# Moragan runs half marathon to take Global Healing to its next phase

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By Sophie Braccini



John Donnelly and Dr. Karla Cerritos at the Roatan Public Hospital in Photo provided Honduras.

is the right thing.

The Moraga resident was an to be too much, so he retired again. immunologist who conducted research for most of his career until Global Healing, which has been in he decided to cross the divide and work for nonprofit organizations. He now presides over Global Healing, a Berkeley-based nonprofit Donnelly speaks of Global Healing that aims at training and empowering health practitioners in countries that lack sufficient medical funding, especially those working with mothers and their young children. He will run the San Francisco halfmarathon on July 23 to raise funds for his organization.

Donnelly portrays himself as a serial retiree, a polite way to say that he quit some of his former employers. He retired from Merck before joining Chiron and retired again after it was purchased by Novartis. He then joined his first nonprofit, Path, a 40-year-old or- Vietnam's main pediatric hospital ganization that provides services to mothers and children in countries that most need it. Donnelly negotiated contracts with large foundatimes and formed ties with many tions such as the Bill and Melinda people there. He is acutely aware Gates Foundation to organize the of the difficulties people still face that since his knee surgery he canlow cost production of vaccines to get medical treatment. It can not run as fast as he used to. for children in these countries. He take 16 hours to reach the national explains that pharmaceuticals now hospital for a very sick child who bit.ly/2szAPYk. More information are more inclined at producing and needs advanced treatment. Vietnam commercializing drugs at full price does have a rapidly growing econin rich countries and low cost iden- omy, but big divides exist between

octor John Donnelly has never tical ones in poorer countries at been afraid to reinvent himself the same time. Donnelly loved the in order to achieve what he believes work at Path, but after a few years, the intense necessary travel started

> He was then approached by existence for 20 years, and needed a new president.

> with passion. The goal of Global Healing is to make sure that mothers and children get the best quality health care in their country, provided by local skilled healthcare professionals. Donnelly explains that in many poor countries as the standard of living increases the basic medical needs are taken care of, such as vaccines and contraception. But when people get really sick, doctors do not have the latest training and equipment that will allow them to save their patients.

Donnelly gives the example of where Global Healing works in the pediatric Intensive Care Unit. He mile for it. He can be seen at 5:30 has traveled to the country several

Donnelly explains that Vietnamese doctors are very qualified, but have been trained and have equipment that date from the previous century. For example, when infants need breathing assistance, they used to be put on ventilators with tubes going down their throat. The children had to be sedated, because it is painful. A sedated child cannot eat, so he has to be fed intravenously, and has to be turned every two hours. Nowadays, doctors here use continuous positive airway pressure that blows air in the child's nose and helps inflate the lungs. The outcome for children is much better.

Global Healing works with American volunteers who are sent abroad to train the medical teams and also bring the appropriate technology when possible. In the Vietnamese example, the device is not very expensive and Global Healing provides it.

The nonprofit works with ex-In spite of his reserved nature, perts, such as Professor J. Colin Partridge at UCSF, to identify the techniques that are most easily transferable and will make the most impact. Global Healing currently works in Honduras, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Moldovia, Georgia, Armenia and Vietnam.

Donnelly leads an organization with a staff of four, including himself, a board of directors, and advisory board and scores of medical volunteers who travel the world to

Global Healing needs support here also: volunteer photographers, filmmakers and administrators are in demand. Donations are also welcom and Donnelly goes the extra a.m. training for the half marathon in the streets of Moraga. He says that he used to run marathons, but

To sponsor him go to http:// about Global Healing is available at globalhealing.org.

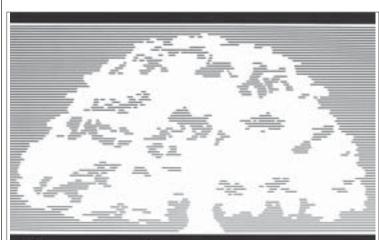


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# **Community mourns Miler** Gloor Magrath, longtime Lafayette business owner

By John T. Miller

er of Diamond K Supply in Lafay- California State University, Chico. ette, passed away earlier this month His passions included traveling following complications from a with his family and friends, duck stroke. He was 62.

Bill, and sister, Anne Magrath Giants hat, either. Coleman. His siblings will conoriginally purchased an interest in ownership.

mond K, Kevin Montgomery, has is predeceased by his parents, Bill worked for them for three years. He commented, "Miler was a very generous man, donating to local schools regularly. He also was a flowers, donations may be made to huge fan of the Eagle Scout projects in Lamorinda and constantly donated materials to them as well. tion of Magrath's life to be held Miler leaves a void here at Diamond K that will never be filled, but we will carry on this business Pleasant Hill, where he was a memin his memory."

Magrath was born in Oakland, that day.

iler Gloor Magrath, who for grew up in Lafayette and graduated over 40 years was a co-own- from Acalanes High School and hunting, golf, fishing, gardening Magrath became President of and the San Francisco 49ers. Ac-Diamond K in 1990 and ran the cording to Montgomery, he was business along with his brother, never without his San Francisco

Magrath is survived by his tinue to run the company. Their wife, Maureen; two daughters, parents, Bill and Nancy Magrath, Molly and Mackenzie; his faithful dog, Maisy; sister Anne Magrath the business in 1947 from Ogden Coleman; brother, Bill Magrath; Kiesel and eventually assumed full father-in-law, Dr. James McFadden; and many nieces, nephews, The current manager of Dia- grand-nephews and in-laws. He and Nancy Magrath, and motherin-law Pat McFadden.

The family asks that, in lieu of the charity of your choice.

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