



Community Recovery and Rehabilitation Services
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WHAT: 23rd Anniversary Celebration

WHO: Free At Last: Community Recovery And Rehabilitation Services

WHEN: Friday, January 27, 2017 (2-5pm Open House & Tours,
5-6pm Hors D'oeuvres/Entertainment & 7-8:30pm 12 Step Meeting)

WHERE: 1796 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

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Six years after the Co-Founder of Free At Last, David Lewis, was killed, Free At Last sustains his legacy with the presentation of the **David Lewis Award on Friday, January 27, 2017**. Free At Last also celebrates 23 years of dedicated leadership in the field of substance abuse treatment, education, intervention, and prevention services to the East Palo Alto, east Menlo Park and Fair Oaks communities.

In 23 years of dedicated service to the greater East Palo Alto community Free At Last has:

- Graduated over 2,000 clean and sober individuals from our programs
- Reunited hundreds of families
- Conducted prevention and interventions services for individuals regarding HIV/AIDS and substance abuse
- Provided education to individuals, schools, community events and referrals to social services
- Provided 12 Step Meetings in English and Spanish six days a week to thousands of people

During this time period Free At Last has also been a pioneer and leader in the field of substance abuse treatment, criminal justice intervention, and HIV/AIDS prevention for African Americans and Latinos.

Some accomplishments include:

- National model program for the federal government on community-based treatment
- Case study for alternative sentencing legislation in California

Janet Thomas, current Board Secretary said, "We invite you to share a special moment in our lives as we celebrate our 23rd Anniversary with an evening of reflection, appreciation and enjoyment.

For more information regarding our 23rd Anniversary Celebration or Free At Last programs and services, contact Susan Cortopassi, Executive Director at 650.462.6992.