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Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation Presents Check to St. John's Regional Medical Center



Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation check presentation to St. John's Regional Medical Center. (left to right): Harvey Diamond, Alice Diamond, Dr. Henry Montes, (Radiation Oncologist), Margaret Eade (Director of CCVC), Laurie Bigham, VP, CNE and Dr. Tad O'Connor, (Radiation Oncologist).

Fulfilling the promise Harvey Diamond made to his daughter, Jennifer, as she lay dying from appendiceal cancer, the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation has selected The Cancer Center of Ventura County at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA, which is affiliated with the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center, to be the location for the next Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library. Situated just off the 101 Freeway at 1700 N. Rose Avenue, St. John's is the leading cancer center serving thousands people in the Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

Like the three previous libraries before, in suite 150, just to the left of the main entrance of St. John's Regional Medical Center, The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library will be a place where cancer patients and their loved ones will be able to come and obtain information on the disease that has recently become a part of their lives or has already been there for a while. The library will offer peace and comfort; the library will be serene, and more importantly, the library will offer hope during a very difficult time. The library will be outfitted with a state-of-the-art Apple computer and monitor that will provide easy internet access. A wide variety of medical textbooks with information on all types of cancer and cancer therapies(cont. pg3)

Letter from the President



Welcome Friends,

Here we are in the middle of 2006 and it seems we should still be in 2005. Looking back, Alice and I had an amazing year working to see that our daughter's dream was being fulfilled and that the promise that Alice and I made to her was being achieved, and they were. We had a year of fabulous events including the 2nd annual Paddle for

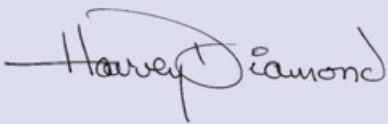
a Purpose (kayak race), our yearly Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta and our annual Black Tie Gala Dinner & Awards presentation, and for the first time, a weekend concert extravaganza in Ventura. In 2005, The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation also gifted The Cancer Center of Ventura County at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA, with the funds to establish the 4th Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library. I am happy to say construction is almost complete.

Looking at the current year, The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation will be providing financial support to the Pagano family as little Katie Pagano, who is 2 years old and whose health insurance is close to being capped, under goes treatment for cancer. A portion of the proceeds from the October 7th, 2006, Black Tie Gala Dinner & Awards event, which will be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, will go to help Katie and her family.

As always, Alice and I send our heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support of the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 13th at our 4th Annual Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey and again at our annual Black Tie Gala Dinner on Saturday evening, October 7th at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City.

One last thought - remember, for those affected by cancer, it is very important to help Empower the Mind and to Encourage the Spirit.

All the best,



Harvey Diamond
President
The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation

Katie's Story

At the tender age of 2, little Katie Pagano has seen the inside of a hospital more times than most people see in their lifetime, make that several lifetimes. Diagnosed with Acute Myloid Leukemia Type M5 at 28 months, little Katie Pagano spends 30 days at a stretch at Connecticut's Children's Medical Center undergoing rigorous cancer treatment to fight her disease. Each day 5 different types of chemotherapy drip into her little body via a central line in her chest. After her 30-day treatment Katie is allowed to go home and rest for 5 days and then she is back at the hospital for another 30-day treatment and the cycle continues and Katie stays in remission.

It was in late November 2005 when Katie's parents noticed that Katie was walking with a slight limp and occasionally she would say to her parents that she hurt. Being a little over 2 at this time, communicating exactly where she hurt was impossible; Katie had no idea where the pain was coming from, all she knew was that she hurt. At the onset of the limp, Katie's parents Matthew, a chiropractor in private practice, and Lori took Katie to the doctor and were told to watch Katie for a couple of weeks to see if the limp went away or progressed. The parents felt relief thinking that Katie had just over done it while running around and playing. As it turns out the limp got worse, the pain intensified and Katie became more and more restless. Katie's Aunt Ally said, "When I was in Connecticut visiting for the holidays, I noticed that Katie, our beautiful "Kinetic Kid" as she is known in my family, a child who was always in motion, always curious, always confident and always laughing had changed. She was quiet, lethargic and she seemed sad. She was definitely not the Katie I was used to." In January 2006 Katie underwent a series of tests. At first the doctor thought that they might be dealing with juvenile arthritis, but upon review of her blood work, the doctor knew differently. Katie's parents were told to get Katie to Connecticut's Children's Medical Center and to get her there quickly. Life for the Pagano family would never be the same.

