



INTRODUCING . . .

THE "Bear Facts" NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE HAPPENINGS AT
TEDDY BEAR CANCER FOUNDATION

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Announcing The Bear Club



Find out the benefits.
Become a Member!

Holiday Wish Lists



Ipod Shuffles, certificates, food baskets

Do you know the "Bear Facts"?

TBCF provides **10 times more financial assistance** than any other national organization that supports children with cancer.

TBCF has financially helped more than 85 families by paying their rent, mortgage, utilities, essential living costs, food, gas vouchers and hotel accommodations..

TBCF offers support, outreach, programs and activities to more than **172 families a month.**

Koala Klub



Meet kids & teens making a difference!!

Check back...more info Coming Soon!

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST HERE!!

Ventura Expansion!

This June, we expanded our services to Ventura County and partnered with the Ventura County Medical Centers (VCMC) Pediatric Oncology Clinic. We are very proud to say that ALL funds used in Ventura County are raised in Ventura County.

News Flash! Family of 2 year old with cancer moves from homeless shelter to their own home!

There are not enough words to describe how grateful our family is for all your support and kindness during our time of need. You have assisted us in getting a new car when our van broke down so we could take Raymond to treatment. You got us out of a shelter when our home was foreclosed on, and into our own home. Because of all your help we have been able to be strong for Raymond as a family and to focus our energy on his treatment. We will never forget all your kindness. You have truly touched our family's heart and we don't know where we'd be without you. **The Henderson Family**

What We Do?

- **Financial Assistance...**
We provide up to \$5,000 per qualifying family.
- **Support Groups** for Parents, Children in treatment and their siblings. Monthly groups run by a licensed social worker, therapist and translator.
- **Hotel Accommodations...**
Treatments are often time consuming and far from home.
- **Family Fun Events...**Kids and parents meet others with a shared experience, helping them feel less alone.
- **TBCF Storytellers...**Volunteers read to children in the hospital.
- **Funeral Fund...**We help by assisting with funeral costs.



Partial List!

How YOU can help?

Tough economic times have been challenging for everyone. But, imagine facing today's hardships with a child who has cancer. Some families have lost homes, jobs, and insurance. 2009 there have been more diagnosis than any other year in Santa Barbara history. Our families need you help more than ever! You have the opportunity to change a child and a family's life!

Give the the gift of giving! Together we can make a difference!

Help a child with cancer ~ Donate Now!

Call or Mail to:

Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation
133 East De La Guerra Street, #163
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Telephone: (805) 563-4740
Tax ID: 14-1872081

Volunteer Opportunities

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Annual Luncheon - annual fall fundraiser
- Saks & The City- annual evening event

PROGRAM OUTREACH

- Mother's Day Spa Day - giving moms a chance to recuperate
- Spring Fling - carnival day for the community
- Family Fun Days - opportunities for families to gain support from each other.
- Project Turkey - providing Thanksgiving dinner
- Fishing for Fathers - day for dads to relax and enjoy
- Project X-Mas - bringing the joy of Christmas to our families
- Holiday Party - Gift giving celebration

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- Mailings
- Storytelling (ages 18+)- reading to children in pediatrics.
- Distributing Flyers
- Office Tasks

Volunteer Spotlight, Pat Weeks

Being approached to read stories to children that were hospitalized before, I had said no. I could not do it as I cry easily. Now that I am a regular reader I look forward to my times at the hospital. Along with my stories I have held a child and read to them during a procedure to help out a nurse during a hard time. I helped a child to learn to read. I held the hand of a child getting a shot. It gives me a feeling of great satisfaction that I have not only helped a child but a parent and a busy nurse. I will never forget the time a family's child lost his battle with cancer and the parents gave me a hug and thanked me for all I had done for their child. What a blessing. My heart goes out to the parents that are in so much pain as their child is going through treatments. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful organization, which helps so many families whose children are fighting the battle with cancer the, Teddy Bear for Cancer foundation. **Pat Weeks, Volunteer**

The mission of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation is to ensure that children with cancer receive the undivided comfort of their parents during the treatment and recovery process. We achieve this by providing middle- to low-income families with financial aid for rent, mortgage, utilities, and car payments, as well as other supportive services, thereby allowing families to do what is truly important - to be with their children.