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SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of The City's homeless residents will be the guests of honor at a dinner hosted by the students of the Golden Gate University School of Law. The third annual event of its kind, the dinner is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Central YMCA at Leavenworth and Golden Gate in the Tenderloin.

Some 30 to 40 students are expected to be involved in the dinner, which is usually attended by some 600 homeless persons. This year, the students also are soliciting donations of toiletry items and clothing, so that the persons attending the dinner will also have something to take with them.

In previous years, the students hosted the dinner during the holiday season, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. After talking with homeless persons and their advocates, however, the students moved the date to February. "They were telling us that during Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is no shortage of assistance. But they're hungry all year 'round and winters are especially difficult," said Alex Lubarsky, president of the Student Bar Association, which sponsors the event. The students also work with the San Francisco Food Bank, St. Anthony's and several corporations to produce the dinner.

This will be the second year that the dinner, which is always held at a Tenderloin location, is scheduled for the YMCA. Ironically, the YMCA was the original home of Golden Gate University, which moved to its present location at 536 Mission St. in the late 1960s.

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