For the past several months Katie has been undergoing her 30-day at a time chemotherapy treatment with costs exceeding a



~ Can Do It ~
- Katie Pagano

Katie Pagano, February 2006

\$100,000.00 per cycle and since the family has been on COBRA due to Lori's company going out of business, the cap for Katie's treatment is close to being reached. Realizing the serious predicament her brother's family was facing, Katie's Aunt Ally called fellow sailing enthusiast Jim Angeloni, whom she had met a few years back when they participated in the Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta, and told him about her niece's condition and how she wanted to organize a benefit to help Katie and her brother's family out. Jim, being an active volunteer with the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation presented an idea to Foundation President, Harvey Diamond. The idea Jim pitched to Harvey was for the Foundation to donate a portion of the proceeds from the Black Tie Gala Dinner and Auction, which will be held on Saturday evening, October 7th, to the Pagano family. Harvey welcomed the idea with open arms. Harvey Diamond states, "For Alice and I, having lost a child to cancer ourselves, we could completely relate to what the Pagano family is going through; the stress; the concern; the heartache. We felt we had to help this family. We need to help take even a tiny bit off of their minds and if donating a portion of the proceeds from our annual gala fundraisers will do that, then so be it. Little Katie and her family are living a nightmare right now. Alice and I understand."



Katie clowns around in the hospital while undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Please go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/katiebean for updates on Katie's condition and treatments. ✨

SPOT LIGHT (cont.)

will fill the bookshelves. Educational and inspirational information on CD-Rom and videos will be provided in the media center area of the library. Keeping in mind the high Hispanic population in the area, various materials will be provided in Spanish. A printer/copier will be provided for those who may want to take the information home with them to look over again at a later time. Again, like the three previous libraries, the library will be open to all and will be free of charge.

Reflecting on the importance of having a cancer research library at The Cancer Center of Ventura County, Registered Nurse Karen Hillman said, "The library will allow St. John's to offer cancer patients the opportunity to come research, explore and learn, which will help to open their eyes to others success stories and to help support them through their cancer experience. Some people like to read; some prefer to view, while others prefer the timelessness of the internet and having the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library here, fulfills all of those preferences." Asked why The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation chose Ventura County as the site for their 4th library, Harvey Diamond responds, "Having a library here is very different from where our other libraries are located. This site is very exciting for our foundation. Our other libraries are located at the Wellness Community Valley/Ventura, weSpark in Sherman Oaks and at Gilda's Club in Cathedral City which are all cancer support centers. Placing a library inside of The Cancer Center of Ventura County at St. John's Regional Medical Center brings our libraries into an actual hospital; a place where people undergo cancer surgeries and receive cancer treatments. By having the library in the hospital, cancer patients will not have to travel far for information and I think of the family members who wait for those undergoing treatment, those who feel so helpless sitting by. This library will provide them a place to go during that time; to read, to meditate or just to relax. Plus, the library will provide hope and open dialogue between the patient, family and physician. That alone sums up the mission of the Jennifer Diamond Foundation which is to help people win the fight against all forms of cancer by focusing on empowering people with knowledge and providing tools to help treat the mind and body as one."

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library at The Cancer Center of Ventura County is scheduled to open this summer. ✨

2006 UPCOMING EVENTS

— Mark your Calendars

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation, a 501 (C) (3) public charity organization, which is dedicated to helping people win the fight against all forms of cancer.

Sunday, August 13th

4th Annual Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta – The Del Rey Yacht club will once again be the location for this exciting and fun event. Following the regatta, the race awards/trophy presentation will commence on the patio.

Saturday evening, October 7th, 2006

The 4th Annual Jennifer Diamond Black-Tie Gala at the Sheraton Universal City Hotel.

For more information on our 2006 events, please contact the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation at **(310) 551-0800**.



