

Take a free photo with a teddy bear

■ Event is for pediatric cancer awareness

From staff reports

Visitors to Pacific View Mall in Ventura can take a free photo with a teddy bear on Tuesday as part of an effort to raise awareness of pediatric cancer.

The project is part of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation's third annual monthlong pediatric cancer awareness and fundraising effort — the Gold Ribbon Campaign in recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

The photo booth will be set up from 1-3 p.m. in the mall's Center Court.

"At Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, we provide

a variety of support programs to families of youth up to age 21 with cancer living in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties," said Lindsey Leonard, executive director of the foundation.

"This September, we hope our community will join us in raising awareness and supporting local families during a difficult time."

In 2014 the foundation provided services to 649 individuals, according to a news release announcing the event.

For more information or to make a donation, visit the foundation online at www.teddybearcancerfoundation.org, on Facebook (Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation), on Twitter (@Teddybearcancer) or call 962-7466.



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Photos with teddy bears can be taken Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Pacific View Mall in Ventura as the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation launches its third annual monthlong pediatric cancer awareness and fundraising effort — the Gold Ribbon Campaign in recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.