



# The Heart Beat

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## Kelly gets her heart

Ten year-old Kelly, suffering from a serious heart ailment, is successfully recovering at Steven's Hope House after being discharged from Loma Linda University Medical Center. Her mother, Megan, has been staying with her and is joined by her father, Alfred, and her fourteen-year-old brother, Sean, on the weekends.

Kelly was airlifted from Mission Hospital, near her Laguna Niguel home, on September 11<sup>th</sup> after her failing heart caused her to collapse at school. Three days later doctors told the family to say "good-bye" to her as her condition was rapidly deteriorating. She was in desperate need of a heart transplant, but as there are more people in need of heart transplants than there are donors, a heart had not yet been found for her.

It was suggested by the Loma Linda University Medical Center ICU doctor that an artificial heart, or assist device, could be tried on Kelly as a last resort to stall until a donor heart could be located. The procedure had only previously been performed at LLU on adult patients. The doctors, including world-renowned heart surgeon Dr. Leonard Bailey, only gave her a 50% chance. Being the fighter that Kelly is, she made it through the surgery. In the days after, she continued to fight bat-



Ten-year old Kelly is doing well after receiving her new heart at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

tling off kidney problems and severe jaundice. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, only two weeks later, her family got the good word: a donor heart had been located.

By October 12<sup>th</sup> Kelly had improved enough to be discharged from the hospital. Although she was out of the hospital, going home to Laguna Niguel was not an option. The transplant team at LLU requires that a transplant recipient remain within 10 minutes of the hospital for three to six months following transplant. That period of time is when it is most likely that the body will reject the newly transplanted organ and time is of essence. Anti-rejection medicines must be administered as soon as possible, or serious damage could

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## "Ton of Change" Approaches 2000 Lbs.

The Charity Committee of The Inland Empire Sales & Marketing Council has been hard at work on a fundraising drive for Steven's Hope called "A Ton of Change for A Ton of Hope." Patty Greeves of Temps for Tracts spearheaded the drive. "Patty sent out a survey to determine the interest level and got enough positive response to implement the program," said Sandy Cappelli. "Her efforts introduced many people to Steven's Hope and it raised some much needed funds. We even had some kids bring in their allowance to help."

Beginning in September, special envelopes were mailed to builders, escrow and title companies, and other entities in the building industry. Several other businesses in and around the Upland area were given plastic jars to fill. So far, the total weight is approaching 1800 pounds and is over \$6500. The final weigh-in will be on New Year's Eve. Our sponsors include Howard Roberts Development, First American Title, Warmington Homes, Inland Empire Sales & Marketing Council, Fiesta Development, Motivational Systems, Temps for Tracts, RHA Landscape, Young Homes, and Citation Homes. As a result of the project, SHFC is considering expanding it to other businesses and making "Ton of Change" a year-round project.

If you would like to be a part of the "Ton of Change" drive, call Marilyn at the SHFC offices.

## Building Hope Update

We are still looking for an opportunity to obtain a piece of land or a building to build Steven's Hope House of our own. If you know of a piece of dirt, or a building that might fit our needs, please call Tony at the SHFC office. The concept is to have a 6 to 8-unit facility to house the families we help.

## 'Ladies of Chrome and Leather' Host Poker Run

Making a difference can be many things to many people. But, for the Ladies of Chrome and Leather (L.O.C.A.L.), making a difference is what they are all about. The group is the Riverside chapter of Women In the Wind, a national women's motorcycle group that advocates motorcycle safety and working for good in the community.

"I really believe in Steven's Hope and what Tony and Sandy are trying to do," said Mary Ellen Worth, who organized the event. "We know that Steven's Hope is in its first year of operation. L.O.C.A.L. figured that doing an event for them on National Make A Difference Day would be our way to make a difference. Since we all love to ride, deciding on what to do was easy."

