



A Summer Of Exciting Changes



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Felton Institute Names Albert C. Gilbert, III, President and Chief Executive Officer; Bob Bennett Retires after Decade Of Innovation and Expansion

Albert C. Gilbert, III, Felton's Chief Operating Officer, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of our award-winning agency. He succeeds Bob Bennett, President and CEO, who is retiring after a dynamic decade at Felton that resulted in expansion and creation of innovative, life-transformative social and mental health services for children, teens, and



SPOTLIGHT: PREP & BEAM Director Adriana Furuzawa

No stranger to working with those suffering with severe mental illness, Adriana Furuzawa has dedicated more than ten years to helping those with a mental health diagnosis experience a better life.

"I was inspired to work with the "Bipolar Disorder Early Assessment and Management" program (BEAM), and Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis (PREP), because it was an exciting opportunity to implement evidence-based practices in an agency that truly invests in maintaining fidelity and quality services," Adriana shares. "Providing youth with tools for leading a healthy and balanced life is one of our proudest achievements."

A native of Maceio, Brazil, known for its beautiful, warm and blue coastal waters, Adriana gave up the goal of becoming an

adults of all ages.

Gilbert has helped expand Felton operations throughout California and forged partnerships in other states. Gilbert's career as a fiscal and strategic professional has included a wide array in many fields from technology, banking, retail, operations management, and manufacturing to education, social services, and government.

"Our board congratulates Al as Felton Institute's new President and CEO. His eleven years of collaborative leadership have been crucial for our success, beginning as CFO and now as COO. We have great confidence in his strategic perspective, and his commitment will lead us progressively in the coming years," said Lisa Loughney who was Board Chair at the time of the announcement. "We thank Bob for groundbreaking programs: internal innovation and external expansion that revived Felton and have paved the way for our organization's next chapter."

"I am excited and appreciative of the Board's entrustment of leadership in advancing Felton's commitment to exemplary service. Seeing lives made whole through Felton is a mission and charge of paramount importance," Al Gilbert said in response to the announcement. "It has been an extraordinary gift working with my friend and passionate leader, Bob, in this decade of change and dynamic expansion."

architect to reap the rewards of helping others by obtaining both a B.A. and Master's degree in psychology.

As the Division Director, Adriana manages several offices in the Bay Area. PREP tends to the psychological, emotional and social needs of the young adult clients and their family and friends. This overall evidence-based approach helps to round out the attention provided to the client suffering from psychosis so all involved understand the illness.

As Adriana put it, Felton's BEAM, PREP programs are collectively helping to "change the landscape of community mental health" in the Bay Area.

The Felton Family Development Center (FDC) Celebrates the Preschool Graduating Class of 2015

Proud parents, grandparents, siblings and friends gathered at the Family Development Center (FDC), Friday, August 7th for the 2015 preschool class graduation ceremony. This celebration was a culmination of the hard work invested by

"I am proud that we have been able to create systems and structures that enhance the lives of those we serve. Leading our Felton team has been the greatest honor of my life. Felton has a 126 year commitment to social justice and to innovation in service to the poor. For a brief decade, I've been a steward of that tradition. I am proud that my friend and colleague for a decade, Al Gilbert, will carry this tradition forward," said Bob Bennett as he prepared for retirement.



Mike Hofman



Terry Limpert



Lisa Madden

Michael Hofman named New Board Chair; Terry Limpert is Vice-Chair, and Elizabeth Madden continues as Secretary

On July 1st, Lisa Loughney passed the Felton Board Chair baton to Mike Hofman, who began as a volunteer and has been a dedicated and involved board member for more than two decades. Mike is Executive Vice President at Janet Moyer Landscaping. Terry Limpert, Felton's new Vice-Chair has served on the board since 2004. He now works in private practices with corporations and small businesses, having recently

parents, teachers, staff and the children well-prepared, poised to embark upon the next exciting chapter of their lives.



A total of 26 boys and girls in purple caps and gowns proudly stepped forward to receive their preschool graduation certificates from FDC Director Yohana Quiroz. There were 17 from the Blue Birds class and 9 from the Bumble Bees class.

As the ceremony began, smiles spread across the faces of the family members of the graduates, which hinted at the pride each one must have felt at the accomplishments of the children. Attendees laughed and applauded as short video clips of each graduate were shown. The confidence and engaging exuberance of the students sharing their favorite lessons learned at FDC charmed viewers– inspiring smiles and a few joyful tears.

