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### Attend

Attend or sponsor a Larkin Street event. Larkin Street hosts two large signature fundraising events and participates in many third party events.

Paving the Way Gala  
Early 2010  
[www.pavingthewaygala.com](http://www.pavingthewaygala.com)

Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards  
May 2010  
[www.cfoawards.org](http://www.cfoawards.org)

### Learn

Take a Tour, attend a youth graduation or come to a breakfast with our Executive Director to learn more about how we are serving youth and to see our programs in actions.

**Take a Tour** – at any time  
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**Enjoy a Wine & Cheese Reception** – throughout the year

Email: [klowry@larkinstreetyouth.org](mailto:klowry@larkinstreetyouth.org)  
Call: (415) 673.0911 ext. 301

## Coming Up

### Benefit Concert: What a Wonderful World San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

October 24, 2009  
2:00 pm  
The Lodge at the Regency Center  
1290 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA

Proceeds from the afternoon show will benefit Larkin Street Youth Services. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit the Web site at:

[www.sfgmc.org/events](http://www.sfgmc.org/events)

Or contact Wendy Borden at (415) 673.0911 ext. 306 or email [wborden@larkinstreetyouth.org](mailto:wborden@larkinstreetyouth.org)

### STREETSMART4KIDS

October 1 - November 15, 2009  
Various Restaurants

Dine Out and Donate. From October 1 through November 2009, please consider leaving a \$3 donation with participating restaurants. 100% of your gift goes to Huckleberry Youth Programs, La Casa de las Madres and Larkin Street Youth Services.

Visit [www.streetsmartusa.org](http://www.streetsmartusa.org) for information and restaurant listings.

### Volunteer Information Session

September 3, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
1150 Sutter Street

Become a volunteer with Larkin Street and directly help our youth. Join our Outreach Team, provide tutoring, cook a meal or become a mentor.

To RSVP for a session or for more information please contact: [volunteer@larkinstreetyouth.org](mailto:volunteer@larkinstreetyouth.org) or call (415) 673.0911 ext. 221

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## Message from the Chair & Executive Director



Chris Brahm



Sherilyn Adams

Dear Friends,

With great thanks to all of you, our supporters and funders, Larkin Street weathered the 2008-09 storm. We were able, in fact, to achieve some impressive statistics:

- We served over 3,600 youth, with a total of 85,000 nights off the street.
- 86 of the youth who participated in our HIRE Up program found jobs, at an average hourly wage of \$10.78.
- We successfully placed 56 of the youth who participated in our Institute for Higher Learning into internships.
- 114 youth participating in our HIRE Up program re-engaged in education by enrolling at Larkin Street's on-site high school, and we helped 72 formerly homeless kids enroll in post-secondary education including: San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco, Mills College, UC Berkeley, and San Francisco Academy of Art.
- **And most importantly, our current data indicates that, of the youth who complete Larkin Street's comprehensive programs, over 80% exit street life. This is a phenomenal achievement.**

We managed to do this, despite being seriously impacted by the turbulent economy. At the end of calendar year 2008 when Larkin Street began to experience a notable decline in public and private funding, we instituted significant cost-saving measures, including spending freezes, a painful round of staff lay-offs, and cross-departmental operating cutbacks. **Through these efforts, we ended the 2008-09 fiscal year with a balanced budget.**

Though we closed the year in a strong position, we moved into the 2009-10 fiscal year with very little wiggle room and a high degree of caution. True, our core services have remained intact. Yet our budget is conservative. Our revenue projections are conservative. **And we are rolling up our sleeves in anticipation of another challenging year, with an intense focus on continuing to protect those services.**

Recent statistics indicate that nationally, the rate of youth homelessness has doubled. **And indeed, young people are coming to us in increasing numbers.** Many of them are seeking the basics: socks, soap, bandages, water, food, or someone to talk with. We provide them with these basics because we know that when we do, there is a much greater likelihood that these youth will engage more readily with our continuum of services. Still, the economy is creating even more complex problems. Increasingly, our clients are coming back to us because they have been laid off from their jobs — jobs which they had acquired in spite of, in many cases, overwhelming odds.

