The UCSF Medical Center | Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund's Snuggly Soiree Part II

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Pamela and her son Gordon Glogau
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Dr. Richard Glogau and his wife **PamelaBaj Glogau** are veteran health care specialists. They established the UCSF Medical Center | Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund years ago. Pamela graciously took some time out to answer questions for the SF Socialite column. Today, she has over 30 years experience as a nursing professor at SF State. There was a time when she understood things primarily

from a provider point of view. When her son was admitted to UCSF for a period of time she was exposed to things from a different standpoint.

Pamela recalled a young boy who was being attended to near her son. She asked why the boy was crying so much to which she was told he didn't have a teddy bear. After realizing many families weren't able to financially address basic needs she began to ask herself how she could help. From that first teddy bear the fund has gone on to be a part of countless poignant stories.

Unexpected medical costs can cripple once self-sufficient families and leave little hope for those under the poverty line. The fund has helped provide things that aren't covered through healthcare. Things like Amtrak tickets for a family who desperately needed to get to UCSF for a life saving transplant, a refrigerator for a family who needed to store their child's vital medicine. Some families put their health at a lower priority when strapped financially. The fund has helped put nutritious meals in the hands of families who suddenly found themselves bedside for long periods of time. The stories run the gamut. Sometimes when you are at a low something as small and unexpected like a hug can help you get one step closer to getting through. The Teddy Bear Rescue Fund is doing just that.

Pamela said she "never really considered herself a philanthropist." After the over $200,000 her foundation helped raised that night many people are sure to continue viewing her as just that. The festivities may seem frivolous to some but the over the top nature of the night was important. It helped relay the message that something as frivolous as a teddy bear can hold all the significance in the world to a scared child. Reminding us all that small gestures can make a large impact.

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