's [Hummingbird Hill](#) Garden was a specific source of inspiration for the Children's Health Guild gala.

"The Children's Health Guild was honored to recognize Kathy and her legacy, George Mark Children's House, with the 2024 Helping Heart Award," said Christina Milne, CHG president. "She inspires us all to make the world a better place, and to lead with love and compassion and we are grateful as an organization to be a small part of her story, and to support the work for George Mark Children's House."

Proceeds from the CHG gala are dedicated to support its two beneficiary organizations: George Mark Children's House and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, which provide children with much-needed healthcare services for a child's full circle of life. George Mark has partnered with CHG since 2012.

To mark the [20th anniversary](#) of providing exceptional care to more than 1,100 children and support to their families, George Mark has planned a series of special events throughout the year, culminating with a celebratory gala on October 25, 2024.

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