Distinguished Volunteer Fundraiser Honorees

WILLIAM B. BARON
Nominated by Stroke Awareness Foundation

BILL BARON SHOWED AN EARLY commitment to community leadership in his work with organizations such as San Jose State University, KTEH-Channel 54, and American Heart Association. In 2003, he joined the Stroke Awareness Foundation Board of Directors and has since helped raise nearly $1.9M for the organization. His unique approach to fundraising events has resulted in Texas-Holdem Poker Tournaments, the annual Fight Stroke Walk and galas featuring Frank Sinatra Jr. Most often, Bill exceeds his own fundraising goals and is known for encouraging his fellow Board Members to push for the “stretch goal”!

MARY CHIGOS
Nominated by Mission Hospice & Home Care

MARY CHIGOS HAS BEEN A MEMBER of the Mission Hospice Board of Directors since 2002 and served as Board President for two of those fourteen years. Her active involvement on the Development Committee has helped the organization achieve its annual fund goals year after year. She has consistently recruited new volunteers and secured sizable annual donations from her network of supporters. Mary is currently Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign working toward a goal of raising $6M to establish the first hospice house in San Mateo County.

AMY BENCUMO
Nominated by YMCA of Silicon Valley and Project Cornerstone

AMY BENCOMO HAS BEEN A dedicated and inspiring volunteer for YMCA/Project Cornerstone since 2008 when she became an Asset Building Champions reader and eventually the program coordinator at her children’s elementary school. In 2014, she started fundraising for Project Cornerstone. She started as a Team Captain for the inaugural Annual Giving Campaign and raised $2,421. In 2015, she became a Division Lead and helped to raise $24,576 in campaign contributions. Amy is a passionate advocate for Project Cornerstone and an effective and enthusiastic fundraiser.

AVENY KAUFMAN BORENSTEIN
Nominated by Addison-PenzaJ JCC of Silicon Valley

WHEN AVERY KAUFMAN BORENSTEIN joined the Board of Addison-Penza Jewish Community Center (APJCC) she did not have any prior fundraising experience. Now she is responsible for soliciting support from some of APJCC’s major donors and, as Board Chair, she was responsible for raising over $125,000 from fellow Board members. Beyond fundraising, Avery has served with distinction on many of the Board’s committees. She personally exemplifies the next generation of APJCC Board members through her leadership as Board Chair and her repeated recruitment of new, talented and contributing Board members.

IAN FEINBERG
Nominated by Cantabile Youth Singers

IAN FEINBERG HAS SERVED ON THE Cantabile Youth Singers Board for six years. He is an excellent fundraiser; arts patron, and has dutifully helped guide the organization. Last year, when the New Music Commission Fund was launched, Ian immediately stepped up and offered challenge grants to spur giving from the community. Ian speaks passionately about the importance of Cantabile to his daughter, Jessica and to their family. Ian is an inspiration to all and a model for how Board members can encourage giving and engagement in an organization.

QUENTIN HANCOCK
Nominated by Homeless Garden Project

QUENTIN HANCOCK IS A FULLY ENGAGED SUPPORTER of the Homeless Gardens Project – an organization that strives to build an inclusive community, workforce and local food system. Not only is Quentin the single largest donor to the organization – he also volunteers on the organic farm, in the store, at events AND as a fundraiser – writing grants and cultivating donors. He has stepped in with necessary funds during trying times and has established challenge grants to encourage regular monthly contributions. Quentin’s support of the Homeless Garden Project is a great example of supporting a cause with all of ones resources.