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## Teddy Bear's Gold Ribbon Kids



(from left) Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation recipients Magnus Kalins, Anthony Espinoza, Maddy Gonzalez, Isa Mireles, and Kevin Krzyston (both Isa and SBCC student Kevin are now cancer free); the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation served over 650 families in 2013

It's hard to believe the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation is now 12 years old. I covered its founding when I met with **Nikki Katz** in 2002 and she described what she hoped her non-profit could accomplish. Nikki's goal was to help families with utility bills, rent, transportation, help at home, bringing other children to school when a stricken child had a medical appointment, helping harried caregivers with mortgage payments and many other mundane things parents, who don't have children facing a life-threatening illness, can often take for granted. In other words, the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation would bring support – monetary, moral, and personal – along with comfort and companionship to parents and caregivers whose lives had just been overturned by a diagnosis of cancer for their child.

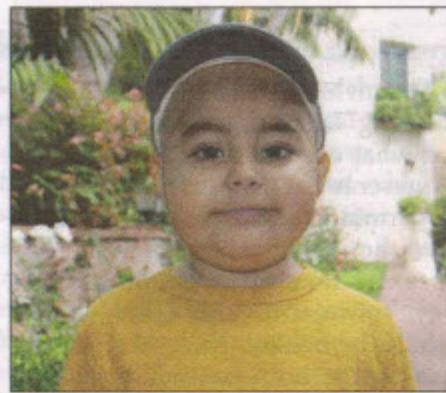
Nikki's vision became real and through her and her team's efforts (she is no longer active in the organization's day-to-day efforts), the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation has become not only an invaluable resource for panicked parents, but also an extreme-



Anna Kalins holds her irreplaceable two-year-old son Magnus Kalins; he was diagnosed with Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML) and is currently in need of a bone-marrow transplant

ly valuable and now indispensable part of a greater Santa Barbara cancer-care support system.

Longtime Montecito resident **Carol Burnett**, has offered her services as spokesman for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation's Gold Ribbon Campaign in connection with



Anthony Espinoza, 4, lives with his father, mother, and baby sister in Santa Barbara



Maddy Gonzalez, 7, looks forward to taking care of and riding her family's horses in Paso Robles



Isa Mireles, 9, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and is now cancer free; her passion is singing and modeling

September's National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Ms Burnett is fully aware that, in her words "the financial and emotional costs of caring for a sick child are tremendous. And oftentimes one or even both parents have to forfeit their work income to be by their child's bedside during treatment."

Montecito and Santa Barbara residents are regularly solicited to support a number of worthy causes. If you are one of those generous souls who does set aside a small portion of your yearly income to help one or two of those causes, the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation deserves to be near the top of your list. You can support Teddy Bear's efforts by simply sending in a check (regularly!), or perhaps as a start, by attending its Gold Ribbon Luncheon (11 am to 2 pm) at the Four Seasons Biltmore on Thursday, October 2. Your attendance will go a long way toward Teddy Bear's fundraising goal and will also

give you a chance to learn more about the Foundation and to meet some of the beatific souls behind this heaven-sent organization.

During the luncheon, actor **Billy Baldwin** will be honored with the Heart of Gold Award. Additionally, **Dr. Francisco Bracho** and **Dr. Christopher Landon** will receive the Humanitarian Award, **Jeff and Erika Zamora** the Pay-It-Forward Award, and the National Charity League, Santa Barbara Chapter, will be celebrated with the Cancer Foundation's Helping Hands Award. Guests will also have a chance to bid on: 1) a wedding or renewal of vows for 40 people, donated by Montecito Weddings, Weddings by the Sea, Kim Marie Photography, DV Moves, Sarah Fultz, and others; 2) an acoustic guitar made of East Indian Rosewood and Adirondack Spruce from custom guitar maker **Robert Carbonaro** of Carbonaro Guitars; 3) a private party on the Sunset Kidd hosted by the urbane and ubiquitous **John Palminteri**.

To participate or attend the luncheon, just call (805) 962-7466 or go online at [teddybearcancerfoundation.org](http://teddybearcancerfoundation.org).

Garden Party attire is suggested, and your RSVP is needed by September 22.

The Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides financial and emotional support to families of children with cancer living in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties. In 2013, services were provided to 664 individuals. *AK*

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