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BUSINESS

Blue Shield wins S.F. Chamber Award

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce gave its annual Excellence in Business award to Blue Shield of California at the chamber's annual Ebbie Award ceremony Thursday night.

Blue Shield was recognized for financial growth, innovative business practices and solid financial performance.

Winner of the chamber's Emerging Growth award is Wild Brain Inc., a San Francisco animation studio.

Winners of the Corporate Philanthropy award are Philippe Becker Design and the AAA of Northern California auto club.

Philippe Becker helped promote San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's Project

Homeless Connect, a monthly gathering of volunteers to help the city's street people. AAA was cited for decades of service to motorists.

The new M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park was given the chamber's Community Builder award, less than a month after the art museum reopened after a five-year, \$202 million reconstruction.

Winner of the Economic Development award is the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, an independent citizens' committee that governs California's new stem-cell institute.

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