"We were able to make the ride a benefit for Steven's Hope thanks to sponsors that believe in Steven's Hope, too." Howard Roberts Development, Sales & Marketing Council, Irwin Mortgage, Communities Southwest, Coun-

trywide Home Loans, Women in the Wind, Leonard's Carpets, Fidelity National Title, and Times Community Paper were just a few of the sponsors.

Registration was at Skip Fordyce Harley-Davidson in Riverside. From there, riders went to three other stops before ending at the Crossroads Bar in Yucaipa. Following the ride, lunch was served while Blues Triangle performed rockin' blues tunes. Raffle and high and low-hand prizes were given away.

In total, there were over 100 riders and over a dozen volunteers working for the Make A Difference Day event. Unfortunately, on the day of the ride, forest fires were ravaging much of southern California, keeping many riders away. For those that did join, it was a wonderful ride. "We were even able to help the firefighters by giving them a bunch of food that we weren't able to use." "I thought the whole day went really well," said Mary Ellen. "Maybe we'll do it again next year!"



Members of Ladies of Chrome and Leather sign up the many riders on the Make A Difference Day Poker Run at Skip Fordyce Harley Davidson October 25.



Motorcycles lined the parking lot of Crossroads Bar and Grill in Yucaipa at the end of the ride.

## 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Set for May 18 at Trilogy Course in Corona

Steven's Hope returns to the Trilogy Golf Course in Corona for their annual fundraiser. "We had such a good tournament last year and Trilogy has been so supportive of Steven's Hope, we had to come back," said Tony Cappelli, President. "Last year, nobody really knew about us and the people that did come became part of the Steven's Hope family. We're hoping that our family comes back and brings their friends!"

Trilogy is located about 9 miles south of the 91 freeway on the 15 freeway and west of Tom's Farms at the Temescal exit. The format is still to be determined but sponsors are being approached to support the event. "I have already received commitments from last year's sponsors for this year," said Cappelli. "That's a real switch. They're calling me."

The event this year is tentatively scheduled to have a silent auction as well as the numerous raffle prizes. Cappelli added, "Because we are doing the auction portion, we are expanding the sponsorship opportunities to generate high

quality auction prizes. We raised over \$17,000 last year. We are hoping to double that this year. The facility we provide families runs about \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year. If we can hit that \$35,000 number, we should be able to look at buying some land or getting another apartment for a year. This is our big event of the year. It's really important to our success."

The success of last year's event was due to the efforts of our volunteers. The committee this year includes Cyndi Baltazar (CountryWide Home Loans), Kim Wilburn (Riverside BIA), Dale Roberts (Resource Building Materials), Patty Greeves (Temps for Tracts), Jan Van Wynsberghe (Miracle Financial), Ryan Cobb (First American Title), Eric Miles (JAM Entertainment), Marilyn Barnes (National City Mortgage), and Dave Ross (First Mutual Mortgage). Also on the committee are Grace Vick (SHFC Treasurer), Marilyn Gengler (SHFC Secretary), Directors Pat Breen (Fiesta Development) and Tony and Sandy Cappelli.

"Right now we are focusing on getting all the details worked out to make this one of the best tournaments in the Inland Empire—bar none." The Event sponsor is \$5,000 which includes a paid foursome, shirts, bags, balls, and media recognition. Major sponsors are \$2500 which also includes four golfers, shirts, bags, etc. Other sponsorship are for each hole, lunchbox, banquet, range, and many others. For more information, visit the website at [www.stevenshope.org](http://www.stevenshope.org). and go to Special Events\golf or call Tony at the SHFC office 909-373-0678.

## D'ya Wanna Volunteer?

SHFC is looking for volunteers in several areas. We need writers for the newsletter, committee members for the golf tournament and Lemon Festival, updating the website, assisting our families, database management, operational support, etc. One hour a month or one hour a day, one day a week or a week every month. For information, visit the website or call Sandy at 909-373-0678.

