Roselyne Swig has devoted decades to philanthropy and community building with a principal focus on women’s empowerment, social welfare issues, fine art, political advocacy and education. Some of her contributions to the arts include the founding of Artsource in 1978 and serving as the Director of the U.S. State Department’s Art in Embassies Program under President Clinton. She has served on the board of directors for Mills College, SF Art Institute, Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archives, NPR Foundation, Jewish Community Federation, SF MOMA, and SF Contemporary Jewish Museum. Her curiosity, love of learning, and talent for connecting people has made a profound impact on her community. In 2013, at the age of 82, she was accepted into the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative and spent a year developing Mentorship Matters, connecting men and women of all ages with the power of mentoring. Without fanfare, Cissie generously facilitates relationships among decision makers that make a lasting difference in the lives of people locally, nationally and globally.

For her dedication to empowering people to reach their full potential at every age and for showing us by her own example, we are proud to honor Roselyne “Cissie” Swig with the San Francisco Village Founders’ Award for Transforming Lives and Community.

Toni Rembe’s accomplishments in the field of tax law are groundbreaking, serving as the first female partner in the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, the predecessor to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP. Her pioneering vision and committed leadership extend to her philanthropic work, especially in the fields of education, social justice and the arts. Toni is a co-founder of the Rock Center for Corporate Governance at Stanford University, past board chair of Presidio Graduate School, past President of the Commonwealth Club of California and past Chair of the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Her contributions to the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) are helping to transform education for underserved children; and as President of the van Loben Sels/RembeRock Foundation, she is empowering low income families with affordable legal services in areas such as immigration, civil rights, and juvenile justice. Never one to draw
attention to herself, Toni is highly respected for her ability to bring stakeholders together to seek solutions that improve quality of life for the entire community.

For her lifelong community building efforts to leave the world a better place for future generations and for modeling how to effect change through collaboration, we are proud to honor Toni Rembe with the San Francisco Village Founders' Award for Transforming Lives and Community.