



Newsletter, May 2009

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## The Markie Foundation Surpasses Quarter Million Dollar Mark

*Organization Celebrates 10 Years of Charity and Continuous Support of Children's Hospice*

Through April 2009, The Markie Foundation has raised more than \$250,000 for children's hospice since its inception, thanks to the generosity of all our wonderful donors. These funds have gone directly to support much needed children's hospice programs throughout California, helping to make a difference in the lives of terminally ill children and their families. We are very proud of our accomplishments over the past 10 years and grateful for the tremendous support we continue to receive from our many supporters. We look forward to this continued generosity and sharing our future achievements as we continue to carry out this special mission in honor of Markie.



### Help Us Get There: \$30,000 to Support Much Needed Children's Bereavement Program

The Markie Foundation has pledged to disburse \$30,000 throughout 2009 to Sutter North Hospice for its children's bereavement program. Specifically, the disbursement is for the development of sibling bereavement services in the underserved areas of Sutter, Yuba City, Marysville, and surrounding region. Thus far, The Markie Foundation has helped fund an additional bereavement coordinator at Sutter North Hospice, who is already making a difference by serving families in need who otherwise would not receive this support. The Markie Foundation will rely on contributions and fundraising in 2009 to fulfill its pledge.

"We are extremely grateful for the generous pledge by The Markie Foundation," said Mark Provan, administrator for Sutter North Hospice. "The demand for hospice services continues to grow as more people choose the care, comfort, and support of hospice's trained team of professionals. Sibling bereavement is underserved, particularly in our area, yet it's a very important element for families with terminally-ill children. The support from The Markie Foundation and its many generous donors will make it possible to meet this need."

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this very worthwhile contribution to children's hospice.

### Our Beneficiaries through the Years

In addition to our 2009 pledge to Sutter North Hospice, we have disbursed more than \$180,000 to various beneficiaries over the past 10 years, including:

- \$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
- \$5,000 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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## Sharing Our Experience to Help Others in Need

The Markie Foundation co-founders, Joe and Janis Wuelfing, are members of the Board of Directors for Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition (CHPCC)—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. The organization works hard through numerous programs, including a children's hospice eligibility waiver, to ensure those in need receive proper care and support. You can read all about this wonderful organization and its activities at <http://www.childrenshospice.org>.

As part of their involvement, Joe and Janis have participated in various retreats, workshops, symposiums, small discussions, and parent panels to help deliver valuable education and resources to care providers, families, and other constituents. Most recently, Joe and Janis have been involved with a Family Advisory Council and the development of a parent outreach website called Sharing Wisdom, a resource for parents whose children have died or are faced with life-threatening conditions. You can view this resource at <http://partnershipforparents.org/sharingwisdom/>.

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## 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Markie Foundation 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held **Friday, July 10, 2009, 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) 316-1859, or visit the tournament website at [www.markiefoundation.org/golf/](http://www.markiefoundation.org/golf/).

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## 2009 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

Support The Markie Foundation simply by shopping online through our website. Our "Shopping Page" includes a host of online retailers—from Amazon and iTunes to Omaha Steaks and 1-800-Flowers to Netflix and Camping World. A portion of each purchase made through our affiliate sites goes directly to The Markie Foundation. To see a list of participating stores—and start shopping—visit <http://markiefoundation.org/howtohelp/shopping.html>.

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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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