

30
Years of

HAND TO HAND

December 9, 2022

7 - 10pm

The Hibernia

1 Jones St

San Francisco, CA 94102

In-Person Event



MOVING FORWARD WITH THE COMMUNITY

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▶ ABOUT PROJECT OPEN HAND

Project Open Hand's Mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating our community.

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



Welcome Friends of Project Open Hand to our 30th Annual Hand to Hand Gala.

If you haven't noticed yet, this year's Hand to Hand is a little different than what you're probably accustomed to enjoying. The Fairmont, our go-to venue for the past many years and a place where we experienced many memorable moments, has been replaced by The Hibernia – a historic, multi-level building that stands right in the heart of the Tenderloin. The sit-down luncheon, which many of you have come to love, has been reimagined and is now a unique food experience where you can enjoy your meal while visiting with friends or soon-to-be friends.

Yes, change is difficult sometimes. But sometimes change is necessary to make progress, and that's why this year's theme for Hand to Hand is **“Moving Forward with the Community.”**

Within the past couple of years, we've had to change how we provide our life-saving, nutritional services. We are delivering and shipping more meals to clients to the most farthest reaches of the Bay Area because our clients don't have the resources to shop or drive to the local grocery store. Our team of registered dietitian nutritionists hold virtual cooking classes for clients who want to learn how to cook a healthier meal for themselves from the comfort of their homes. Our Community Nutrition Program, which serves over 3,000 older adults and adults with disabilities, has begun the challenging task to re-open sites across San Francisco for communal dining.

Nearly 7,000 clients in San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, and Contra Costa Counties depend on us, but we can't do it without the help of our community of volunteers, donors, and supporters. We are able to move forward, regardless of the challenges we face, because of you. You are our community.

As you enjoy this special evening filled with music, food, and new experiences, I hope you take a moment during this night to reflect on what “Moving Forward with the Community” means to you. For me, that five-word phrase means that regardless of the changes or challenges we currently face or have yet to come, we know we can accomplish what needs to be done because our community is standing with us.

Thank you.

Paul Hepfer, Chief Executive Officer



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4. **Click Bid**

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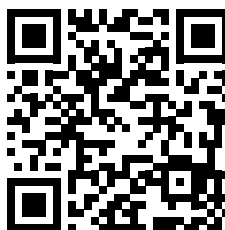
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3. **Choose amount**
4. **Click Donate**

By Text

1. **Text "Give" and amount**
Example: "Give 300" then press send



30 Years of **HAND** **TO HAND**



EVENING SCHEDULE

7:00pm (Main Hall)

Pianist Joe Wicht

7:30pm (Main Hall)

#1 Billboard Jazz/Pop Singer Spencer Day

Presentation Begins, 8:15pm (Main Hall)

Project Open Hand and Bread Project Welcome

Awards Presentation

Live Auction

Fund A Need

9:00pm (Main Hall)

Spencer Day Performance

Lower Level

Music by DJ Airsun



▶ RUTH BRINKER VISIONARY AWARD

BILL HIRSH, ESQ.

Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Bill currently serves as the Executive Director of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP), the first legal services program in the country to focus on the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Since his tenure with ALRP began in March of 2000, Bill has expanded ALRP's services in the areas of housing, immigration, insurance, and consumer rights; ALRP currently has thirteen staff attorneys. ALRP serves almost 1,500 individuals living with HIV in the San Francisco Bay Area each year, and leverages over a million dollars in donated legal services through its panel of over 700 volunteer attorneys. Currently, ALRP has a budget of over \$2.4 million with a staff of 20. ALRP's legal work helps to ensure that people living with HIV are housed, employed, insured, and can access the essential services they need to improve their health.

Bill has more than 35 years of experience in community-based nonprofit organizations ranging from alternative mental health programs to legal services for people with disabilities. After graduating from law school, Bill served as a welfare rights attorney and helped organize homeless San Francisco residents. He served as Directing Attorney for the Mental Health Advocacy Project of the Santa Clara County Bar Association Law Foundation. Bill then directed the Mental Health Association of San Francisco, where he coordinated a broad-based public policy advocacy effort to increase affordable and supportive housing for people with mental health disabilities.