Following the ceremony, teachers, staff, parents and children enjoyed a potluck

retired after twenty years as a Partner with Mercer Delta Organizational Consulting. Lisa Madden, Felton's Board Secretary has served as a Board Member since 2008. She is a partner at the San Francisco Law Firm Lynch, Gilardi and Grummer.

Legacy Film Festival on Aging & Party with a Purpose Celebrate Seniors

From September 18–20, 2015, the Legacy Film Festival on Aging will continue its mission of showcasing films about aging that educate, entertain and inspire intergenerational audiences at the New People Cinema at 1746 Post Street in San Francisco. Cathy Spensley, Felton's Senior Division Director is a board member, and she invites the Felton family to join her for some unforgettable movies. Cathy is delighted that the festival has expanded each year, since seeing stories about vibrantly healthy seniors living full lives, stimulates critical conversations and policies regarding Baby Boomers and beyond. For more information, visit legacyfilmfestivalonaging.org. One audience member noted, "It made me want to live to be 90!"

Both Cathy Spensley and Benson Nadell, Program Director of Ombudsman, serve on the board of the San Francisco Mayor's Long Term Care

dinner with pizza, tamales, chocolate cake among the most popular dishes devoured.



A special thank you to all of those who loved, nurtured, taught and prepared the children to enter kindergarten this fall. Best wishes class of 2015!

The FDC seeks to provide a nurturing environment and a solid foundation for educational and developmental progress for children and their families.

FDC delivers developmental childcare services and a school readiness program for infants and toddlers whose parents are working or in school and are at risk and/or have a financial need.

From Rebel To Peer Educator

Standing before her 2015 graduating class at Hilltop High School, Gloria Hernandez vividly

Coordinating Council, one of the organizations that is sponsoring Party with a Purpose on October 23, 2015 at the San Francisco Public Library at 100 Larkin Street. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Council. John Feather, PhD, CEO of Grantmakers in Aging, and a longstanding advocate of the global Age-Friendly communities, will be the keynote speaker at the celebration that will feature presentation of the first Friendly SF Champion Award. Additional co-sponsors include Aging and Disability Friendly SF, San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, The San Francisco Public Library Access Services, The Mayor's Office on Disability, and The SCAN Foundation. For more information, visit friendlysf.org.

Felton Fact



Katharine "Kitty" Felton

told the story about her decision to live a care-free life filled with rebellion, the consequences she faced from living such a life, and her eventual "success."

"I just wanted to have fun and be the life of the party."



Currently the Felton Institute's Child, Youth and Family division Administrative Assistant, Gloria has taken the bull by the horns and turned her life around.

"I didn't want to be a bad role model. In the eyes of my child, I just wanted to be a superhero."

Gloria's "rebellious" life-style included six different high-schools during her freshman year alone. She told the audience of graduates how, during these troubled times, she ran away from home on more than one occasion. Gloria also took the opportunity to warn

Katharine Conway Felton, referred to as "Kitty" by those who knew her, was more than a driving force in San Francisco, California. Her efforts extended to and affected the councils of the state of California. Kitty was responsible for nearly all the early legislation in California related to the welfare and relief to everyone alike, with no limits on ethnicity, beliefs or age.

The successful programs she initiated in San Francisco in large part led to shaping the child welfare programs on the West coast of the United States.

Felton Divisions & You

Felton Institute invests in multiple program divisions that serve the widest spectrum of clients in San Francisco.

Our [Children Youth and Family](#) Division offers daycare and educational support for low-income families.

We also support [adult men and women](#) in need of intensive care management and mental health services as well as [low-income and isolated seniors](#) from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Our multilingual services allow us to reach many different populations who are often overlooked because they do not speak English.

With your help, we can continue to be the answer to many men, women and children in need.

Your gift of any size will make a

family and friends of her peers who attended how her decisions based on a life of "not caring about school" or "making her family proud" led to becoming a teen-aged mother.

The experience Gloria had at Hilltop High School, a school specifically for pregnant girls, was a "fresh start" that made her feel as though she "could actually succeed." The program of specialized curriculum, teachers and staff centers around the premise of treating the students as family, guiding the troubled students "as a parent would."

With her life "finally coming together," Gloria is pursuing her plan to attend college. She has moved into her own place with her daughter and is building her future with a positive, responsible attitude.


difference to people living among us who require social services, mental health care and ongoing intensive care management.

Your gift is particularly important today as federal and state government resources continue to diminish.

With your gift, we can help even more people get their lives back on track. Please consider sending a [tax-deductible donation](#) to the Felton Institute today.

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