"The Greatest Good, A Memoir" Book Discussion, Book & Lunch

Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 am

"The Greatest Good, A Memoir" by Davida Coady

In an era when it was rare enough to be a female doctor in the US, Dr. Davida Coady was first on the ground for all too frequent humanitarian crises: Biafra, Bangladesh, Peru, Central America, to mention a few. Her work in international health led her to the polio eradication campaign in India, refugee camps for victims of the Nigerian Civil War and the wars in Southeast Asia, and health clinics in Haiti and Guatemala. Back home she built the Venice Family Clinic into the largest free clinic in America, helped Cesar Chavez establish a new health system for farm workers, marched for nuclear disarmament alongside Dan Berrigan, Pete Seeger, and Martin Sheen, was arrested for civil disobedience 50 times, created the first drug court in the Bay Area, and built an alcohol and drug treatment program that houses and treats thousands of clients every year -- whether they can pay or not. Davida relates an inspirational life richly and well-lived, driven by the motto: The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number of People. The Greatest Good recounts an adventurous life in public health laced with deep disappointment, lasting accomplishment and enduring friendship. Her stubborn focus, stunning generosity, incisive judgment and self-deprecating humor come to life on every page.

Davida was the founder of Options Recovery Services. Winners will receive a book at FOTH.

Location: St. Timothy's
Number: 15 people

Hosted by Peg Miller & Sally Shea Potts

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