

# Childbirth Connection Foundation



Summer 2011 Newsletter

## Letter From The President



Once again I want to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for all the financial donations we have received this year.

Your support is even more important to families now because of the fiscal crisis in California, which continues to make cuts to critical

services including Medi-Cal and our local schools. Because of this, our Foundation continues to work hard to fill in the gaps, assisting with expenses for medical needs that are no longer covered. Most of these parents are already living below the poverty level and are unable to meet many of the needs of their children. Purchasing eye glasses, counseling services, dental work, prescriptions and tutoring are some of the ways we continue to put your donations to work.

Also we are planning for a few fun filled summer activities designed to relieve stress and keep families engaged. In addition to our annual beach trip and other outings this summer, we look forward to sending children to camp, sponsoring swimming lessons, dance classes, as well as purchasing another laptop for a student.

Your continued loyalty has made all of this possible. For those of you who have continued over the years to provide us with your financial gifts, we are in awe of your generosity of spirit. Love and many thanks, Randi.

## Leadership Training/Volunteer Opportunities

The Foundation was selected to attend a three day leadership series called Alchemy through The Annenberg Foundation. Our principal board members and Executive Director just completed the training and are now all fired up and inspired to expand our board and strengthen our organization. If you are passionate about making a difference for “at risk” children and have some time to volunteer, we would love to hear from you! After-all, Alchemy means “turning something ordinary into something extraordinary.”

## Our Holiday Celebrations

Once again we gathered for our annual Holiday party this past December. We were fortunate to have a new venue that was very festive with holiday decorations and large blow up cartoon characters, which delighted the children. After pizza and salad, all the children anxiously anticipated Santa’s arrival. Each child received their individually chosen gift, made possible by your donations, and had their photo taken with Santa. We had a special treat this year when 9 year old Neha performed a Bollywood dance. Her talent delighted us all. Our party ended with everyone dancing and celebrating the holiday season.

Spring brought eggs, bunnies, laughter and reconnecting with friends. Decorating hard-boiled eggs again brought out the “artist” in each child. The race for eggs continued to be the highlight with all the children filling their baskets and comparing their stash. At the end, the children wanted to be assured there would be another egg hunt next year!



## Laura's Got Rhythm

Laura can feel the beat and move her feet! Upon the urging of her mentor, Janet Papkin, she has been enrolled in Hip Hop dance lessons at Revolution Dance Center. The benefits are countless, not to mention the pleasure of making new friends and having fun. Her efforts and lots of practice have prepared her for her first dance recital in June. It will be an event to look forward to, and a happy memory to look back on as she improves.

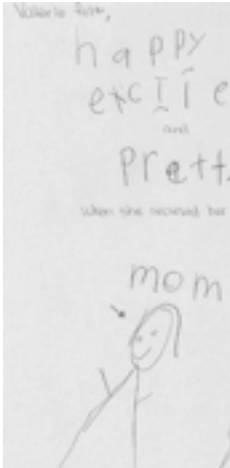


## Valerie's Story



“When I got my glasses, I went to Costco with my Mom and Grandpa. I was so excited to know I was going to be able to have my own pair of glasses at home! First they didn't fit right, but the doctor fixed them

and then they were perfect for me. My Glasses are supercool because they are black with silver moons on the side. Now I can see better with my glasses, plus I feel pretty!”



## Upcoming Events for 2011

Annual Beach Trip

August 15, 2011

Pumpkin Patch Visit

October 21, 2011

Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution  
sponsored by Westland School

November 21 - 24, 2011

Annual Holiday Party

December 16, 2011



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