## Looking For Something To Do November 31? The "Stay Away Ball" Could Be Your Ticket!

Holiday season means get-togethers, holiday parties and socializing almost every night. Babysitters, cookies, yaddah, yaddah, yaddah. Wanna take a break??

Then join us on November 31 for our Stay Away Ball. That's right, November 31. It's the perfect opportunity to show your support for Steven's Hope by making a reservation to not show up for our gala non-event. Yes, you too could not be one of the many non attendees at the Nontage Hotel and Conventionless Center in beautiful Arcandale, California.

Reservation (donations) start at \$25 per person for appetizers, \$50 for the entrée and \$100 for a seven course meal. Sponsorships range from \$500 for the *See-Through* (which includes really good stuff but we forget exactly what) to

\$5000 for the *Stealth* (which does not include ten tables of ten, a spotlight dance with a full orchestra, recognition on stage

by a major celebrity, a case of excellent champagne and a life-size bronze statue).

"All in all it should be a stand-out event," said Tony Cappelli. "We are hoping that people stay away by the hundreds. Regardless, all the people who don't show up will surely have a great time at this event."

"We decided that November 31 was the best day to not have this event as that day seems to be a free day for just about everyone. So far, I haven't talked to anyone who had a previous commitment."

For those that make reservations, the donation will be a tax-deductible contribution for the non-attendee. If you have not gotten your invitation, call Steven's Hope at (909) 373-0678 or visit the website at [www.stevenshope.org](http://www.stevenshope.org) and go to the Special Events page. We look forward to not seeing you there.

Large parties are encouraged!!!

## 3rd Quarter Donors

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	Anybody we missed, Sorry!!

## Kelly Gets Her Heart

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occur to the new organ. Being close to the hospital is not just a convenience; it's a requirement as it could be a matter of life or death.

"Steven's Hope has been a true blessing for us", says Megan. "It has allowed Kelly and me to be in our home away from home. She can recover in a comfortable setting, rather than a cold hospital room or hotel. This really aids in the recovery process."

"There is so much that this family has to deal with, we are just glad we were able to help," said Sandy Cappelli. "Even with a speedy recovery, Kelly and her parents could be with us for several months. Until Kelly is well enough to go home, they can stay at Steven's Hope House and be part of our family."

Recently, SHFC put in DSL so Megan can work remotely from the Hope House. While she works, Kelly is also busy "working" on her computer games. Megan's husband, Alfred, works in the mortgage business. Her brother Sean is a freshman in high school.

Says Alfred, "We miss Kelly and

Megan being home with us so much, but know that this separation is only temporary until we get our Kelly back to health. It's comforting to know that at nighttime when Sean and I go to sleep without them here that they are safe and comfortable in the Steven's Hope House".



Kelly and her mother, Megan, are expected to stay at the SHFC apartment in Loma Linda through the new year.

## Do You Have An Idea For A Great Event???

Well, then tell us about it. We are looking for something really fun to do for 2004!! If you are a creative thinker and like to get in the thick of it, here is your chance to shine!!! Call Sandy at the SHFC office!! 909-373-0678.

## Get Your Own "Day of Hope"

To operate the Steven's Hope apartment in Loma Linda costs about \$50 a day. This pays for rent, utilities, phone, cable, insurance, and other expenses such as food, toiletries, and cab fares to and from the hospital when needed.

That's how the idea of letting people sponsor a "Day of Hope" for \$50 came about. Their name will be posted on their day on the "Day of Hope Calendar" on the website and at the SHFC Office. It's a great gift-giving idea for the upcoming holiday season. Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or even the memory of a loved one. For more info, call Sandy at 909-373-0678 or log on to [www.stevenshope.org](http://www.stevenshope.org). Get yours now!!!

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"Stay Away Ball" invites go out \* Women In The Wind Make a Difference  
Ton of Change Nears 2000 Pounds \* Golf Tourney date set for May 2004

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Volunteers needed!!! Visit our website for updates!!!  
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