

## OUT & ABOUT By Carolyne Zinko



## Healthy donations for Teddy Bear fund

People often take teddy bears for granted. After all, how important could a stuffed toy be? The answer is: vitally important to the psychological and emotional states of young patients at UCSF Children's Hospital.

That's what dermatologist and clinical professor Dr. Richard Glogau and his wife, Pam Baj, a nursing professor at San Francisco State University, learned when their son, Gordon, was hospitalized years ago.

While he underwent two surgeries for severe orthopedic problems, his parents met families of other patients who'd traveled hundreds of miles for specialized care. Often, they didn't have enough money for parking, meals at the hospital or even hotel costs while their children were undergoing treatment.

Glogau and his wife established the Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund in 2001 to assist families with those incidental but important costs, to ease the stress associated with hospitalization. The fund got its name when a young patient came to the hospital without anything comforting to hold onto while being wheeled into surgery.

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On March 4, longtime friends Ann and Gordon Getty opened their home to 375 people who paid \$250 each and bid on auction items to raise \$180,000 for the fund. It wasn't just a grown-up party; guests brought their children, too. The Gettys made sure they were welcome, providing cotton candy, areade games, a Wii, balloon animals, face painting and opportunities to decorate cookies and cupcakes with frosting and sprinkles.

The adults were treated to a brief presentation by UCSF Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Mark Laret, as well as Rosanne Fernandes, executive director of UCSF Children's Hospital, who told heartwrenching stories about families skimping on follow-up treatment for their children because they could not afford bus fare to San Francisco. Also present Dr. Sam Hawgood, chair of the pediatric department at UCSF. Capping the remarks: an inspirational chat by Kerri Walsh, two-time Olympic gold medalist in beach volleyball (a Santa Clara native). Among those attending the beach volleyball (a Santa Clara na-tive). Among those attending the party: Mayor Gavin Newsom and his wife, Jennifer, Fine Arts Museums Board President Dede Wilsey; Eliza-beth Funk, a former Yahoo executive turned microfinance expert; and Irish crooner Eoin Harrington, to name a few. Teddy bears resonate with lots of people, it seems, especially sick chil-

people, it seems, especially sick chil-dren. The fund operates on \$200,000 in contributions a year. For informa-tion, go to uesf.org and type "Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund" in the search box.



Radio personality Don Bleu, Olympic beach volleyball medalist Kerri Walsh, Pam Baj Glogau and Dr. Richard Glogau, Above left: Dirk and Drake Ivory.



Ivy Getty, the hosts' granddaughter; Gordon Glogau, fund founders' son.





Ann Getty (right) welcomed 375 people to her home to raise money for Dr. Richard Glogau's fund.



Beth Townsend, Dr. Melina Jampolis, Denise Bradley, Niquette Hunt.



Emma Blake and Caroline Martignetti enjoy cotton candy in the kids room.