



The Heart Beat

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Sarah Has Two Birthdays

Like all parents, Cindy wanted a healthy baby. However, a few weeks before her daughter's scheduled due date, doctors said that all was not well. There were complications. Sarah had a hole in her heart. Cindy cried. And hoped. She prayed that she would have a healthy baby.

When Sarah was born on August 1, 2007, Cindy had only moments to hold her before Sarah was rushed off to NICU and immediately added to the heart transplant recipient list. Shortly after birth, Sarah got an infection and was admitted into Loma Linda Hospital. Cindy made 100 mile round trips from Hacienda Heights to Loma Linda until the day that doctors filled the hospital room with the news they found a donor match for Sarah. On September 19th, 2007, Sarah was given new life with a donated heart. Sarah's family now considers that her second birthday.

As Sarah recovered, Cindy was faced with the challenge of being near the hospital when Sarah was discharged. Rejection of a donated heart is most likely to happen within the first six months so it was critical that Sarah stay close to the hospital for a while. She was not going to be able to go home to Hacienda Heights right away. That was when her social worker told Cindy about Steven's Hope. Cindy remembers that day. "At first," she said, "our social worker told us there was a waiting list. A few weeks later, she told me that Steven's Hope opened a new apartment and I had a chance to get in. I was so happy when I moved in. It had everything I needed and it was so close to the hospital."

Cindy and Sarah became the first residents in the Steven's Hope "Previti" apartment. Cindy reports, "The doctors are very pleased with Sarah's progress. My entire family looks forward to celebrating two annual birthdays for Sarah for many years to come."



Sarah and her mother, Cindy, were the first residents in the Previti Apartment that opened in early November. They were from Hacienda Heights and needed the apartment while Sarah got treatment at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. They stayed in the apartment over 5 months.

STEVEN'S HOPE BEGINS "VISION OF HOPE" TOUR MAY 6

Have you ever wondered what Steven's Hope really DOES? You know that Steven's Hope is fulfilling its mission to provide housing and other services to families of seriously ill or injured children. But, how? What do the families need? What do they go through? How does Steven's Hope help them in their time of need? Caring for and helping these families is not easy. Their stories are heartbreaking. Their needs are immense.

Starting Tuesday, May 6, Steven's Hope opens its office for our new one hour "Vision of Hope" tour. This monthly introduction tour will provide an explanation of our beginnings, our programs, our goals and our future. The tours are held the first Tuesday of the month at our office in Upland. The tour starts promptly at 6:30 PM and lasts only one hour. You won't be asked to make a donation. This is our opportunity to share Steven's Hope for Children with you. Space is limited so advance notification of your interest is encouraged.

If you have ever wanted to find out more about Steven's Hope or would like to share the vision of Steven's Hope with a friend, reserve your space by calling 909-373-0678 or send an email to susier@stevenshope.org.

This is one hour that can change your life.

Volleyball and Dancing on Hold for Cheyenne

"Cheyenne loves to play volleyball, make crafts and do Polynesian dancing. That and reading are her favorite things to do," said Kiki, the mother of the 13 year-old from National City. "For now," she explains, "she'll have to put the dancing on hold."

It was early February when 13 year-old Cheyenne got the news that she had a tumor on her spinal chord. Since then, they have been to many doctors. The consensus was that her best option was to get Proton Radiation Treatments. That meant going to Loma Linda University Medical Center & Children's Hospital. Recently, Cheyenne started getting her treatment. They were referred to Steven's Hope when the social worker recognized that the drive from their home to Loma Linda would be hard on the family financially and even harder on Cheyenne. Now they are in one of the Steven's Hope apartments.

"This place is great. We are so very happy to have the opportunity to be a family here. We get to spend time as a family," Kiki said. Staying together is a big part of the recovery process. Even though each treatment is about one hour long, she gets treatment every day, five days a week. At this time, Cheyenne is scheduled for twenty-five Proton Radiation treatments. During this time, she will get to stay with her mom, her dad, and her younger brother, Christian, and younger sister, Cyronna, make crafts and catch up on her reading.

When she goes home we can all do a dance! Good luck, Cheyenne.