It's a Boy!

Harvey and Alice Diamond welcomed into the world their first grandchild on April 8th, 2006. At 21 inches long, Julian Michael O'Mara Diamond weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. The proud parents are Harvey and Alice's son, Matthew, and his wife, Colleen. Congratulations to all! ✨

“Paddle For a Purpose” Makes a Big Splash in Raising Awareness Within Local Communities



rewarding experience for Alice and myself. When we look around and see the faces of the kids and see their joy, we experience such an overwhelming sense of happiness. Working with our co-sponsors, The Special Olympics and The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation is a complete delight. Everyone involved has a lot of fun and for me, it's about the fun." Adds Alice Diamond, "Our commitment to these children; to the folks in our local communities is strengthened every year because of events like this."

There is a fair amount of work involved and Harvey and I know how fortunate we are to have the kind of volunteers we have who donate their time and energy so willingly so that we can provide the kids, their families, the kayakers and the spectators with a fun and exciting day at the beach. We couldn't do our events without them.

After the race ended all involved met up at the Del Rey Yacht Club for a post race celebration which included food, drinks and raffle. 🌸

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation, partnered up again on Saturday, July 9th with The Special Olympics and The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation for the second "Paddle For a Purpose" kayak relay race at Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey, CA. Raising awareness within the local community for children with physical and/or intellectual special needs, the "Paddle For a Purpose" event made for a highly enjoyable day. Kayaking, on its own, is a challenge; throw in the inexperience and competition factors and kayaking can be down right funny and this year, laughter was the name of the game.

Following the traditions of the previous year, on the morning of the race the teams were arranged and each participant was given a colored hat to designate which team they belonged to. The special needs children were also given a colored hat and assigned to a specific teammate. As the race began, the cheers for the teams could be heard up and down the beach as could the laughs from participants and spectators alike.

After the race, medals were presented to each child depending on how the assigned teammate finished.

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation's co-sponsors for this event, The Special Olympics and The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation, are instrumental in teaching children within local communities a wide variety of sporting activities and runs the gamut on teaching various water sports such as outrigger and sailing techniques. Additionally, The Special Olympics work with the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club and their Junior Shipmate Sailing Program. The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation has helped hundreds of youth and young adults turn their lives around through sailing. The Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation offers training and competition to children as well as funds sailing scholarships in the Santa Monica area.

Reflecting back on the events of the day, Harvey Diamond, President of The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation, states "Co-hosting an event like this is such a



Looks like the "Blue" team finds themselves in a bit of a jam at the 2005 Paddle for a Purpose kayak race.



Co-event sponsor, Sherry Barone from The Special Olympics, lends the microphone to a member of the "Red" team to send out encouragement to fellow teammates.



Fun and Excitement on the Open Seas

The 3rd Annual Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta proved once again that each year the race is held, the levels of excitement and entertainment continue to grow. Just when you thought that the 2004 regatta would be a hard one to top, 2005 comes in and does just that. Held on Sunday, July 19th at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey, CA, twenty-one sailboats took part in the race this year with many of those returning from previous years. The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation puts this annual event together and offers folks the opportunity to help local communities through the funding of Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Libraries and once again, the skippers and sailors gave it their all, whether it be raising money for the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation or working the race to make it fun and exciting for all. President of the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation, Harvey Diamond, states, "Little did Alice and I know when we first had the idea of a regatta how successful and fun this would end up being. Every year it just seems to snowball. We are continually surprised and overwhelmed by the generosity of the people who participate in this event."

