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A Thank You from Executive Director, Cathy Michalec

Thursday, June 23rd was a magical night as LBFE celebrated 25 years of providing outreach, advocacy, and companionship to elders who are living without the support of friends or family in the Bay Area. The celebration was in the Starlight Room at the Sir Francis Drake hotel. 100 guests helped us celebrate LBFE's first 25 years of service in our community!



The Consul General of France, Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens spoke about the history of Les Petits Freres des Pauvres in France. He spoke about how French nobleman Armand Marquiset witnessed the suffering and oppression of the elderly in war-ravaged Europe and how he felt compelled to do something. So, in 1946, *Les Petis Freres des Pauveres* was founded.

Now, 70 years later, his dreams still lives on in San Francisco! Our special guests included Emil, one of the elders in our program, and Shipra, his matched volunteer. They spoke about how much their lives have been enriched because of the six years they have been in each other's lives. Emil shared how he had not only gained a friend, but a sister.

It truly was a wonderful evening and we will be sure to share the date of our next year's annual cocktail party fundraiser. With the help of our sponsors, donors, and silent auction we raised over \$35,000 to support our mission!

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Special thanks to our Beverage Support: Irish Monkey Cellars

With gratitude to our silent auction donors : Acqua Hotel of the Marin Hotel Collection, Bryter Winery, Clif Bar, Cutuzzola Winery, Katie Franklin of Go Pro, Grant Phillips of Man Attractions, Jeffrey Kruskall of the Meyer Corporation , Napa Valley Wine Train, Palmaz Vineyard, Perricone MD, Prism Kite Technology, Rob Viola of Genesis Building Services, San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Giants, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, The Starlight Room & Scala's Bistro.

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Elder Day Dreams

Have a day of free time you'd like to share with LBFE that isn't within our regularly scheduled programs? You may be a candidate for an elder day dream.

Adapted from an LBFE Minneapolis program of the same name, Elder Day Dreams is our way to give volunteers one-on-one time with an elder to fulfill a dream within the city. A night at the opera or a museum stroll, Elder Day Dreams are another opportunity to give back without a long term commitment.

If interested, contact LBFE at (415)771-7957 or email to be added to the list of monthly events. If you're not able to participate yourself, in kind donations of event opportunities are welcome!

Meet an Elder

Gheyyur, or Jafri as he likes to be called, has been with LBFE since 2014. Jafri is originally from Pakistan and worked for many years on commercial airplanes before becoming an administrator for SF Unified School District.

Jafri enjoys volunteers who will go out with him to nearby Polk St. for a cup of coffee. Jafri has little to no contact with family or friends in San Francisco and lives in a building where many of the tenants do not speak English. Jafri is awaiting a regular LBFE visitor - **could it be you?**

(A couple or male visitor would be most appropriate for Jafri. If interested, contact Andrew at abutler@littlebrotherssf.org or call (415)771-7957.)



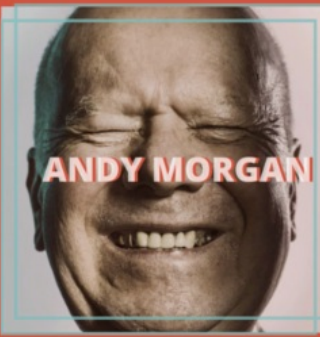


Volunteer Appreciation

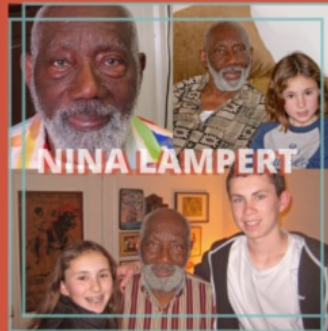
Volunteers are the lifeblood of LBFE without whom we couldn't offer the services that we do. Join us October 6th from 5 - 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the people that make it all possible - you! We'll have drinks, food and prizes. To top it all off, we'll be playing Drag Queen Bingo with the stylings of Cruzin d'Loo (pictured above) and Friends.

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New Board Members

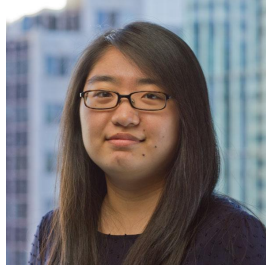
We are honored to have three new members join our volunteer Board of Directors:



Cindy Mathew
Fundraising Consultant



Jeffrey Kruskall
Meyer Corp - Vice President of Business and eCommerce



Yi Fan Lu
Cisco - Venture Investments and Acquisitions

Without the time and dedication of the Board of Directors to Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly and our mission, we could not do this great work. We can't thank them enough.



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Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly is a national network of non-profit volunteer-based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. We offer to people of goodwill the opportunity to join the elderly in friendship and the celebration of life.

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