To all of you, our friends and family, we are deeply grateful for the support you have given us over this past year. We now ask that you sustain this support and even consider increasing it. It's a sound investment. **For every youth we turn towards a productive, engaged life, society saves more than five times the amount of the intervention.** Your dollars and your volunteer time will have a direct impact on keeping our youth off the streets. You are helping these kids get into school and find employment. You are helping them ultimately become, just like us, independent citizens contributing to the well-being of the community.

With respect,

Chris Brahm  
Chair, Board of Directors

Sherilyn Adams  
Executive Director

## 2009 Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards



Mary Huss, Peter Darbee & Steve Kirmse



Kay Matthews & Byron Pollitt



Lois Martin & Donald McCauley



Linda Dallin, Paul Sussman, & Ray Fort



Susan Klein & Nathan Brostrom



Jud Walsh, Chris Brahm & Sherilyn Adams

### Bay Area CFO OF THE YEAR Awards

#### Winners, CFO of the Year

##### Lifetime Achievement Award

**Peter A. Darbee**, PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company

##### Public Company with revenue above \$500MM

**Daniel J. Heinrich**, The Clorox Company

##### Public Company with revenue up to \$500MM

**Martin A. Kropelnicki**, California Water Service Group

##### Non-Public Company

**Nathan Brostrom**, UC Berkeley

##### Venture-Backed Company

**Jack Jenkins-Stark**, BrightSource Energy, Inc.

##### Community Service

**Paul Sussman**, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation

##### Transformation Agent

**Byron H. Pollitt**, Visa Inc.

#### Finalists, CFO of the Year

##### Public Company with revenue above \$500MM

**Paul Coghlan**, Linear Technology Corporation  
**Mark Garrett**, Adobe Systems Incorporated

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**Thomas P. Cawley**, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Inc.  
**Randy S. Gottfried**, Riverbed Technology, Inc.

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**Donald McCauley**, Qualys, Inc.  
**Greg Walker**, InnoPath Software, Inc.

##### Community Service

**Steve Bach**, Nimblefish Technologies, Inc.  
**Michael Braude**, San Francisco Food Bank

##### Transformation Agent

**James Beer**, Symantec Corporation  
**Lewis Chew**, National Semiconductor Corporation

## 2009 Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards

Larkin Street and the *San Francisco Business Times* hosted the fourth annual Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards on **May 28, 2009**. Over 400 local business leaders attended a gala dinner and awards ceremony at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco to honor Bay Area CFO Award finalists and winners. **The event raised over \$360,000 in support of Larkin Street Youth Services.**

Sherilyn Adams, executive director, congratulated the winners and finalists stating, "Larkin Street Youth Services is honored to be the beneficiary of this event. The money raised by the CFO awards event will be invested wisely, as 84 cents of every dollar will directly benefit the over 3,500 youth we serve each year."

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## Best practices for meeting the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning homeless youth

**Dina Wilderson**

Chief of Research and Evaluation at Larkin Street

A disproportionate percentage of runaway and homeless youth are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ). Approximately 30% of youth served by Larkin Street identify as LGBTQ. In addition to the issues that confront all homeless youth, homeless LGBTQ youth have additional challenges that they face due to their marginalized status. A brief report released by the agency outlines presenting issues and service needs of homeless LGBTQ youth.

San Francisco is often a destination for LGBTQ youth who have fled from the discrimination they encountered in their homes or communities based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. LGBTQ youth served by Larkin Street are more likely to come from outside of California than non-LGBTQ youth. A lack of alternatives often results in youth trading sex for money, shelter, or other basic needs. There is a difference in the degree of participation in survival sex among Larkin Street youth: 12% of non-LGBTQ youth report engagement in survival sex compared to 29% of LGBTQ youth. LGBTQ youth also have higher rates of mental health issues at intake than non-LGBTQ youth. LGBTQ youth report they have experienced serious anxiety and depression in the previous 30 days and have attempted suicide at higher rates than non-LGBTQ youth. Both LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ youth report a high level of substance use.