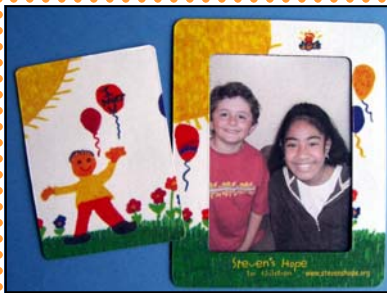


Cheyenne (on left) with her father, Mike, her younger sister, Cyronna, and mother Kiki at the Steven's Hope apartment just after checking in. The family, from National City, will be staying for about 6 weeks for Cheyenne's Proton Radiation treatments.

Kids Helping Kids: Nick & Alexa

Tony & Sandy are always busy trying to raise money for Steven's Hope. Now, their own kids are getting in the game. Nicolas and Alexa, Steven's brother and sister, wanted to help. They each have designed a magnet to sell to raise money for Steven's Hope. The two-piece magnets come with a picture and short story of one of the kids that has been helped by Steven's Hope. Each magnet is \$5 and all the proceeds go to Steven's

Hope. If you would like to have your child, company or group (Girl Scouts, Rotary) sell magnets, you can get all the info and forms online at www.stevenshope.org/magnet.htm. There are other ways they can help, too! Call the office at 909-373-0678 for details.



Ontario Fire Fighters Grab "Bull By Horns"

Once again, the men of Fire Fighter Local 1430, led by Capt. Marty Perez, have outdone themselves. The 6th annual "Tip the Fire Fighter" fundraiser was held at the El Torito Restaurant in Ontario on March 17. Proceeds of the event benefit Steven's Hope for Children. If you weren't there, you missed out! There was so much going on! From singing firemen, a karaoke contest, Irish Dancers, floating rubber duckies, an oversized leprechaun, bagpipes, green beer, corned beef, cabbage, enchiladas and more.

"Wow! What a day!" said Captain Marty Perez. "This event keeps getting bigger and better. We are so happy that we are able to do this for the kids." Captain Perez and his crew of firemen from Local 1430 host the annual event.

"It's nice to be able to get people from our local community together to help a great charity like Steven's Hope. There is nothing like being able to raise some money for people who do good work."

"The firemen are the ones who make this happen," said Tony Cappelli. "They go out, hustle up the sponsorships and prizes that we give away. People come to see them. We're very glad they chose

us to support. It really means a lot." This year there was even a karaoke contest that was won by Lynsey Stanfield. To see more photos of the event and to get a list of sponsors of this year's event, go to the Steven's Hope website at www.stevenshope.org/stpat08.htm.



Austin Powers (Richard Halpern) & Captain Jack Sparrow (Wayne Rodriguez) kick off the karaoke contest. At right, a giant leprechaun poses with El Torito District Manager Hector Silva. Captain Perez (second from left) takes a moment to pose with some of the fire fighter crew.





Golf Tournament Update

The Sixth Annual Steven's Hope Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 15, at Sierra LaVerne Country Club. There are some sponsorship and foursome opportunities remaining. Golfer check-in will begin at 8:30 prior to the shotgun start at 10:30 following the ceremonial balloon release which pays tribute to the children and families served by Steven's Hope.

Sponsors receive various incentives and advertising opportunities including foursomes. Howard Roberts Development is a Grand Sponsor at \$12,000. Levels vary from Prize Sponsors of \$100, \$250, or \$1,000, a Hole Sponsor (\$1500) to Major Sponsor (\$3000), Event Sponsor (\$6000) which include one foursome. Other sponsorships include MEGA PUTT Sponsor \$250, Sign sponsors \$500 and more. Individual golfer registrations are also being accepted. "This tournament gives us an opportunity to give our supporters some insight into what we are doing at Steven's Hope," said Tony Cappelli.

Individuals and companies can support the event with silent auction or raffle prizes. For information about being a sponsor, volunteer, prize donor or participant, call Steven's Hope.

Concert Under the Stars Tickets Now Available

Here's a great way to help Steven's Hope and have a great night out with your friends.

Order your tickets for Concerts Under the Stars. For a \$55 donation to Steven's Hope, you'll get a ticket to one of the five Saturday night events located on the 100 acre Hafif Estate in the foothills of La Verne. Each ticket comes with an evening of great music in a beautiful outdoor setting, including dinner from Walters of Claremont. All costs of the event are paid by the Hafif Estate so 100% of your donation goes to Steven's Hope.

