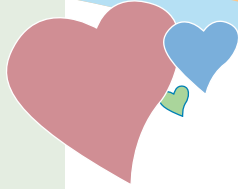


Big Hearts for Little Hearts Newsletter

BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS NEWSLETTER, LOMA LINDA GUILD
MARCH – AUGUST 2022



A Note from the Presidents

We have had a busy first half of 2022, starting with the Loving Hearts Loving You Valentine event (covered in the previous issue), Spring into Reading, the Eats 'n Sweets fundraiser, Storytime filming sessions, and Luke's Birthday Bash. At the hospital-based events, patients received a LEGO® set, cuddly stuffed animal, a new age-appropriate book, blank journal, or coloring book, and fun crafts and activities to enhance their hospital stay.

Your generosity in supporting our 2022 Big Hearts for Little Hearts (BHLH) Membership Drive allowed us to order four biliblankets (\$20,000 total), the portable phototherapy devices that treat neonatal jaundice.

We are excited about our upcoming events—check the Activities Calendar for details! If you are interested in helping with a specific event or becoming more involved with BHLH as a member of our board of directors, we welcome your participation! Please contact Arturo Cabrera for more information.

With gratitude for your big hearts,

Evelyn & Lynn

2022-2023 Board of Directors

Co-Presidents: Evelyn Guseck & Lynn Sleeth

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Luke's Birthday Event: Lynn Sleeth

Spring & Fall Reads: Evelyn Guseck (Spring), Sandy McCoy (Fall)

Family Fun Event: Joyce Waner & Caryl Clover-Shelby

Cooking School: Cheryl Fallon & Laurel Munson

Trees of Hope: Dixie Watkins & Julie Cutler

Gingerbread Village: Sandi Herrmann

Storytime Production: Caryl Clover-Shelby

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And . . . We're Back! Dishes for Wishes Returns

Dishes for Wishes is returning this year (on **Wednesday, October 12**, to be exact), and at a new venue too! The beautiful, historic Burrage Mansion in Redlands—owned by local benefactors Tim and Carol Rochford—will be hosting the event, and we couldn't be more thrilled!



As this year's theme, we have chosen, "Tried and True, All Year Through." Martha Green will work her cooking magic by showcasing classic, easy-to-make, crowd-pleasing dishes destined to become favorites in your own kitchen.

The 2022 cooking school is dedicated to the memory of John Mace, MD, Chairman, Loma Linda University department of pediatrics, from 1975 until 2003. His legendary devotion in caring for the children of the Inland Empire and his development of the department of pediatrics and the LLU Children's Hospital will be missed.

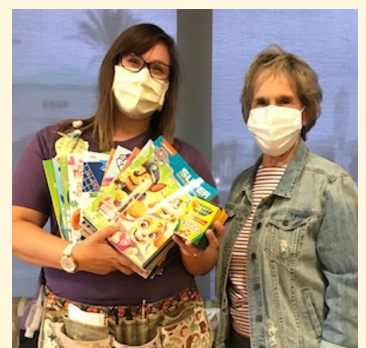
Join us for guaranteed good fun and good eats that will benefit the children of the Inland Empire and the LLU Children's Hospital that serves them. As always, proceeds go toward purchasing much-needed medical equipment.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m., with shopping and viewing of the opportunity drawing items. Admission is \$100 per person and includes five opportunity tickets. —*Laurel Munson*

SAVE THE DATE! INVITATIONS ARRIVING SOON.

Big-Hearted Love Extends to Young Outpatients

The BHLH Loma Linda Guild is very excited about our recent association with the LLU Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Outpatient Clinic. In addition to our continued support to the inpatient population, we have extended our outreach to include these children who are in prolonged outpatient infusion treatment courses, frequently being seen two to three times each week, for up to three years.



Our contact started with the gift of gingerbread houses the clinic incorporated into their annual holiday parties. When we launched our LEGO® LOVE campaign, we included the outpatient kids by providing age appropriate LEGO® sets and other age-appropriate items to help occupy their time during treatment and then later at home over the long term.