This 10 mile course, which has inspired close finishes the past two years including a photo finish 2 years ago, begins with the slowest boat starting first and the fastest boat starting last. The ratings standard of each boat is the deciding factor on who will start the race first. Del Rey Yacht Club Race Committee Chair, Roberto Cordero, handed out the start times prior to the boats leaving their slips. The first three sailboats across the finish line were Empress, Star Seal and Avet, with the big winners in their respective categories being Empress, the fastest rated boat in the Racing (PHRF) class A, skippered by Vince Kent; Star Seal, the fastest rated boat in the Racing (PHRF) Class B, skippered by Lee Lewis and Celebrity, the fastest rated boat in the Cruising Class, skippered by Bruce Bilson. The boat Avet, skippered by Curt Johnson, earned a second place overall finish in Class B. Race organizer, Lee Lewis, was quoted after the race as saying "The Jennifer Cancer Diamond Foundation is one of the most generous organizations I have ever run across. The venue, the food, the trophies and the Skippers & Sailors party after the race proves just how much Harvey Diamond cares about those who participate in this fundraiser, how much he cares for



Winner in the Class B category "Star Seal", Skippered by race organizer Lee Lewis.

the foundation. Both Harvey and Alice Diamond have such huge hearts and they want so bad to share the knowledge they learned through the death of their daughter that they continue to do these events and continue to do them well."

After the race, the Skippers and Sailors party was held on the side patio of the yacht club. Former Los Angeles Dodger and World Series champion, Jay Johnstone helped Harvey and Alice in picking the winning raffle tickets.

Please join us on August 13th, 2006 as the 4th annual Jennifer Diamond Celebrity Sailboat Regatta once again sets sail from the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey, CA. If the past is any indication for the future, the 2006 regatta promises to be even more fun and more exciting than the previous years. 🌸



The crew of the "Empress", winner of the 2005 Perpetual Trophy with race organizer, Lee Lewis (front left) and Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation President, Harvey Diamond (front right).



"Celebrity", first place winner in the Cruising Class category rounds the buoy with "Avet", the second place finisher in the Class B category, close behind.

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation Honors Actress / Comedian / Cancer Warrior Wendie Jo Sperber at Gala Dinner

This year's gala dinner was a night of celebration and laughs as the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation honored actress, comedian, and cancer warrior Wendie Jo Sperber with the Diamond Humanitarian Award. The event, held on Saturday, September 17th at the Hilton Universal Hotel in Universal City, celebrated not only the career of a very talented and funny lady, but also the guts and determination of a true warrior. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998, which eventually spread through her body, Wendie turned this horrific diagnosis into the fight of her life and subsequently establish an organization, "weSpark" — a cancer support center in Sherman Oaks, to helps others in the fight for their lives as well. This past summer the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation established the third of their Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Libraries at the "weSpark" facility. Harvey Diamond said, "It is through events like our gala/black tie dinner that we are able to provide cancer research libraries in neighboring communities and in keeping with our mission, The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation selected "weSpark" because it was an obvious choice. They do incredible work helping people, by treating



Co-hosts Lee Marshall (left) and Telma Hopkins (middle) and Harvey Diamond (right) at the 2005 Black Tie Gala.

the mind and body as one, which is a high priority for our foundation when we decide where our next library will be housed. As for Wendie, we could not have selected a better human being to honor this year. Alice and I both know what it is like to have someone you love diagnosed with cancer; we know how the loved ones of those with cancer feel and so does Wendie. She is a fine actress

and a comedian, but what is more important is she is a daughter, a mother, a friend and a warrior who has fought her disease with grace and humor and for her overall contributions she was our number one choice. We are proud to be affiliated with Wendie and her weSpark organization."

The evening festivities began with cocktails/silent auction and continued with dinner and dancing. The award presentation was prefaced with a montage of some of Wendie's most memorable scenes from such films as "I Wanna Hold Your Hand", "1941", "Bachelor Party" as well as scenes from many of her television appearances including "Bosom Buddies" in which she co-starred with close friends, Tom Hanks, Peter Scolari and Telma Hopkins. Through the magic of modern technology many of Wendie's friends from the entertainment world were able to send their congratulations via videotape, which personalized the evening even more. Unfortunately, due to illness, Wendie could not attend the gala, but her presence was felt by everyone in attendance. Nancy Allen, Program Director for weSpark, fellow actress and a very close friend of Wendie's accepted the award on her behalf. Master of Ceremony duties were shared between Rock & Roll Hall of Fame honoree and DJ at The Boomer radio station in Ventura, Lee Marshall and one of Wendie's dearest



Alice & Harvey Diamond with 4 time World Champion and Gold medalist Scott Hamilton with his live auction/highest bid Neil Diamond autographed guitar.



