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George Mark Children's House celebrates record-breaking fundraiser

On October 2, nearly four hundred supporters gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco for the George Mark Children's House annual Gala. The festive celebration raised 1.1 million dollars, marking the event as an unprecedented milestone for the House. For more than twenty-two years, the organization has provided around-the-clock medical care and social services to its young patients, at no cost to their families. Beyond the extraordinary generosity of the Gala guests, what made the night especially meaningful were the stories shared by the families themselves.

The evening was hosted by Broadway performer Miguel Cervantes, best known for his leading role in Hamilton. Miguel and his wife, Kelly, spoke poignantly of the short life of their daughter, Adelaide, who died of complex medical challenges as a three-year-old. Kelly's message was a powerful one: every family should have access to the extraordinary support that GMCH offers. Their family, unfortunately, had not.

George Mark CEO, Shekinah Eliassen, also shared a personal story, describing the loving care that her infant son, Lars, had received at the House. She thanked the audience, "our village," for helping GMCH to thrive and be available for any family who needs such care.

Founder, Dr. Kathy Hull, who named George Mark Children's House after her two brothers who died at young ages, reflected on the positive impact of compassionate care, and hope, for families. "Hope can be surprisingly resilient. It can appear in a child's laughter, in a parent's smile, or in the quiet moment when a family realizes they are surrounded by people who understand and care."

The Gala attendees, who had been enthusiastic and boisterous bidders, left the ballroom at the end of the celebratory evening having enjoyed the delight of gathering, reconnecting, meeting new friends, and knowing that their participation will help families who need the significant support that GMCH offers.

To learn more about the meaningful work of George Mark Children's House or to make a donation, please visit the website at www.georgemark.org.



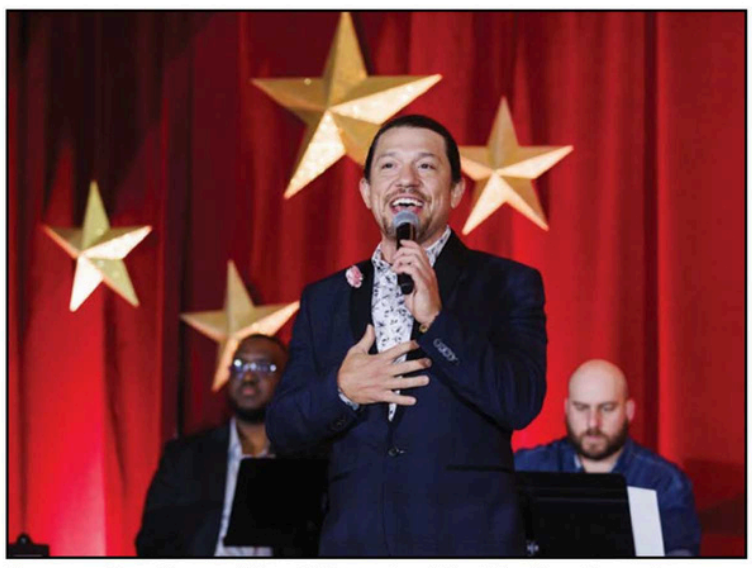
GMCH Founder and Board Member, Dr. Kathy Hull



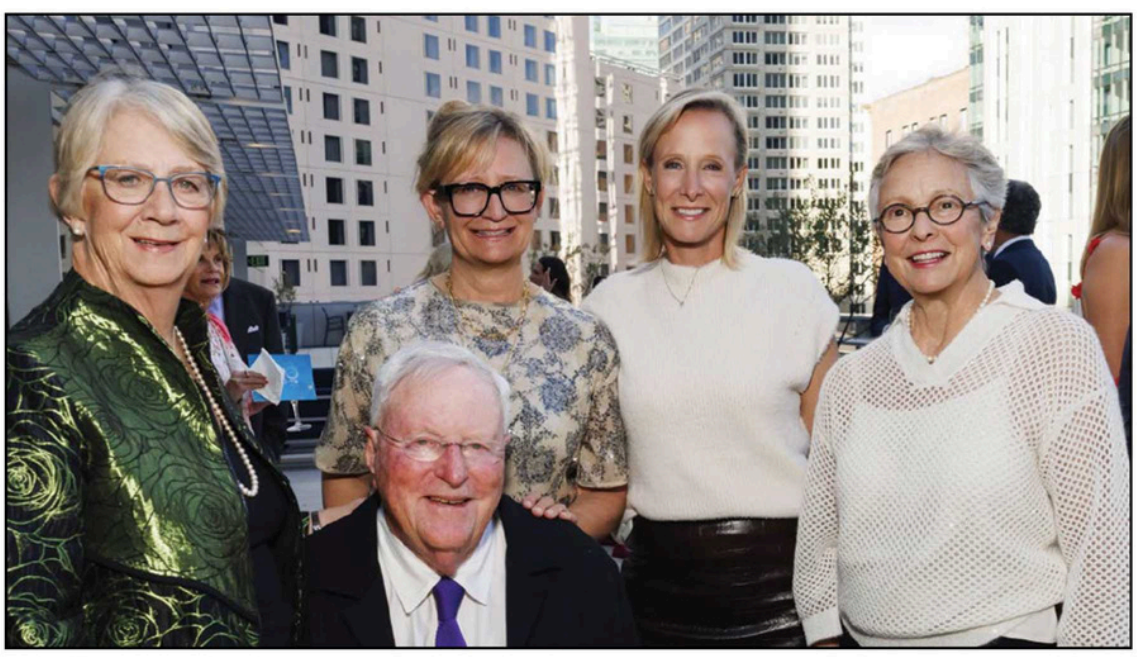
Hummingbird Philanthropy Awardee, Sheri Sobrato, and GMCH Board Member, Dr. Carolyn Chang



Longtime Piedmonters and GMCH supporters, Heather Yarris Price and Leslie Bond



Emcee and performer Miguel Cervantes, *Hamilton* Broadway star



Local Friends enjoying the evening: Janet and Dick Saalfeld, Stacey Pugsley Saalfeld, Kelly Johnson, and Patty Jelly.



CEO, Shekinah Eliassen

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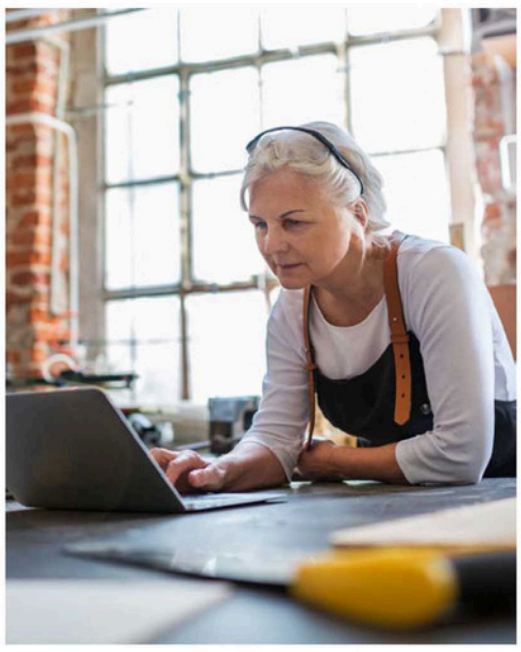
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