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1200 Foundation presents annual grants

The 1200 Foundation, an East Bay non-profit organization dedicated to helping the working poor, hosted its second annual reception for grantees, donors, and friends at the home of Gary and Marcia Shrago in Piedmont on February 15. The foundation is committed to helping the working poor in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties move up and out of poverty. It does this by awarding grants to innovative, successful programs that directly benefit the working poor.

Ann Frizell, president of the 1200 Foundation, introduced the directors of five non-profit organizations that received \$5,000 grants in 2006. The two newest recipients were C.E.O. Women and Street Tech.

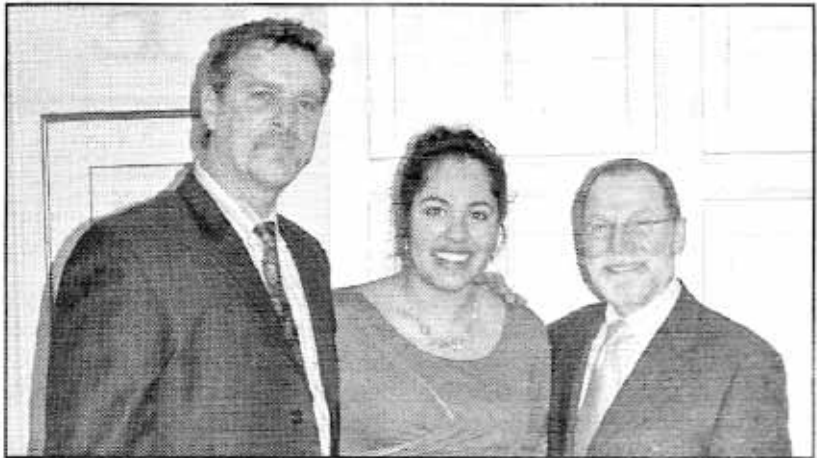
- **CEO Women**, based in Oakland, is a non-profit organization that is creating economic opportunities for low-income immigrant and refugee women. C.E.O. Women empowers them by teaching entrepreneurship, English and communication skills so they can establish successful livelihoods and small businesses.

- **Street Tech** is a San Pablo-based non-profit organization offering low cost computer training, certification, and job placement for deserving adults from disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area. It provides a comprehensive career development program that includes job skills training, credentials, career coaching, work experience and job placement assistance.

Earlier in the year, similar grants were awarded to these other non-profit organizations:

- **Saint Vincent's Day Home** Family Learning Program in Oakland that offers workshops and classes that encourage families to become self-sufficient and pursue their educational and employment goals.

- **Sophia Project** in West Oakland that provides a safe, home-like environment for children and working families who are at risk of



Barrie Hathaway (left), Executive Director of Street Tech, and Farhana Huq, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of CEO Women, are congratulated by Lester Ellis, Founder of the 1200 Foundation, which awarded them annual grants.

homelessness and its effects.

- **Opportunity Junction** in Antioch that offers computer-based business training, paid internships, and alumni services to low-income

adults.

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