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*Germaine Fusenot*  
Founder

## **The Georges and Germaine Fusenot Charity Foundation Commemorates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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### ***Foundation Adopts Logo and Launches Website***

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(January 20, 2017) San Diego, CA - The Georges and Germaine Fusenot Charity Foundation (The Fusenot Foundation) commemorates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The California 501(c)3 foundation was established in January 1967 by Germaine Fusenot with a mission to assist non-profits based in the Golden State.

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"We are extremely proud of the foundation's contributions to our society," states Guy Stone, Chairman Board of Trustees. "Grants have been distributed to a diversity of the organizations from combatting homelessness, to education, sports, cancer research, veteran's programs, social issues, animal rescue and many others. In the last forty years, the Fusenot Foundation has bequeathed over \$10 million to California based non-profits."

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For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Foundation instituted a branding campaign with the goal to share information about the organization, its history and founder, as well as honor the numerous organizations that have benefitted from the funding grants over the years. An official logo was adopted and the foundation's first ever website has launched, [FusenotFoundation.org](http://FusenotFoundation.org).

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### *A brief history:*

Germaine was born in Paris, France in 1886. As a child, she immigrated to the United States with her parents Auguste and Marie Durand Fusenot, settling in California. Germaine's father, founded the prestigious Ville de Paris department store in Los Angeles in 1893.

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A cousin of the Fusenots, Georges Fusenot also immigrated from France to live in Los Angeles, assisting Auguste in managing the department store. In 1907, Germaine and Georges were married. Four months later, Auguste suddenly passed away leaving the Ville de Paris to Germaine and Georges. The store continued to be a successful enterprise and was purchased in 1915 by owners of the Emporium, a well-known department store in San Francisco.

Germaine and Georges were active philanthropist during World War I and II including donating an ambulance to the Republic of France. They also sponsored the French War Relief Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1939-1946, among many other charity endeavors.

Per the book, "History of The Georges and Germaine Fusenot Charity Foundation" published in 1981, "*Germaine desired to leave something in the name of the Fusenots that would show their appreciation to the United States, commemorate Georges' existence and be of some benefit to their fellow man.*"

To review a video log of the entire book, visit the website at [fusenotfoundation.org](http://fusenotfoundation.org).

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