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BRAIN TRUST

101 people
who make this
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on earth

MIMI SILBERT

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*Criminologist/psychologist, Delancey
Street Foundation*

SAN FRANCISCO MAYORS have proclaimed four Mimi Silbert Days in the past twenty years, about 7296 too few. Cofounder with the late John Maher of the Delancey Street Foundation, Silbert has guided the growth of what Dr. Karl Menninger called "the most successful rehabilitation program in the world" into a unique five-city, thousand-resident self-help miracle for recovering alcoholics, drug addicts, and convicts. Though Delancey Street's average resident has served four stretches in prison, there has never been a violent incident, nor an on-premises arrest, in the foundation's twenty-three-year history. Under Silbert's presidency, Delancey Street's one-teaches-another rehab system has educated and equipped thousands of former addicts and criminals to return to life independent and drug-free—all while consuming exactly \$0 in taxpayer money.



Marcus Conant

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Mimi Silbert