



PCRC TO HOST 1ST ANNUAL ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM FUNDRAISER
San Mateo County Based Organization Proudly Celebrates its 25th Anniversary by
Awarding the Warren Dale Teal Teddy "BER" to Ted Hannig

San Mateo, CA. – July 26, 2011 – Every two hours a young person between the ages of 15 and 24 takes his or her life. In response to the growing crisis of teen suicides due to bullying, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) developed an anti-bullying program which mentors youth in both prevention and intervention. PCRC today announces the first annual anti-bullying program fundraiser. The Warren Dale Teal Teddy "BER" will be awarded to Ted Hannig for Building Empathy & Respect in the community. PCRC celebrates with Ted its 25-year history of dedication and support of the under-served in the community, as well as its leadership in celebrating diversity and preventing bullying.

PCRC is bringing the message of [Heal with Teal](#) to this year's event. Three-time world champion and Dancing with the Stars celebrity Louis Van Amstel will attend as the Honorary Chair, alongside Honorary Vice-Chair Michael Orland, musical producer for American Idol. Attendees will enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City on September 22, 2011. The event will raise funds for programs to eliminate bullying.

In 2009-2010, PCRC served approximately 10,000 youth and community members throughout San Mateo County. PCRC partners have felt immediate impact, as noted by a school counselor:

"BER program participants have improved their behavior. Teachers . . . see a change in their respect for others. Parents have appreciated how the BER program has opened needed discussion between them and their children."

PCRC's plan is to continue to provide anti-bullying services and to develop partnerships with social network services to create interactive, web-based anti-bullying and conflict resolution resources for youth, parents, and community members. PCRC seeks to serve as a national model addressing bullying in all its forms.

PCRC invites you to tweet using hashtag #PCRCHealWithTeal, or post your story on the PCRC facebook page for a chance to win a @DNAMediaGroup t-shirt. For information contact Ryan Diaz of DNA Media Group at ryan_diaz@dnamediaigroup.net.

###

About PCRC: The mission of the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center is to foster collaborative engagement by bringing people together, facilitating conversation, and building these skills in our community. PCRC has the following service areas: Training, Mediation, Violence Prevention, Facilitation, Family Engagement, and the Public Participation and Community Leadership Programs. Visit: www.pcrweb.org to learn more about PCRC or contact Debra Ewing at dewing@pcrcweb.org or 650-513-0330 ext. 305

About Ted Hannig: Honoree Ted Hannig was born and raised in Redwood City. During the past 25 years, he has dedicated thousands of hours to assisting those in need in our community, whether as a volunteer, an organizer, a board member or as a chair.

Through his innovative fundraising Ted has helped raise millions of dollars for over 25 local charities. On September 22nd, Ted will be honored for "taking the bullying by the horns", with event proceeds going to fund a bully prevention and intervention curriculum in our local schools.

Ted holds both a law degree and an MBA from Santa Clara University. He has used his legal and business acumen to instrumentally participate in both business and charitable endeavors. For the past 15 years Ted has continuously held the prestigious A-V rating, the highest peer rating in both legal skill and ethics an attorney can attain.

In 1998, Ted founded Hannig Law Firm LLP, an 8 attorney firm based in Redwood City. Ted has continuously served as managing partner since its founding.

Ted is also a principal in several business startups and ongoing ventures in areas as diverse as the newspaper business, the funeral home business, graphic design and an online vocal coaching business, to name a few.

Ted has been instrumental in starting several local charities such as co-founding the Sequoia Awards with the Uccellis. Since its founding, the Sequoia Awards has granted over \$1 million in scholarships to local youth. Ted used experience with the Sequoia Awards to assist in the establishment of another scholarship program to assist local nursing students.

For 14 years Ted served on the Board of Kainos, a non-profit assisting those with disabilities such as Downs Syndrome. But serving as a director is just part of Ted's story there. He also brought Kainos clients with him to Hollywood to go on the set and backstage at Dancing with the Stars to meet celebrities on the show. He also helped establish an organic ranch for Kainos clients to work at and this past summer, co-sponsored a charity fundraiser that brought out over 700 guests to raise approximately \$70,000.

Six years ago, on Ted's birthday, instead of receiving a dinner and gifts, Ted turned the tables. He hosted a charity fundraiser with all gifts going to the charity. With help from celebrity friends who came up from Hollywood, Ted's birthday fundraiser has raised over half a million dollars for dozens of local charities, primarily targeting youth programs. The sailboat race Ted started and named "The Give Something Back Race" is now called the "Hannig Cup".

Ted's empathy for others extends to those with all types of impairments. Ted was instrumental in setting up funding to build special audio loop systems in our local churches and library so those with hearing impairments could more fully participate in their surroundings.



Media and Promotional content
courtesy of DNA Media Group

Ted has honored his parents' legacy of giving back to the community. Frank and Theresa Hannig will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on September 21st, the day before the dinner. They were frequently recognized as outstanding citizens for their efforts for local charities. Ted's mother was a Redwood City School teacher, which may explain Ted's frequent emphasis on youth and scholarships.

Ted served on the Board of Casa de Redwood, a large low income senior housing facility in Redwood City originally co-founded by his father. But Ted's commitment didn't stop there. Each year at Christmas you will find Ted going door to door to join a team of volunteers making sure every low income senior receives a visit and a gift. For some seniors, Ted is their only visitor for the entire year.

You also will frequently find Ted at various holidays at the St. Francis Center, bringing gifts and cheer to the most economically challenged students in our community. But his reach is often unseen and international. This past year, Ted raised \$5,000 for an orphanage in Mexico.

For the past five years, Ted has actively managed and frequently visited a 100 acre coastal rainforest property in Panama which he has protected from overdevelopment. In that work, Ted discovered visitors and locals alike were perishing from the hazards of unrealized riptide currents. Ted donated funds to help post dozens of permanent warning signs in high risk areas. Since that effort, there has not been a drowning.

But, Ted also believes charity begins at home. He donated his prized collector car to a charity car raffle, his sailboat to youth sailing, and a family horse to a church.

Ted's concern for the health of our community is often seen in his support for Sequoia Hospital where he has served on their advisory board for many years.

Ted was elected to the positions of Chair, CEO and President of Danford Foundation this past year. Ted actively tracks over 100 local charities the Foundation supports. He frequently attends charity events and activities to see firsthand that the Foundation's funds are well used. Since becoming a director, Ted has participated in making over 500 grants totaling over \$3 million in funding to local charities.

Ted is also being honored for his efforts to prevent and eradicate bullying in our local schools. Having felt the sting and hurt of bullying himself, Ted has been outspoken in several areas. Several years ago he successfully pursued the first high profile cyber bullying case, resulting in a criminal conviction of the offender based on Ted's innovating legal approach. In 2010, Ted became one of five national directors for the NOH8 Campaign, seeking to eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote marriage equality.

In December 2010, Ted travelled the Red Carpet in Hollywood with actress Mary Margaret Humes to deliver a speech for the first time linking the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy with bullying. Ted urged Hollywood's support and lobbying to repeal the policy and send a message of universal acceptance to our youth. Ted's controversial stand was that the Federal government, by enforcement of the policy, was essentially an approved model of bullying. Within ten days of Ted's appeal, the policy was repealed.

In 2010, Ted arranged for a grant to the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center ("PCRC") to help start an anti-bullying program. That seed funding has helped the program mature to the point that a substantial investment is needed to bring the program to our local schools and develop a national model. Proceeds from the September 22nd dinner will do just that. It's a fitting tribute to honor someone who has truly taken bullying by the horns.