



## The Markie Foundation Names Beneficiaries for 2008

*Three past recipients will receive additional funding to help continue serving families in need*

The Markie Foundation announced it will disburse a significant portion of its existing funds, along with additional funds raised in 2008, among three organizations dedicated to making a difference in the lives of terminally ill children and their families. Specific amounts for the disbursements, to be made in the second half of this year, have not been set and will be determined partially by the amount of funds raised by the Foundation in the coming months. The three beneficiaries, all of which have received past funding from The Markie Foundation, include:

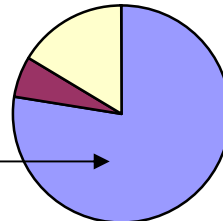
- **Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition in Watsonville, CA**—A social movement led by children's hospitals, hospices, home health and grassroots agencies, and individuals to improve care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families. [www.childrenshospice.org](http://www.childrenshospice.org)
- **George Mark Children's House in San Leandro, CA**—The first free-standing respite care and end-of-life facility in the U.S., which has served hundreds of families (regardless of their ability to pay) since opening in 2005. [www.georgemark.org](http://www.georgemark.org)
- **Hinds Hospice, Fresno, CA**—A premier provider of comprehensive, compassionate end-of-life care, and specialized grief support services, accessible to all. [www.hindshospice.org](http://www.hindshospice.org)

"All three of these organizations share a common vision to provide quality pediatric hospice services, in direct alignment with The Markie Foundation's mission to make a difference in the lives of terminally ill children and their families," says Markie's mom, Janis Wuelfing. "We know that each organization will put our funds to good use, in the spirit of helping families in need, and continue to extend the positive impact our generous donors have on others."

"We are grateful that there are organizations such as these that can provide the much needed services for terminally ill children and their families. Each one of them directly impacts hundreds of lives every year," says Markie's dad, Joe Wuelfing. "Not a day goes by without us thinking about the wonderful support we received while caring for Markie. To know that we are assisting many other families, through the commitment of all our donors, is very rewarding."

### Your Donations at Work

More than \$230,000 raised and \$179,150 disbursed!



■ Disbursements--78%
■ Administration--6%
■ Existing Funds--16%

Since our inception in 1999, we have raised \$230,945 (as of March 2008). Over the past nine years, we have donated:

- \$15,000 to Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition to support its *Partnership for Children* program
- \$11,000 to Hinds Hospice to purchase home-use medical equipment and support its *Angel Babies* program
- \$29,000 to George Mark Children's House to provide ongoing pediatric nursing care and other services
- \$35,000 to Hinds Hospice to fund a Pediatric Hospice Nurse Liaison position
- \$20,000 to UC Davis Medical Center to sponsor a children's hospice conference
- \$15,000 to George Mark Children's House to provide sibling bereavement services and play equipment
- \$50,000 to Comfort for Kids to fund an additional pediatric hospice nurse serving families in need
- \$1,000 to The Leo Brien Foundation for Camp Okizu, a free camp for children with cancer and their families
- \$1,300 to Roman Perkins & Family to help fund a bone marrow drive
- \$1,850 to other charity fundraising efforts

You can read more about these individual disbursements by visiting our website at [www.markiefoundation.org](http://www.markiefoundation.org).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPECIAL CAUSE!**



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## Founders Join CHPCC's Parent Advisory Board

Joe and Janis Wuelfing, founders of The Markie Foundation, recently accepted an invitation to join the Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition (CHPCC) Parent Advisory Board. As participants, they will help ensure that the needs of children and families are represented as CHPCC moves forward with the launch of pilot sites reflecting the Nick Snow Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Act—a recent policy change that will expand Medi-Cal reimbursement for palliative and end-of-life care when the patient is a child.

“Joe and I are honored to serve in this capacity with such a wonderful group of people focused on improving care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families,” says Janis. “It's another way for us to give back, in thanks for the support we received while caring for Mark.”

“Joe and Janis know first-hand the value of a strong children's hospice program, and they are doing so much to help seriously ill children and their families,” says Lisa Buell, Parent Advocate for CHPCC's *Partnership for Parents* program, which offers a support network for parents of children with serious illnesses. “They not only have survived a tremendous loss, but also continue to thrive as a family while keeping Markie's spirit alive. We are grateful to have their voice and family represented on our Parent Advisory Board.”

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## Bringing Others Together

Through its outreach and networking, The Markie Foundation continues to create—and even facilitate—relationships within the children's hospice community. In 2007, the Foundation introduced Mark Provan, Administrator at Sutter North Home Health & Hospice in Marysville, CA, to representatives at the George Mark Children's House (GMCH). The result? This May, members of Provan's staff will attend an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) workshop at GMCH to learn more about the intricacies of pediatric hospice. “For years, our nurses have been looking for specific training on handling pediatric hospice cases, because it's so different than dealing with adults,” says Provan. “The Markie Foundation has been instrumental in bringing us together with other organizations and medical professionals to provide the training we need to better serve terminally ill children and their families.”

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## 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Markie Foundation 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held **Friday, July 11, 2008, at Sunol Valley Golf Club** in Sunol, CA. (Shotgun start at 1 p.m.) The \$135 entry fee includes: lunch, green fee, cart rental, range balls, golf shirt, tee prizes, beverages, and awards dinner. All proceeds go directly to The Markie Foundation. To play in or sponsor this tournament, please see our tournament brochure. You may also call us at (916) 435-8760, or visit the tournament website at [www.markiefoundation.org/golf/](http://www.markiefoundation.org/golf/).

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## 2008 Baseball Bucks

Pledge \$0.50 for each regular season game won by your favorite baseball team, and then send a tax-deductible donation at season's end. To participate, complete and return our form or sign up online at [www.markiefoundation.org/howtohelp/baseballbucks.html](http://www.markiefoundation.org/howtohelp/baseballbucks.html).

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## Keep On(line) Shopping

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## About The Markie Foundation

The Markie Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to children's hospice and helping to make a difference in the lives of terminally ill children and their families. We help fund programs that enable families to spend valuable time caring for and loving their sick child, who has a limited life expectancy. The Markie Foundation was established in July 1999 to honor Mark Warren Wuelfing, who died at four months old from a severe neurological disorder. During his short time on earth, Markie had a positive impact on many people, who offered unconditional love and support as we cared for our sick baby. The Markie Foundation hopes to spread this goodness to other families in need and extend the spirit of our innocent child. For more information, including Markie's life story, why we established the Foundation, and how you can help make a difference in the lives of terminally ill children and their families, please visit [www.markiefoundation.org](http://www.markiefoundation.org).

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