

## **RCH Changes Name to Honor Founder**

### ***“The Janet Pomeroy Center”***

We are pleased to announce that RCH (Recreation Center for the Handicapped) has changed its name to **“The Janet Pomeroy Center”**, in honor of the incredible woman who founded the Center over fifty years ago.

In 1952 Janet Pomeroy founded the Recreation Center for the Handicapped to provide programs and services to families with developmentally disabled children. At the time there was no place in San Francisco for people with disabilities to go for recreation, community involvement, and to be among peers. The Center filled this desperate need for people with disabilities and their families.

Janet started with just two volunteers and six teens in one room in the old Fleishhacker Pool Building. Her unwavering enthusiasm and commitment led to the program expanding from its first location to its present location in 1973. Today, the Center provides recreational and vocational opportunities to more than 2,000 children and adults each week.

**To honor this pioneer, we changed the name of our organization to “The Janet Pomeroy Center” on May 12, 2004, at our Banner of Love Celebration.** The Janet Pomeroy Center is proud to carry on the efforts and vision of its founder. Although Janet retired in 1997, she continues to be an inspiration to all of us at the Center.

The Janet Pomeroy Center has made a tremendous difference to the lives of thousands of individuals with disabilities who have come through its doors. We thank the many donors, friends, foundations, and funding agencies who have supported our programs through the years. The Janet Pomeroy Center enables our participants to have a place of belonging and involvement in the community.

With your support, The Janet Pomeroy Center will keep Janet’s dream alive and continue to accomplish our mission: to provide recreation and vocational opportunities for participants through programs that encourage self-expression, promote personal achievement, and lead to greater independence.

Please note: Our new website address is: [janetpomeroy.org](http://janetpomeroy.org)

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