



GETTING TO KNOW

the Reillys

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To prepare for our interview with Clint and Janet Reilly, we did some research into their backgrounds. Prior to this time we only really knew of Clint as a very successful political consultant and businessman who ran for mayor of San Francisco in 1999, and twice filed lawsuits against major media corporations when they attempted to create regional newspaper monopolies. We knew of Janet as a member of the Golden Gate Bridge Board, and a former journalist and businesswoman known for her exceptional intelligence and warm personality, and that she ran for a California State Assembly seat in 2006.

We learned from our research that the Reillys are unsung community heroes of the first order, who are motivated by their long-time commitments to social change through direct action. They have unselfishly given their time, talent and treasure to make the world, and especially San Francisco, a better place for all of us, but especially for those in need.

A prime example of their commitment to community is the work they have done with and for Catholic Charities CYO, one of the largest nonprofit providers of social services in the Bay Area. Although part of the San Francisco Catholic Archdiocese, their programs serve people of all faiths – without exception.

The Reillys raised over \$8 million for Catholic Charities CYO through the Archbishop's Loaves & Fishes Dinner. Working closely with Archbishop Levada, they were instrumental in establishing this annual event in 1998. In addition to raising money, the event spotlights the extraordinary work of individual philanthropists, corporate donors and community service organizations.

Clint was a member of the board of directors of Catholic Charities from 1997 through 2006 and was appointed its first lay board president in 2002.

When Catholic Charities needed help retiring debt and building up finances to ensure that the organization would survive, Clint came forward and worked to establish the Archbishop's Charity Council, a group composed of 10 major donors who agreed to raise or contribute funds to ensure the financial stability of the organization. Clint and Janet have been its leading individual contributors, who in recent years have contributed over \$1 million.

Through Clint's leadership, St. Joseph's Health Alliance has made a 10-year commitment of \$1 million for the HIV direct service programs of Catholic Charities.

In addition to her association with Catholic Charities, Janet is