



## TASTE OF SPRING 2010

Dear Supporter of Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation,

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Spring fundraiser, held at the Rotunda in downtown Oakland, is scheduled for May 6, 2010, and once again we'd like to invite you to support Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation (FOPR) as a corporate sponsor of this worthwhile and popular event.

If you are interested in providing grants and scholarships for children of Oakland to take swimming and boating lessons, if you think it's important to provide supplies and equipment for educational and recreational programs for children, adults and seniors at our parks and recreation centers then please join Friends and help us surpass our goal of \$75,000.

As the City's budget shrinks, Oakland's parks and recreation centers are falling into disrepair. Oakland has over 100 parks that we have taken for granted but which are no longer safe due to broken equipment and unsafe playing fields. FOPR works to bring in more money and resources to our local parks and works to partner with local government to get things done for our parks and open spaces.

FOPR has managed in partnership with the City the building and renovation of over 60 playgrounds and ball fields throughout Oakland. Our most recent accomplishment is the \$5 million dollar renovation of Ernie Raimondi Park where FOPR outfitted with 3 new multi-use playing fields, a tot lot, 8 hole-putting green and ADA equipped restrooms.

Our special honoree this year is our former board president and long time supporter Don Walls. Our corporate honoree is Alta Alliance Bank and our community award goes to our home town team the Oakland A's. Please take time to review the attached sponsorship levels. We want to encourage you to find the level that reflects your generosity and makes the greatest difference for the children, families, homeowners and businesses of Oakland.

Thank you in advance for helping to support our event. In the meantime, please contact our Executive Director, Paula Ramsey at 510 465-1850 or our Sponsorship Co-Chairs John Brown at 415 568-2171 or Kristin Washington at 510 847-2696.

Warmest Regards,

John Brown, Kristin Washington, Paula Ramsey  
Sponsor Co Chairs

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