

# eNEWSLETTER

IN SUPPORT OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

NOVEMBER 2015

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Welcome back to our Coachella Valley! It was a summer jam-packed with planning...all executed beautifully by your BHLH Desert Guild Board. As I write this

column, our first "Lunch and Learn" Cooking Demonstration at Ristorante Mamma Gina is fast selling out. I look forward to a scrumptious lunch prepared by Executive Chef Tony Gonzales and to seeing all of you "up close and personal!" Don't forget to sign up for the rest of our superb lineup....January 15th at Hideaway Golf Club in La Quinta, February 18th at Bellatrix at The Classic Club in Palm Desert, and our season's signature event An Evening of Girlfriends, Glamour & Giving, March 15th at Toscana Country Club. A fabulous season awaits!

Your response to the newsletter has been overwhelming. It has been my pleasure to share with you what your continued commitment to our Guild has brought about. As a result of our September issue, we received an incredible donation from ROGER AND RUTH MILLER of Indian Wells. After reading the article on our ER Clothing Project, they were so moved by the assistance our Guild provides, they funded the entire project for the 2015-16 season! From the bottom of our BIG HEARTS and the hospital beds of the LITTLE HEARTS, ♥THANK YOU ROGER AND RUTH ♥



## A Grandmother's Story by Debbie Casden

I am not sure how often a grandmother is asked to write something about a grandchild with special needs. Let me start from the beginning...

Four years ago, my granddaughter Olivia, then 4 years old, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. It is four words you never want to hear. After we got over the initial shock, and she was coming home from the hospital, we started to understand what exactly it meant to have a granddaughter with T1D and how it would impact our lives on a daily basis.

My son and daughter-in-law, as well as the whole family, have spent the last four years learning about T1D. Olivia has to have her blood tested at least four times a day and get four shots. For the first year, her pre-school was not licensed to give her these shots, so everyday at lunch, my son or



I had to go to her school and give her a shot after her lunch.

Most people think that if you have Diabetes, you just manage it, but it is a very complicated disease. As Olivia has gotten older, she has gotten better about telling us if she thinks her blood sugar is low. She is able to verbalize what she is feeling, which is a big

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I started writing you in June by expressing how awestruck I feel by the history of this Guild. Since then, I have become even more impressed by the dedication of our Board and our Members. The past few months have been a journey of enlightenment on the accomplishments of this Guild and the truly exceptional care at LLUCH. If you haven't had a chance to tour the hospital, I encourage you to do so. You will cry tears of sadness along with tears of hope and joy. If you are interested in a tour, please contact Dale Rotner at

djrotner1@aol.com.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, and thanks for giving to Big Hearts for Little Hearts Desert Guild!

Terry Seigel

**Do you know anyone who would like to become a member and join in our activities? If so, have them call Joan Woehrmann at (760) 328-2132 or email her at dizzybld1@aol.com**



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# WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN...

... and serve your community at the same time? Join our DESERT GUILD Board. We are a group of committed, smart, and fun women who have banded together for a wonderful cause...great healthcare for the kids of the Coachella Valley. It's never too early to plan for next season, and new people translates into new and

fresh ideas for our Guild. If no one has ever asked you to serve before ... I'm asking! Our board meetings are open to all Guild Members. While space is limited, please feel free to join us for one of our meetings and meet your entire BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS DESERT Guild Board. See how we plan, execute, and decide how

the hospital could best use the funds we raise. Our meeting schedule is as follows and all meetings are at 10:00 am at First Republic Bank on El Paseo. Won't you join us?

December 16th ... January 20th ...  
February 17th...March 16th ...  
April 20th ... May 11th. ❤️





**Grandmother,**

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help in her care and management. That's a big responsibility for a child so young.

Early on in the diagnoses, my son and daughter-in-law decided that they were going to hit this head-on. They learned as much as they could, and have done an amazing job of taking care of Olivia. But just because you take care of it, it doesn't always go with way you want it to. There are many nuances regarding T1D, and it is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year job. Now let me talk to you about how LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL has impacted our family.

LLUCH is a one hour drive from our home. They are the closest hospital that can take care of Olivia. She has been taken by ambulance when she had something as regular as the flu. Where other people can just take some medicine, and maybe some fluids to keep



themselves from getting dehydrated, a child with T1D is much harder to manage. We are so lucky to have LLUCH as her hospital, or she would have to go to Los Angeles to be treated.

About the same time that Olivia was diagnosed, I got involved with BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS DESERT GUILD. I knew something about the Guild, as I had a couple of friends that were involved, but didn't know the extent of its involvement with the Hospital. It is a treat to be on

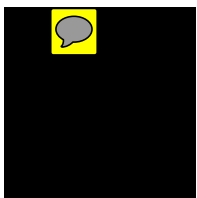
the Board for many reasons. First, the women are very dedicated and interesting and devote a lot of time and energy to making a difference at the Hospital. Second, once you are lucky enough to take a tour, you will be hooked. Third, all of the really sick children from the Coachella Valley go to LLUCH.

Let me tell you about how Olivia is doing and dealing with T1D. She has been ice skating for 2 years, and is on the ice four days a week. Her goal is to become a competitive skater,

and maybe one day go to the Olympics. Even thought that is a huge goal, she and her parents are not letting Diabetes keep her from her dreams.

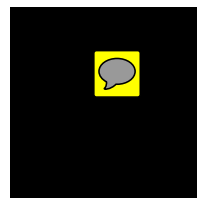
Someone once said that it takes a village to raise a child, but it really does take a village to raise a child with T1D. Many thanks to LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL for all the incredible work they do, but also for helping to take care of my special granddaughter, Olivia. ❤️

# LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
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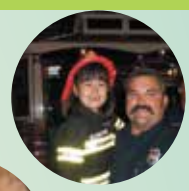
**MEMBERSHIP INFO:**  
<https://advancement.lluhealth.org/connect/desert-guild-membership>

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** <https://advancement.lluhealth.org/woolleypottis>

**TEDDY BEARS:** <https://advancement.lluhealth.org/hugshelphealing>



# BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS DESERT GUILD IN SUPPORT OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



## Website

[luchdesertguild.org](http://luchdesertguild.org)

## Webpages

### Events

**Hugs Help Healing Workshop:** [luch.org/hhh](http://luch.org/hhh)

**Cooking Demonstration Series:** [luch.org/cookingdemo](http://luch.org/cookingdemo)

**Girlfriends, Glamour & Giving:** [luch.org/glamour](http://luch.org/glamour)

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