

Variety Children's Charity of Northern California

Toys 4 Tots ; Spreading Cheer

December was a busy month for Variety, beginning with the very successful Toys 4 Tots event held on December 4th at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. A complete celebration of the giving spirit, the evening welcomed Bay Area supporters decked out for the holidays, ready to celebrate in the Starlight Room. Holiday music poured from the room and Christmas lights danced across the walls as each guest donated a gift to benefit organizations served by Variety. In all, the event raised 450 new toys! In the days following the toy drive, several organizations, including Edgewood Center for Children, Hamilton Family Services, Blind Babies Foundation, A Safe Place, Hunter's Point Youth Park, and many others received bags of toys personally chosen to suit their needs. Variety extends a special thank you to all the volunteers who made transporting and distributing the toys a pleasure and to all who attended the Toys 4 Tots event, helping to bring holiday cheer to children in our community.



Chef's Best – A Celebration of Cuisine, Auction, & Entertainment

On February 25th, The St. Regis Hotel will open its doors to Variety supporters at our annual Chef's Best event. St. Regis gourmet chefs, musical performances by the Rich Martini Band, Ragazzi Boys Chorus, a live auction and more await guests on this exciting evening. Individual tickets, tables, and corporate tables are available by calling Variety at (415)781.3894.

Member Profile: Tom Noble



Tom was born in San Francisco and loves the diversity of the city, the weather; "is there any better place" he likes to say. His favorite movies are Beau Geste, Cinema Paradiso and Carlito's Way. He loves going to Variety movie screenings and likes that Variety helps underprivileged children. He was introduced to Variety by Brian. Thank you Brian!

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 1st

Member screening
Boys from Baraka

Feb. 2nd

Watercolour Artist
Stephanie Law

Feb. 3rd

Variety Kids Screening
Nanny McPhee

Feb. 17th-March 3rd

****Roof Top Book Drive****
Benefiting homeless shelters,
clinics and schools in need.

Feb. 22nd

Board Meeting
Preview Room 6pm

Feb. 25th

Chef's Best—St Regis Hotel
415.781.3894

Variety Valentine

Instead of flowers or chocolates this year, send a Variety Gold Heart the perfect way to tell a friend or



special someone "I Care". Available at The Variety Club or call

Time @ Variety: Office Help wanted. 12 hours/week. What better way to spend time than in a great environment for a great cause. Contact 415.781.3894.

Variety Aids BORP After Bicycle Theft

Variety joined others in supporting the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) after learning that on December 12th, BORP's entire line of bicycles – many of which were specially designed as adaptive bikes for disabled riders – had been stolen. Thirty-five cycles, hand cycles, tandems and adaptive cycles, as well as all of the helmets, tubes, tires and other gear were taken, devastating a program that serves the community. The loss came at an especially upsetting time as the holidays were just around the corner. As an active supporter of local charities, Variety knew it had to act. Adding to donations pouring in from the community and individuals, Variety was able to continue its relationship with BORP by making a heartfelt donation of \$5,000 to help BORP recoup some of the costs of the theft. This past November, Variety donated a wheelchair accessible van, enabling the athletic programs and outings run by BORP to be more easily coordinated.