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Jennifer Montana (left) with Amy Wender-Hoch, Joe Montana and S.F. Giants' George Kontos.

Gridiron great: The last time **Joe Montana** assisted the Wender Weis Foundation for Children (WWFC), its event theme 17 years ago was Halloween Heroes. Founder **Amy Wender-Hoch** recalls that the beloved quarterback came dressed as Darth Vader.

"What? I don't remember that," said Montana, laughing last week at AT&T Park, where 1,400 sports-loving parents and their kiddos landed for WWFC's Holiday Heroes fundraiser.

Joining forces with S.F. Giants relief pitcher

George Kontos; Olympians **Kristi Yamaguchi**, her husband, **Bret Hedican**, and **Jonny Moseley**, with his wife, **Malia**; Oakland Raiders' wide receiver **Taiwan Jones**; and Montana and his wife, jewelry designer **Jennifer Montana**, were on hand to receive WWFC's inaugural Inspiration Award.

"Joe may only be a suit and tie," Wender joked, "but we're honored to have him and Jennifer

join us again."

The festive, holiday-themed fete, organized by **Meg and Craig Bertero** with **Christine and Kevin Considine**, raised more than \$100K for WWFC's beneficiaries, including the Junior Giants Baseball Program, 49ers Foundation, Fit Kids, Holy Family Day Home and the S.F. Child Abuse Prevention Center.

And Mrs. Montana officially launched her Chain Reaction jewelry collection featuring necklaces crafted from vintage keys that are etched with words of inspiration.

"We also create keys with custom words for our clients," Montana said. "And some are blank because the key may just represent what's in the heart of the buyer or intended for the receiver."

Each line of the collection is named after the Montana's children (**Alexandra, Elizabeth, Nick, Nate**) and 80 percent of net profits are donated to the Four Rings Montana Family Foundation.

"The most important thing for Jennifer and I," said Montana, upon receiving their award, "is to put smiles on the faces of children."

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