MOST OUTSTANDING CORPORATE PARTNER

GOOGLE

For years, Google has worked with Project Open Hand to help deliver meals to those in need. In addition to our executive Mike Henry's service on the Project Open Hand Board, Google has volunteered more than 1,800 hours with Project Open Hand since 2010, matched over \$145,000 in donations made by our employees, and invested and provided \$100,000 last year to fuel Project Open Hand's mission.

Google's work in the nonprofit space and specific dedication to the mission of Project Open Hand is without equal.

Accepting on Google's behalf is Rebecca Prozan, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy for the West Coast.



Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation

► MOST OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER

RICHMOND/ERMET AID FOUNDATION (REAF)

The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) is a non profit 501(c)(3) Arts/Health organization dedicated to raising funds for AIDS services, hunger programs and programs for underserved youth in the Bay Area through the production of quality entertainment programs. REAF was founded by two mothers, Barbara Richmond and Peggy Ermet, who lost their only sons to AIDS. In this way, they honor their sons' memories and help alleviate the suffering of all the other sons and daughters living with HIV and AIDS.

REAF has been an incredible supporter of Project Open Hand and our work for over 30 years. We have been a beneficiary of their many incredible events, shared the HIV/AIDS space in service of the San Francisco community, and worked together to broaden the message of advocacy for those without a voice.



MOST OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER

BAU KY

Cook

Bau Ky is the longest serving full-time staff member at Project Open Hand. Ruth Brinker, our founder, hired Bau personally to work with her from day one. They worked together for close to six years at one of Stanley Eichelbaum's restaurants on Fillmore and California streets. Ruth was a waitress and Bau, a line cook.

The restaurant closed in early 1985, and around that time, Ruth started cooking meals out of her home to feed her many ailing friends in the community. She asked Stanley to ask Bau if he would cook with her since the restaurant was closed. Thus began their history together at Project Open Hand.

The two spent the first few months cooking in the basement of a church on Sutter and Gough streets. Quickly outgrowing the space, Project Open Hand relocated to 17th Street for the next few years before purchasing the current building at 730 Polk Street.

Bau says he loved the new location immediately because he lived just next door, where he stayed until he met and married his beautiful wife and started a family. He remembers most of the chefs' faces and their personalities, working with all of them and speaking fondly of them.

We thank Bau for all his years of dedication and hard work, serving the community that meant so much to Ruth and to Project Open Hand.



► COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AWARD

KAISER PERMANENTE

Kaiser Permanente knows that good health requires more than just healthcare. To be healthy, people need access to healthy food, among a myriad of other essentials. To help address the food needs of its members and communities, Kaiser Permanente has invested millions of dollars in grants to organizations like Project Open Hand that improve food and nutrition security and help with applications for federal nutrition programs like SNAP and WIC. It has worked with community partners to provide free, nutritious meals to low-income members recovering from COVID-19 or who have recently been discharged from a hospital with a chronic condition. This year, Kaiser Permanente increased its commitment to food and nutrition security with a pledge to invest \$50 million over the next several years in programs that increase food and nutrition security and improve health outcomes for the country's most vulnerable populations.

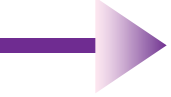
EMCEE & AUCTIONEER



SHAWN RYAN

Recently seen on the Freeform show, “Famous in Love”, and Hit Fox Show “Bones”, our Emcee for tonight’s Gala has a varied and vast career in the arts! He’s been seen on shows such as “The Mentalist”, “Women’s Murder Club”, “Life”, and as a semi finalist on Season One of “America’s Got Talent.” Shawn’s career as an Actor, Producer, Singer, Writer, Camp Director and Emcee brings him such joy! He loves educating, inspiring and creating social change through his charitable acts. Shawn most recently wrote and directed the short film “Henry” which made its debut at The Cannes Film Festival, marking Shawn’s 8th film in 5 years at this prestigious festival. In addition to “Henry”, Shawn has recently completed writing two musicals and is in development with a new feature entitled “Feels Like Home” to be produced later this year.

