



FATHERHOOD COLLABORATIVE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

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## **Fatherhood Collaborative To Present Family Friendly Employer Awards**

### **Pro Football Hall of Fame Member Justice Alan C. Page to Give Keynote Address**

**SAN MATEO, Calif.** – The Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County has enlisted Justice Alan C. Page – a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame – to help celebrate the achievements of local businesses that integrate family-friendly programs and policies into their operations at the Dads Count Breakfast on April 17.

Justice Page, an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, will be the keynote speaker. Assemblymember Jerry Hill will be master of ceremonies.

The event will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-San Francisco International Airport, 1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame.

The Family Friendly Awards will honor three local employers: Wells Fargo (large employer), Flicker, Kerin, Kruger & Bissada, LLP (small employer) and the Redwood City Police Activities League (public agency).

“The Dads Count Family Friendly Employer Awards were established to celebrate San Mateo County businesses and organizations that care about working fathers and families,” said Mark Church, president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. “It’s also important to recognize all fathers and their contributions to the community. That’s what the Dads Count Breakfast is all about.”

The Dads Count Breakfast is a unique event that publicly recognizes the importance of men as fathers, grandfathers, and mentors to children. It also strives to gain support from the business, legal and government communities for fatherhood efforts, and provides an excellent opportunity for networking around fatherhood activities in the county.

“We were delighted with the quality of the nominations we received this year, and for the increasing importance that employers are placing on family-friendly policies,” said Bruce Collins, Chair of the Fatherhood Collaborative and a Senior San Mateo County Deputy Probation Officer.

Justice Alan C. Page played football for the University of Notre Dame before being drafted into the National Football League. During his 15-year career he played for the Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears. He is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame class of 1988.

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During his football career, Justice Page attended law school and received his law degree in 1978. He was elected to the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1992. He and his wife, Diane, have four children.

The mission of the Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County is to provide a forum to address and support the importance of men and fathers in taking an active role in the well being of children and families. The Collaborative is an advisory body to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

For more information about the Dads Count event or to order tickets, please visit [www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org](http://www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org) or call (650) 363-4295.

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