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LOCAL NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER RECOGNIZED BY 49ERS

CORA volunteer Tim Sullivan is a finalist for the Community Quarterback Award

SAN MATEO, CA – In 2003, while working full time as a police officer with the San Mateo Police Department, Tim Sullivan was admitted to the State Bar of California after obtaining his law degree from Santa Clara University. Tim started volunteering at CORA just weeks after his retirement in 2015. Tim chose to volunteer at CORA because he, having been a first responder to hundreds of domestic violence incidents, was always curious about what happened to survivors after he left the scene.

Tim came to CORA at a time when our legal department was in significant despair. Due to lack of funding, the legal department was reduced. While CORA was in the process of rebuilding this essential branch of services, Tim was the glue that held the legal department together. He regularly worked longer hours than intended to ensure that every survivor of domestic violence obtained answers to their legal questions. Between September 2015 and February 2017, Tim volunteered for over 680 hours.

“Tim is one of the most compassionate people I have ever met,” says Melissa Gibbs, CORA’s Manager of Legal Services. “He is most happy when he is serving others – whether it be in his role as a police officer, a volunteer, a friend, or a neighbor.”

Tim’s desire to make a difference in the Bay Area - and the lives of victims of crime in particular - has made him an incredible asset to our community. This was recently acknowledged by the 49ers when they chose him as a finalist for their Community Quarterback Award, which “recognizes volunteers who demonstrate leadership, dedication and a commitment to bettering the San Francisco Bay Area.”

As a finalist, Tim secured a \$1,000 grant for CORA and he will be recognized in a pre-game, on-field ceremony at Levi’s Stadium on Sunday, October 18th.

Tim Sullivan and Melissa Gibbs are available for interviews. Please contact us if you’d like to arrange one.

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About CORA

CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) provides safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship, and educates the community to break the cycle of domestic violence. The only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse, CORA provides confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the County’s only emergency shelters, as well as a 24-hour hotline, an emergency response program, therapeutic counseling, legal services, children’s specific programming and supportive housing for survivors. Services are free of charge and are open to anyone needing help. Services are available in English and Spanish, as well as many other languages. To learn more, visit www.corasupport.org. You can also see the latest information by following CORA on twitter ([@ENDtoDV](https://twitter.com/ENDtoDV)) and Facebook ([@facebook.com/corasupport](https://facebook.com/corasupport)).