



# The Heart Beat

The newsletter of **Steven's Hope**  
for children

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## **Jane**

It's normal for an athlete to get a muscle pull or strain. That is exactly what sixteen year old Jane thought was bothering her shoulder. She tried to keep playing volleyball at her high school but the pain became unbearable. She went to the doctor and got the bad news. The pain was being caused by a tumor in her shoulder that stretched into her neck.

After surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible, she was still in need of more Proton radiation treatment at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Coming from Sacramento was not going to be an easy task for her family as her dad was recently laid off and Mom only worked part time. Jane's social worker told them about Steven's Hope and they are now staying in one of the apartments through July.

At the time of this printing, Jane is doing better and preparing to go home in a few weeks. We'll miss Jane and her Father's weekly visit to our office. We are so glad that we had an open apartment for them.

## Sandy's Snippets

*Tidbits of info from co-founder of Steven's Hope, Sandy Cappelli.*

Thank you Captain Marty Perez and all the great people at Fire Fighter Local 1430. This year's St. Patrick's Day event netted over \$15,000. It's a great event that just gets better and better. . . We missed a lot of our normal golfing buddies this year. That's okay, we'll see you next year. Although we didn't have as many players as we normally do, we all had a great time and made \$15,000. That must be our lucky number. . . You've heard that Steven's Hope has a new endeavor. It's true. The Children's Boutique at Steven's Hope is OPEN!. We could use volunteers to help with the boutique. And we need more donated items and shoppers. . . It's going to be a fun filled fall. 09-09 is Game Day 10-10 is Ride for Hope 11-11 is There Is Hope Lunch . . . Thanks to the people that helped support the Night at the Ballpark. Everyone there had a great time! Well, gotta go. Come by and visit the store!!! Ta-ta for now  
Sandy

## Marley Gets New Heart. Again.

Most people don't know that heart transplant patients often need a second transplant. This is the situation with 16 year old, Marley.

Her first transplant was when she was just one month old. Claire, her mother, said, "I was living in Riverside. I was so young and didn't really know what was going on. Everyone was so great about how they helped Marley." But, that was 15 years ago. Now, Claire and Marley live in Mammoth. "It's a lot different this time. Housing was such a big factor in getting this surgery. We've been down here since January. Finding out about Steven's Hope has been a big blessing."

Marley got her new heart and was discharged from the hospital at the beginning of June. Recently, Claire and Marley were able to go to the Night at the Ballpark on June 20. There, Tremor, the team mascot gave her flowers and everyone in the section sang "Happy Birthday" as she was turning 16.



Marley with Tremor at Ballpark Night.

## TJ MAXX Foundation Gives Grant to Steven's Hope

Steven's Hope was presented with a check for \$5,000 from the TJX Foundation, the charity arm of TJ Maxx Companies. The grant purpose was to support the Fill A Need program for the work done to support seriously ill children. TJ Max Companies is the parent company of TJ Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods, A.J. Wright, Bob's Stores, Winner's and HomeSense. Tony Cappelli said, "We are so proud to be selected to receive this grant from TJX. Their support will help us to reach out to some very needy families. Thank you, TJX."

## Concert Under The Stars Tickets Still Available

Call now to get your tickets to the annual Concerts Under the Stars. The Saturday night events hosted by the Hafif Family Foundation benefits several charities, including SHFC. For each \$55 donation you can get a ticket to one of the 3 dates: July 25, August 1 & 8. Bring someone and make it a great summer night of music, food and friends.

## Vision of Hope



Disease knows no financial class.

Children get sick regardless of the economy.

Now, more than ever, we are counting on you.

Your donations will help us reach families at a critical time.

Please, consider making a donation today.

## Michael Jr. Waits to Get Heart

Two years ago, Michael had a heart transplant. Now at 18 years of age, he is a father. As challenging as that is for such a young adult, his son, Michael Jr., also needs a heart transplant. "I'm familiar with what is involved with a transplant. I know what I went through. My brother had one, too."

