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MISS BIGELOW'S BABBLE-ON

Books, Balls & Bears

by Catherine Bigelow

Be my teddy bear: The grand and glamorous courtyard of the grand and glamorous Getty manse is often the setting for grand and glorious fundraisers.

Except, that is, when teddy bears are involved. And at the annual Snuggly Soiree (See photos Pg. 13), which supports the Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund at UCSF Children's Hospital, it's all about face-painting, French fries and fundraising, too.

Dreamed up by **Dr. Richard Glogau & Pamela Baj Glogau**, the fund offers aid (from hotel vouchers to a family lunch in the hospital cafeteria) to pediatric patients and their families.

"It helps families in ways that are truly wonderful," said **Dr. Sam Hawgood**, chair of UCSF's Pediatrics Department and interim Dean of the School of Medicine. "More and more we're seeing families in real need who've traveled long distances and are lost in the city. This fund puts real heart and soul to our medical care."

The evening's special and surprise guest? Why, slugger **Barry Bonds** who flew up for the fête from LA with his family.

Bonds has long been a pal of UCSF Children's Hospital where he often (and anonymously) visits gravely ill patients.

"My father and my uncle died of cancer. I was with my dad during his chemo treatments, where you just sit in this box of a room," said Bonds. "I've been involved with UCSF Children's and the AASK Foundation since I started in Pro Baseball. It's about offering children who are sick a distraction of hope."

"Living in a nation as powerful as the U.S., this kind of specialized and compassionate care should be a non-issue," said Bonds, as a cluster of pint-sized fans clamored around him. "Our kids are our future."