

Bay Area
CFO OF THE YEAR
Awards

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2006 Bay Area CFO of the Year Award Winners ANNOUNCED
Event a Success - \$200,000 raised to benefit Larkin Street Youth Services

San Francisco, CA., June 8, 2006 – The San Francisco Business Times and Larkin Street Youth Services are pleased to announce the winners of the first annual **Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards**. This inaugural event celebrated the unsung heroes who have played a critical role in making their companies successful and have contributed to the success of the Bay Area's economic growth and stability. On June 7, 2006 the sold-out crowd of over 400 Bay Area leaders enjoyed a dinner and awards ceremony at the Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco to honor the finalists and winners.

In honoring these business and financial leaders the event was able to exceed fundraising goals by raising more than \$200,000 in net proceeds to benefit Larkin Street Youth Services. Larkin Street Youth Services is a nationally recognized leader in providing innovative and effective programs for homeless and runaway youth in San Francisco.

The synergy between the San Francisco Business Times, Larkin Street Youth Services and Bay Area business and financial leaders is a testament to how these key players continue to help Bay Area communities thrive.

Mary Huss, Publisher, San Francisco Business Times, said, "These awards honor the best of the best and we are delighted to celebrate these outstanding leaders and tireless workers who contribute so much to their companies and our communities."

All proceeds will go directly to The Larkin Street Fund which serves as the primary source of flexible, discretionary dollars used to invest strategically in youth, staff, and innovative programs at Larkin Street. The Fund is allocated for top priorities to strengthen and enhance the spectrum of support Larkin Street provides the more than 2,000 kids served each year.

Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director, Larkin Street Youth Services, congratulated the winners and finalists stating that "Larkin Street is honored to be the beneficiary of the proceeds from this first-ever event. The money raised will help deepen the offerings of supportive services, in particular, education and vocational services that are the key to helping kids pursue productive lives."

This year's winners are:

- **CFO of the Year Award**, awarded to a CFO who has made outstanding contributions to his/her company's performance and accomplishments as well as to the greater Bay Area business community in the following categories:
 - Public Company with revenues above \$500MM
 - **John F. Milligan, PhD, Gilead Sciences, Inc.**
 - Public Company with revenues up to \$500MM
 - **Simon Bax, Pixar Animation Studios**
 - Non-Public Company
 - **Michael C. Blaszyk, Catholic Healthcare West**

- **Transformation Agent**, awarded to a CFO who has broken through the traditional boundaries of finance in contributing to a significant transaction, transformation or turnaround of his/her company.
 - **Ken Jones, UCSF Medical Center**
- **Community Service Award**, awarded to a CFO who, in addition to excelling professionally, has given time and energy to building community and enhancing the quality of life in the greater Bay Area.
 - **Nancy H. Handel, Applied Materials, Inc.**
- **Hall of Fame - Lifetime Achievement Award**
 - **Lou Lavigne, former CFO, Genentech, Inc**

Larkin Street Youth Services and the San Francisco Business Times congratulate all of the finalists for their contributions and successes.

- **CFO of the Year Award**
 - **Public Company with revenues above \$500MM**
Finalists:
 - Judy Bruner, SanDisk Corporation
 - Alfred J. Castino, Autodesk, Inc.
 - **Public Company with revenues up to \$500MM**
Finalists:
 - Steve Cakebread, Salesforce.com, Inc.
 - Thomas J. Sauer, McGrath RentCorp
 - **Non-Public Company**
Finalists:
 - Chris Krook, Comergent Technologies, Inc.
 - Gary Richardson, MV Transportation, Inc.
- **Transformation Agent**
Finalists:
 - Murray Demo, Adobe Systems, Inc.
 - Charles C. Pope, Seagate Technology
- **Community Service Award**, awarded to a CFO who, in addition to excelling professionally, has given time and energy to building community and enhancing the quality of life in the greater Bay Area.
Finalist:
 - Michael Wirkkala, Macy's West

Lou Lavigne, 2006 Bay Area CFO of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, had this to say about this honor, "It is wonderful to be recognized by this prestigious panel. I am also gratified the proceeds from the awards dinner go to Larkin Street Youth Services, a group very important to the community."

Title Sponsors for the *2006 Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards* are **Comerica Bank** and **Deloitte**.

The 2006 Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards is a partnership the San Francisco Business Times and between Larkin Street Youth Services (LSYS). Proceeds benefit Larkin Street Youth Services.

About Larkin Street Youth Services

Larkin Street Youth Services is a nationally recognized leader in providing innovative effective programs for homeless and runaway youth in San Francisco. Our mission continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the streets. We will promote dignity and support bold steps by all. www.larkinstreetyouth.org

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