Follow him on all the Social Medias @TheShawnRyan



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Communitē Table*

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DESSERT PROVIDED BY HOT COOKIE

MUSICAL ARTISTS



SPENCER DAY

Spencer Day is one of the most acclaimed young artists creating witty and sophisticated pop songs in the tradition of the classic American writers. NPR raved that he has “one of the most beautiful singing voices around today.” He’s also been hailed as “sensual and intimate” by The Huffington Post, “compelling” by Time Out New York, and “brilliant” by the San Francisco Chronicle. The Washington Post praised his “cool jazz sensibilities” and “cleverly crafted tales.”

His 2018 indie release *Angel City* – recorded with full orchestra at Capitol Studios – spawned two hit singles: People.com premiered the video to the first single, “72 and Sunny.” He also performed the single on New York’s Fox 5 TV. A special remix of the song, which was put into rotation by Sirius XM Chill and featured in DJ Kygo’s “Palm Tree Summer Playlist,” is available on Apple Music. The album’s second single, “Angel City,” was the #1 Most Added track from the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Chart, in addition to being #1 Most Added track on the Groove Jazz Music Chart.

Day’s earlier album *Vagabond* peaked at #11 on the Billboard Album Chart and stayed on the chart for 47 weeks. The lead single, “Til You Come To Me,” peaked at #3 and was played on national radio and late night on CBS-TV. His recent album, *Daybreak*, debuted at #1 on the iTunes Jazz Chart. Spencer’s first collaboration with Postmodern Jukebox recently surpassed 2.5 million views on YouTube.



DJ AIRSUN

DJ Airsun has been putting people in the mood to groove at private parties, events and nightclubs in Bay Area since 2011. Their experience spinning for diverse groups with different tastes means the dancing at weddings and private parties is always curated for the people of the hour. “Whether it’s Latin or indie, hip hop or electronic, it’s always an eclectic and fun mix.”

Airsun is fluent in open format, commanding popular music of all eras and styles. With an expertise in mashups, Airsun blends beats and stitches together tunes to create a musical mix that feels funky and fresh.



JOE WICHT

Joe Wicht is best known as the jovial host of Piano Bar 101 at Martuni’s where he has been a house pianist for 15 years. As a musical director, Wicht co-curated and arranged the 40-year retrospective, “Encore,” for New Conservatory Theatre Center earlier this year. Voted Best LGBT Musician by the readers of the BAR and a former honorary grand marshal of SF Pride, Wicht regularly appears as the host of open mic piano bars for SF Oasis and Feinstein’s. He is also a long-term employee of Project Open Hand.

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1



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Enjoy a gourmet dinner for up to eight people in the comfort of your own home, prepared and served by Project Open Hand's Executive Chef, Adrian Barrow.

Project Open Hand's team will coordinate setup, menu planning, wine pairings, and dinner service for you and your guests. Whether a summer supper or a fall feast, relax with friends and family while savoring delicious plates designed to dazzle your taste buds.

2



AN EVENING OF PIANO, PIZZA, AND PIZZAZZ!

Celebrate a special night with up to 20 of your closest friends in the French Salon residence of former Project Open Hand Board Chair and current Chief Development and Strategy Officer, Lynn Luckow, near San Francisco's Union Square. The evening unfolds with craft cocktails, gourmet pizza, wine, and Piano Roulette with Pianist Ronny Michael Greenberg, founder of 'Taste of Talent.org.'

3



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4



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Relax on the beach for a week-long getaway in picturesque Wailea, Maui, Hawaii.

Vacation in ultimate style in this extra-large two bed, two bath luxury villa at the beautiful Polo Beach Resort in exclusive Wailea, Maui. This ground floor villa features beachfront views, ground floor access, and all the modern touches. The chef's kitchen is your gourmet home-away-from-home, and your family will create the best memories dining and lounging just steps away from the beach.



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- Jonathan Jump & Hal Marz

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Every day, we prepare 2,500 nutritious meals and provide 200 bags of healthy groceries to help sustain our clients as they battle serious illnesses, isolation, or the health challenges of aging. We serve the Bay Area, engaging more than 125 volunteers daily to nourish our community.

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