Actress and Program Director at weSpark, Nancy Allen (right) with daughter.

friends, singer/actress Telma Hopkins. Not wanting Wendie to miss out on the evening, the entire program was videotaped, edited and sent to Wendie the following week.

Lee Marshal hosted the live auction with Olympic Gold Medalist and four-time World Champion, Scott Hamilton being the high bidder on a Neil Diamond autographed guitar.

The Alley Cats and Sharkey & The Babes provided the evenings musical entertainment.

This gala, like those in the past, was very special. Thank you to all who helped make it so. ✨



On November 29th, 2005, surrounded by her loved ones, Wendie Jo Sperber lost her battle with cancer. The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation extends their deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Without a doubt the world is a better place because of Wendie and the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation is proud to have her as their 2005 Diamond Humanitarian Award recipient.

Past Events

The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation wishes to thank the following for helping to make our fundraisers a huge success:

Celebrity Sailboat Regatta - July 19th & Gala Event – September 17th, 2005

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“What I did for Love” Concert Event – October 15th & 16th, 2005

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 Melora Hutton

Jo Nelsen

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 Elizabeth Sadowski
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Sincere thanks to the Eisner Foundation for awarding The Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation a \$10,000.00 unrestricted grant.

A Magical Weekend of Music Benefits St. John's Regional Medical Center

On the weekend of October 15th and 16th, 2005, 8 incredibly talented vocalists put on a show to end all shows. The location was the Church of Religious Science in Ventura and the weekend concert was called "What I Did for Love".

John Aguilar, owner of "Celeb's Hair Salon in Ventura, CA, brought the idea for a concert/fundraiser to the Jennifer Diamond Cancer Foundation's attention in the early part of last year. After discussing the concept with Harvey and Alice Diamond, the decision to go forward with the concert was given the green light. Harvey said, "Music has always been a big part of my life, as it has for Alice, and we thought that since our 4th Jennifer Diamond Cancer Research Library was scheduled to open at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Ventura in 2006, it would be perfect to have an event in the area that would benefit St. John's." Aguilar, who is no stranger to helping out charitable organizations over the years, contacted performers who he has worked with in the past and began cultivating the vocalist and musicians that would guarantee one incredible musical experience. Mary Anne Novack was brought on as concert Producer/Director and Connie

Washburn was not only a member of the band, she also took the lead as Musical Director. The vocalists, who as quoted by producer/director Mary Anne Novack, "are extremely talented and so very impressive", have varied backgrounds in music, but the common factor everyone shared was their love for musical theater. This love for the theater became very apparent when the vocalists selected their musical numbers for the concert, which included "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Misérables, sung by Karen Sonnenschein; "Memories" from Cats, sung by Teri Lynn Regalado; "This is the Moment" from Jekyll and Hyde, sung by Gary Saxer and "Somewhere" from Westside Story, sung by Jo Nelson. Motion picture soundtracks featured in to the program with John Aguilar singing "Can You Read My Mind" from Superman. It is always wonderful to hear songs one is familiar with, but on the flip side, it is very special to hear new and original material and singer/songwriters Elizabeth Sadowski gifted us with "Your Eyes" and "I am Changing"; Jo Nelson with "Butterfly Blue" and "Believe", and Carmen Doane with "Awake Now" and "Where You Go". Humor also reined high in the program with Melora Hutton bringing laughs to the crowd with "October in Oxnard" and "Popular".

Appropriate enough, the concert finale, sung by the entire cast, featured the song "What I Did for Love" from the hit Broadway play A Chorus Line. Accompanying the vocalists were musicians: Connie Washburn - piano, Jess Castro - guitar, Al Velasquez - percussion, Mike Velasquez - Bass and Jared Barkan - acoustic guitar.

Interwoven between songs, personal stories were shared, stories of those that have been touched by cancer; some were stories of survival - some of loss but the thread that tied them all together was LOVE. With the rich tones of Master of Ceremonies and Narrator Lee Marshall's voice, a great deal of depth and dimension were added to the stories. ✨



The vocalist from the "What I Did for Love" concert in Ventura, CA.



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