When COVID-19 prevented the clinic's 2021 holiday party, we delivered the gingerbread houses and the staff stated that the children were so excited to receive their gingerbread house. A 9-year-old boy exclaimed, "they came, they came!" He was so happy not to be forgotten. What a blessing to include these often-overlooked patients in BHLH programs! —*Sandi Herrmann*



Do you know someone interested in becoming a BHLH guild member? Encourage them to visit our membership website for more information: lluch.org/llgmembership



Upcoming Events

Activities Calendar

Throughout
September

LEGO® Love Campaign
Get involved: lluch.org/legolove

Monday,
September 19

Fall into Reading
LLU Children's Hospital

Wednesday,
October 12

Dishes for Wishes
Burrage Mansion, Redlands
Register online: lluch.org/dishes

Throughout
November & December

Trees of Hope Campaign
Watch your mailbox at the end
of October for the angel order form!
Order online: lluch.org/toh

Monday,
December 5

Gingerbread Village
LLU Children's Hospital

A Heartfelt Farewell

Valerie Lewis has participated in the Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild activities for more than 20 years. Her love of children and teaching background led to her leadership as an educational liaison, and coordinator for the Valentine's Day events, among many other supportive roles.

So it is with reluctance that the BHLH Loma Linda Guild Board members bid her farewell. Valerie and her husband, Dr. Terence Lewis, have decided to retire in their home country, Australia.

They will be blessed by being close to their daughter, Jane, son-in-law Neil, and delightful grandson Elliot. And who or what could compete with that?

God bless you, dear Val. You will be missed! —Lynn Sleeth



Photo: Lynn Sleeth

LEGO® LOVE Ready for Third Successful Year



The third annual **LEGO® LOVE** campaign launches in September. The campaign, which has raised more than \$32,000 over the past two years, aims to brighten hospital stays for the young patients receiving treatment at LLU Children's Hospital. To donate LEGO® sets (or cash), visit lluch.org/legolove.

Lifetime Members

We LOVE our lifetime members!

Diane Adams • Leigh Anderson

Gary Brown • Beverly Ching

Melissa Chun, DDS

Julie & Tom Cutler • Jacqueline Davis

Marcia & Richard Dunbar • Cynthia

Johnson • Melissa & Pete Koss

Debra Meadows, DDS • Laurel

Munson, MD • Julia "Judy" Rogers

Joyce & Neal Waner • Ai-Mae &

Barry Watkins, MDs

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Caryl & Kirk Shelby

Considering lifetime membership?
Contact Arturo Cabrera: 909.558.5384

Eats 'n Sweets Rolls On

The **Eats 'n Sweets** campaign generates donations year round to fund BHLH projects—such as LEGO® LOVE—raising \$3,700 to date, thanks to the partnership of Martha Green's The Eating Room and Dough'lectibles Bakery.



Photo: Leigh Anderson

Service with a smile:
Riley Belter and Jenna Sharp

Long-time comfort zones for foodies, the local restaurant and bakery beautifully embody what it means to be Redlands Strong. And, yes, we can all agree with the bakery's motto, "Life's Short, Eat Cookies."

Next time you stop in for treats at Martha's, consider adding a donation to LLU Children's Hospital on your bill. The children of the Inland Empire thank you! —Leigh Anderson

SNAPSHOTS: SPRING & SUMMER 2022

Clockwise, from top left: (1) Scenes from the April 2022 **Spring into Reading**, featuring spring-themed activity packets and books. (2) *Quiet on the set!* Filming for the next series of **Storytime** book readings is under way. The stories will be shown on a loop over the holidays throughout the LLU Health network. **Watch Zoom**, a story read by Diane Adams, BHLH board member and author. (3) On June 13, the annual **Luke the Lion's Birthday Bash** celebrated the "friendly face" of LLU Children's Hospital for over 20 years. More than 150 patients received backpack gift bags—including one delighted young patient, Aubrey. Each pack was filled with diversionary activities, crazy socks, and a huggable Luke the Lion. **Note:** Due to pandemic protocols, *Child Life Services* delivers BHLH event activity packets to patients' rooms.

Photos: BHLH



Visit the [membership webpage](#) to join the Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild or renew your membership. You'll also find info about upcoming activities where you can share your big heart!