According to his Dad, Michael Jr. is doing okay. "He's listed as a 1-B. I just hope we get a heart for him soon." While Junior is doing okay, his mother Louisa is trying to keep everything in perspective. "We are so lucky that we have this apartment from Steven's Hope. I don't know where we would be staying if it weren't for Steven's Hope." In the meantime, Louisa is taking care of Junior while Michael, Sr. is studying to get his GED. "I want to be able to provide for my family. It's been hard for us with my surgery and now Junior's. I just want us all to have a healthy life."

It looks like Michael Sr. and Louisa's wish came true. On June 29, doctors said that Jr. had improved enough that he wouldn't need a heart after all and they're on their way home. That's a happy ending.



Louisa and Michael, Sr. in their apartment with Michael, Jr. He improved enough to go home without a transplant.

## Game Day Returns 09-09-09

So you're not in the best shape of your life. You can still participate and be competitive in a triathlon. It's true. You could even, dare I say, WIN!!!

Yes, the Game Day event is true genius. Two-person teams compete in nine holes of golf at Sierra Lakes, then to Dave & Buster's in Ontario for



tournaments in darts and billiards. It's not for the faint of heart. It's for those that get winded going up one flight of stairs. Winners will be announced in each of the three categories as well as one overall winner. Sign up now for \$150 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$100 to \$1000. All event proceeds go to Steven's Hope for Children. For more details call 866-3-STEVEN.

## Ride for Hope & One Tough Run to Take Place October 10

The Annual Ride for Hope Car Show will take place at Upland's Memorial Park on Saturday, October 10. Aside from the classic cars, there will be games and crafts for kids, vendor booths, food and the 3rd Annual Pie Eating Contest. But, this year there will also be a new addition to the event. "One Tough Run" will be a 10K run on Euclid Avenue that will be taking place that morning as well. Sponsorships for the Ride for Hope and One Tough Run for Hope are available. Call the office for more information.

[stevenshope.org](http://stevenshope.org)

866-3-STEVEN

## Groups Helping Steven's Hope Make A Difference

Steven's Hope would like to recognize a few of the many groups that have been helping us in the last several months. We couldn't do what we do without you. Thanks!!

- **Kiwanis Ontario Dist. 15:** As part of their "One Day" project, Kiwanians cleaned & painted our apartments. They also made dolls & gift packages for our families.
- **Hillside 8th Grade Girls:** These ladies organized & hosted a tasty fundraising breakfast at Applebee's in Rancho Cucamonga.
- **The Rialto Senior Center Crochet Club:** Headed by Helen Rogal, these ladies made blankets, scarves, hats and slippers to be distributed to our residents.
- **WorldWorks OC 76:** This group help raise over \$12,000 for Steven's Hope as well as volunteering countless hours in volunteer work for the families in our apartments.
- **Life Bible Fellowship Church:** Volunteers decorated the SHFC office with cute houses and accessories to make the place look really cute and kid-friendly.
- **West End Real Estate Professionals:** They held a Wine Tasting event and the proceeds were presented to Steven's Hope.

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To enhance the lives of families of seriously ill or injured children by providing housing and other essential needs during the child's extended treatment and care.

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### Vision of Hope

Upland, CA		Loma Linda, CA	
July 7	6:30 PM	Aug 18	6:30 PM
Aug 4	6:30 PM	Oct 21	6:30 PM
Sept 2	6:30 PM	<i>Doors open 30 minutes prior to start of tour.</i>	
Oct 7	6:30 PM		

Saturday, July 25, Aug 1 & 8  
Concerts Under the Stars  
Gates open 5PM  
Dinner Included  
Tickets \$55 donation



Wednesday, Sept 9  
GameDay 09  
7AM Sign-in/8AM Shotgun  
Darts & Billiards at 11:30  
Sierra Lakes Golf Course  
Dave & Busters Ontario

### 2009 Calendar

July/August  
Concerts Under  
the Stars

Sept 9  
GameDay

Oct 10  
Ride For Hope &  
One Tough Run

Nov 11  
There Is Hope  
Free Fundraising  
Luncheon

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