Meeting the needs of LGBTQ youth can be reached through two strategies – LGBTQ specific programs and LGBTQ-friendly programs. While there is a need to create more LGBTQ specific programs, all service providers should be able to appropriately address the needs of any youth who comes through their door, including LGBTQ youth. There are also specific program services that should be included. A range of culturally appropriate housing options are needed, from shelter to longer-term supportive housing. Youth are also in need of services that address both physical and behavioral health as there is a high level of need related to medical issues, mental health issues, and substance use. Finally, programs must provide supportive and nurturing environments for LGBTQ youth. This is attained through staff training and creation of LGBTQ affirming policies and procedures.

To view the report, visit the Research & Publications: IN BRIEF & Reports section at [www.larkinstreetyouth.org/news](http://www.larkinstreetyouth.org/news)

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## Youth Internships – An important step towards independence

A true jewel in the crown of Larkin Street's HIRE Up Education and Employment program is our Institute of HIRE Learning, a three to six month internship program that a youth can join after successfully completing our Job Readiness Certification. Working in close partnership with local businesses and organizations, The Institute arranges internships for youth with local for-profit and non-profit businesses in the areas of: customer service; data entry; gardening; culinary arts; animal care; multimedia arts; writing and editing; pier support services; and much more.

Entrance into the Institute is competitive and requires multiple interviews. Once enrolled, youth are paid an hourly stipend for the duration of their internships, and they receive ongoing professional development support. This support comes not only from their supervisor at the partnering business, but also from their Larkin Street case managers who maintain regular contact with the youth and with the employers.

The real significance of this program is that it provides our youth with real world experience in a case managed environment. A young person is allowed to fail or thrive, and in both cases is supported by a safety net that helps him/her move to the next step.

Kara Simon is the HR Manager at Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF). They have had Mike on their staff as an intern for over a month where he has been doing general office work, i.e., creating files, sending shipments to storage, typing, putting binders together, setting up inventory, and more. Overall, Mike is providing much needed support to many departments at LIIF. In Kara's words: "I am the only HR manager in a busy mid-sized company. I am so happy to have Mike's help. His attitude is wonderful. He's enthusiastic, asks questions, seeks feedback, and most importantly...he gets the job done. We all love working with him."

We very much appreciate LIIF's support of Mike. This kind of community collaboration is crucial as our youth embark on the road to independence. If your business has internship opportunities, please contact Pete Gerharz, Director of Education and Employment, [pgerharz@larkinstreetyouth.org](mailto:pgerharz@larkinstreetyouth.org).

## Paving The Way 2009

Paving the Way kicked off our 25th anniversary year at the St. Regis Hotel on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The annual benefit, now in its seventh year, was attended by over 400 Larkin Street donors, volunteers, past leaders (Board and staff) and community leaders who have "paved the way" for Larkin Street since the organization's founding in 1984 and we raised over \$500,000.

Senator Dianne Feinstein was the honored guest at the Gala and was presented with the Anne B. Stanton Award for Extraordinary Leadership and Dedication to Bay Area Youth. As Mayor of San Francisco, Senator Feinstein secured critically important city funding and a federal demonstration grant to enable the organization to begin and continue offering services to youth living on the streets of San Francisco.

"25 Years: 25 Reasons to Celebrate" was the theme of this year's Paving the Way Gala. The event celebrated Larkin Street's achievements over the last 25 years in helping thousands of San Francisco's most vulnerable youth ages 12-24 exit street life—while also celebrating the next 25 years of the organization's future plans.

Larkin Street also released the first copies of the agency's rich history in a 74 page book entitled, *Larkin Street Youth Services: The First 25 Years* which was a gift for Gala attendees. The book authored by Bill Campbell, one of the agency's founders and first board members, recalls the agency's colorful history from its beginning as a grassroots effort with the opening of a storefront drop-in center in San Francisco's Polk Gulch neighborhood to its current safety net of 25 programs and 13 sites across the city.

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## Paving The Way - Celebrating 25 Years



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