

# Transforming Lives and Community Luncheon

Honoring Belva Davis and Henry Safrit

Wednesday, May 22, 2014

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco



**Belva Davis** is well known for her impressive and groundbreaking career as the first female African American broadcast journalist west of the Mississippi. Ms. Davis has been on the frontlines of history, reporting the news on television for almost 50 years, including hosting KQED's *This Week in Northern California* for 19 years. She gave voice to those most often not heard. Shortly before retiring at the age of 80, Ms. Davis published her memoir *Never in My Wildest Dreams*. She serves as a role model to many, and her contributions to community have been lifelong, including serving on the founding board of the Museum of the African Diaspora, and the boards of the Institute on Aging and Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, among others.

For her lifelong commitment to report on, volunteer for and inspire others to work for the causes she cherishes, we are proud to honor Belva Davis with the San Francisco Village Founders' Award for Transforming Lives and Community.



**Henry Safrit** had a distinguished career in medicine for over 30 years, including serving as Chief of Endocrinology at California Pacific Medical Center, Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF and as Attending Physician in the UCSF Thyroid Clinic. Known for his compassion as a doctor, he also has been a tireless advocate for underprivileged youth in San Francisco. In 1996, founded the Meritus College Fund that provides scholarships for scholars not at the top of their class but deserving a college education -- those with a 3.0-3.7 average who often fall below the cutoff for other financial aid award programs. Once Meritus was successfully on its feet, Henry - already in his 70's - decided another nonprofit was needed. In 2008 he founded SF Achievers for young African American male students with a GPA of 2.4 to 3.0 to help them succeed in their chosen endeavors. Prior to his work with students, Henry served on the Board of the Larkin Street Youth Center for over a

decade.

Henry's passion to build organizations that assist underprivileged youth achieve their dreams makes him most deserving of San Francisco Village's Founders' Award for Transforming Lives and Community.