

A Little About Libby...

The first Community Service Innovation Award, in honor of Norma Satten, is being given to Norma's long-time friend and colleague, Libby Denebeim. These two strong women began working together in 1984, in the hospice program that developed and financed Coming Home Hospice, the first residential hospice facility in the nation for people with HIV/AIDS. They went on to support each other personally and professionally in the decades that followed.



Libby Denebeim

Libby has a long history of civic leadership and community engagement helping at-risk youth and young adults and is best known for her years of service on the San Francisco School Board. But it is for her interdisciplinary work with seniors and persons of all ages with disabilities that we particularly honor her. As an early member of the Mayor's HIV Task Force and the Health Department's Committee on Services to People with HIV/AIDS, she helped build bridges between diverse communities in the early days of the epidemic. As a long-time leader in the San Francisco Mental Health Association, she shepherded growth and development of several residential and service programs for youth and young adults with a range of disabilities. As an advocate for older adults, she served as a leader with the San Francisco Adult Day Health Network and board member of the Visiting Nurses and Hospice and Institute on Aging.

We hope you will join us honoring Libby Denebeim and in recognizing the role that these two women played in making San Francisco a better community.