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Peninsula Family Service is appreciative of the generosity shown at its 16th annual Winners Celebration held Sept. 15 at Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto.

The event raised 35 percent more money than last year for its Early Learning Center. Additional proceeds were raised from ticket sales and sponsorships. Nearly 200 people attended the event.

The learning center, according to the event program, provides child development and education to 48 children -- 16 toddlers aged 18 months to three years and 32 children ages 3 to 5.

One-third of the children live at or below the federal poverty level, and many others live in financially unstable homes, the center says.

Four Peninsula Family Service clients who overcame extreme adversity were honored during the evening as examples of the transforming power of the agency's programs. Fan and Jim Moberg and their daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Dan Callaghan, were given special recognition for exemplifying the mission of Peninsula Family Service.

Three generations of the Moberg family embraced the decision of the Callaghans to become legal guardians of a young mother and her 3-year-old son whom their daughter, Megan, had befriended through volunteering at Peninsula Family Service. The young mother is now a sophomore at UC Berkeley.

"Since 1950, Peninsula Family Service has touched more than half a million lives," said President Laurie Wishard. "When it opened in 1950, the nonprofit served 164 cases through one program; today it helps nearly 20,000 children, families and older adults each year change their lives through a variety of services and 31 programs."

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