There are only a few tickets available so call today and get yours. Get some for your friends, too by calling 909-373-0678.

Concert Dates

July 19

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

"A Night at the Ballpark" To Help Numerous Families

Steven's Hope will be distributing tickets to selected families to enjoy a Rancho Cucamonga Quakes baseball game at the Epicenter on Saturday, June 28. "Many of the families we help don't get to enjoy things we take for granted, like taking the family to a baseball game. This is a way for the family to have a little fun time on us. We are hoping to make this available to one hundred family members," said Sandy Cappelli.

To support this event, Steven's Hope is looking for sponsors. Each SINGLE is \$10 and sponsors one child to the game and includes a hot dog, a drink and a snack. A DOUBLE (\$20) sponsors two family members. A HOME RUN is \$100 and sponsors ten (10) family members, and the GRAND SLAM is \$200 and admits 20 family members.

For more information, please call Steven's Hope at 909-373-0678

Uplander's Club Models Help Steven's Hope

The Uplander's Club hosted their annual Fashion Show Luncheon on Saturday, March 8th. Steven's Hope for Children was one of the this year's recipients of the event. The Uplander's themselves modeled all the new spring fashions available through Coldwater Canyon. Steven's Hope is very grateful to everyone who worked hard to make the event a success. We think these women give a whole new meaning to "supermodel."



Uplander's models include: Wilma Anderson, Marjorie Bryant, Phyllis Church, Dottie Ferrell, Bess Fry, Lulu Horn, Gail Lemar, DeeMcCabe, Betty Merfeld, Tammy Muir, Ann Thomas and Philanthropic Chairman Martha Scott.

Sandy's Snippets

Here's a word for you: REGIFTING! You know you do it. If you have gift cards you don't think you'll use, send them in. Target or Walmart cards are great to give to the families. Even that \$5 card to a fast food restaurant may be just the ticket for a child after getting treatment all day. . . In May, we start our "Vision of Hope" Tours. It is a great way to really learn about what we do at Steven's Hope. It's only an hour.

You never know, it might change a life! Maybe yours! . . . Thanks to Grace Vick & Mike McEachron for all their help redecorating our office & conference room. It looks great. . . Speaking of helping, if you would like to sponsor a child to see a baseball game this summer, please call us.

We will do "Night at The Ballpark" again on June 28. We could sure use a \$1000 sponsor to underwrite the whole thing! . . .

Westwood College in Upland has been working with SHFC. They just put computers in the apartments, are helping to design the conceptual plans for a Steven's Hope House and more! Thank you for your continuous support. . . It's not too soon to get your very own "Concert Under the Stars" tickets. For each \$55 donation, you will receive one ticket to the event. Go to the website to check ticket availability and performers. It's a great time for all and it really helps during the summer months . . .

Ta – ta for now!

Sandy

Mission Statement

To provide housing and other essential needs to the families of seriously ill or injured children during a child's extended treatment and care while away from home.

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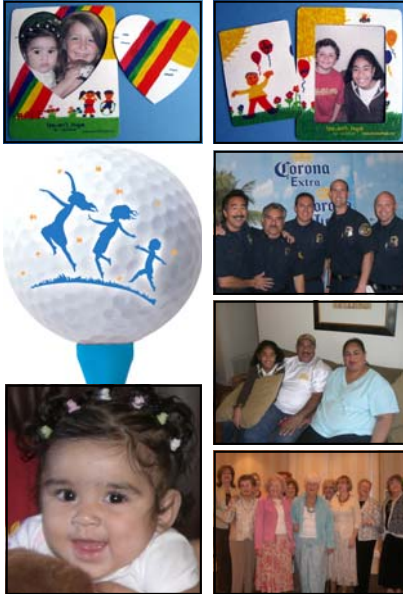
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6th Annual
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Golf Tournament

July 19 & 26
August 2, 9, 16
Concert Under the Stars

September 15
Game Day

October 4
Ride for Hope 6
Memorial Park, Upland

November 12
Giving Hope



"Vision of Hope" Tour

*A one hour introduction to
Steven's Hope*

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesday, June 3

Tuesday, July 1

Tuesday, August 5

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday, October 7

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, December 2



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