



**WIFE OF HEART RECIPIENT TO PRESENT
DONOR FAMILY WITH ROSE PARADE FLORAGRAPH
IN HONOR OF ORGAN DONOR, TIM BAPTISTA**
*Baptista Family to receive florigraph at 7th Annual Tim Baptista
Crab Cioppino Memorial Benefit*

**Sat., Feb. 20, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory;
1055 Ellis Street, San Francisco, 8:00 – 8:30pm**

What: **Tim Baptista**, 20, was just finishing up his junior year at Santa Barbara City College when he fell from a coastal bluff late one night while attending a friend's party. In May of 2001, Tim became a five organ donor saving the lives of four people. This past January a florigraph (artistic portrait created with floral materials) of **Tim Baptista** was featured on the Donate Life Rose Parade float, *New Life Rises*. The Donate Life float featured 77 florigraphs depicting how *New Life Rises* as deceased organ, eye and tissue donors give life, hope and health to those in need.

On **Sat. Feb. 20, 2010**, **Cora Johnson**, the wife of Tim's heart recipient Bob Johnson, will present **Colleen and Rick Baptista** (Tim's parents) with Tim's florigraph, as part of the 7th **Annual Tim Baptista Crab Cioppino Memorial Benefit**. Since 2003, this benefit has raised more than \$350,000 in scholarship funds for Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory (Tim's alma mater). The proceeds also benefit the **California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)**, the organ recovery agency serving central and northern California. More than 650 people are expected at this year's event.

Who:

- **Colleen and Rick Baptista**, donor parents, son Tim Baptista became a five organ donor in 2001
- **Kate Baptista**, donor sister, brother became a five organ donor in 2001
- **Cora Johnson**, wife of Tim Baptista's heart recipient Bob Johnson
- **Cathy Olmo**, Supervisor Community Development, California Transplant Donor Network
- **Rosie Horan**, Event Coordinator, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

When: **Sat., Feb. 20, 2010 – Dinner - 7:00pm - 10:00pm**
Florigraph Presentation – 8:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: 1055 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA (Sister Teresa Piro, DC, Student Life Center)

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Details: *The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The Transplant Network helps 160 hospitals in 40 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. It is federally designated as this region's organ recovery organization. For more information, visit www.ctdn.org or call 1-888-570-9400.*

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