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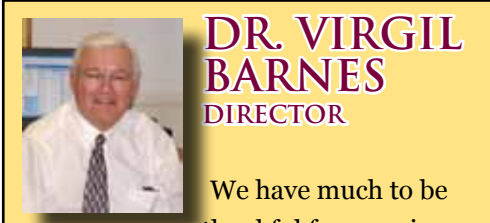
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# QUARTERLY UPDATE

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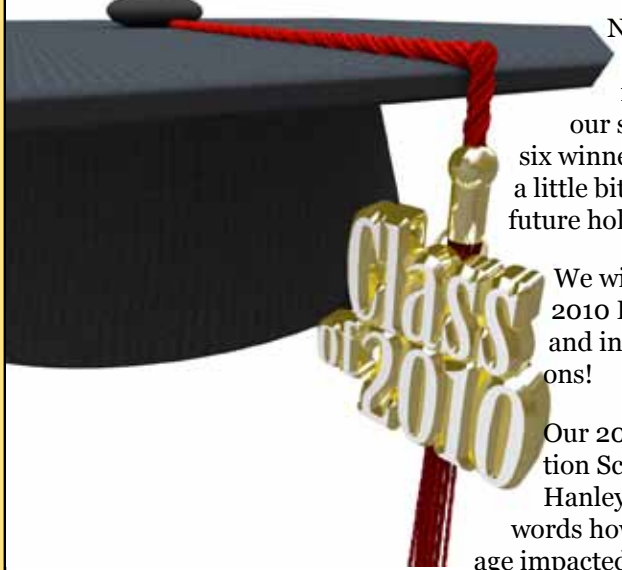
THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION & VISION ARE DESIGNED TO FUND AND PROMOTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE WEST MOJAVE DESERT WHO NEED IT THE MOST.

## SCHOLARSHIP ISSUE



**DR. VIRGIL BARNES**  
DIRECTOR

We have much to be thankful for even in these difficult financial times. Your continued support of the Sunset Hills Children Foundation has allowed us to again this year award scholarships to the deserving applicants featured in this newsletter. Your support will help create opportunities for these students that will change their lives and the lives of their children. What a great investment in the future.



Now that we have a Quarterly Newsletter, this is a wonderful opportunity to dedicate this issue to all of our scholarship recipients. This year's six winners have taken a moment to tell you a little bit about who they are and what the future holds for them!

We will also re-cap the highlights of the 2010 Dancing with the Sunset Hills Stars and introduce you to this year's champions!

Our 2010 Sunset Hills Children's Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Kevin Hanley. Kevin has expressed in his own words how the death of his father at a young age impacted his life..

*My name is Kevin Hanley and I would like to express my gratitude towards those who have contributed to the Sunset Hills Children Foundation allowing me to further my education. When I was eleven years old my alcoholic father whom I loved very much decided to take his own life. He left my siblings and me with only a mother to keep our lives running, all the while dealing with her own grief. Life was tough and as a boy growing up with no father to emulate, I often felt confused. In my sophomore year in high school I finally matured enough to recognize and deal with the absence of my father. As the end of my junior year approached my mother talked to me about volunteering for an organization called Mourning Star. It is a center where children in the High Desert come to express their grief in a safe environment. My mother and I began volunteering regularly after volunteering for the*



The willingness of citizens of Apple Valley to step up and contribute to worthy causes is part of our heritage. From the development of New Bass Stadium, to the many youth oriented projects that exist today in our town, there is along history of supporting our kids. It seems to me that among the things we can all be thankful for is the fact we live in a town where folks are still willing to reach out and offer a helping hand to their neighbors when the need arises.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors and the 2010 scholarship recipients THANKS!

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**Committee Members Needed!**

**RYAN CAMBRIDGE**  
Memorial Golf Classic

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, October 10, 2010**  
**Apple Valley Country Club**  
 Check in: 6:30am Tee off: 8:00 am

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# DANCING with the Sunset Hills Stars 2010!

As we close the curtain on another year of Dancing with the Sunset Hills Stars, we are excited to announce the winners of the coveted "perpetual trophy" Dr. Cliff and Karen Jessen!

The Jessen's poured their heart and "soul" into their second freestyle dance which was choreographed to "We Go Together" from the Grease Soundtrack. The winning combination earned them \$5,000 which will be donated to the St. Mary Hospital Foundation! Congratulations go out to the Jessen's it was a well deserved win! In fact, it is rumored Karen's smile helped them cinch the victory!

This year's "Hooray for Hollywood" theme drew 350 guests to watch 10 charities compete for \$10,000. In the past, we have required traditional ballroom style dances. To keep things fresh, we changed it up and let our couples choose their dance performances. Our only requirement, one routine was a Hollywood theme!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated including all of our amazing dance professionals who volunteered their time to help make our Fun-raiser a huge success! Truly our dancers are among some of the most dedicated people in our amazing community who give "Service above Self."

A Better Way – Eric Camarena and Veronica Cortes

Apple Valley Police Activities League – Roxanne Walker and Paul Peterson

Desert Valley Hospital Senior Wellness Center Healing Garden – Yhinyer Jackson and Tyler Hendrick

Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation – Dan & Patti Tate

High Desert Homeless Shelter – Dr. David Gutierrez

High Desert Resource Network – Patricia Gonzalez and Dancetime Dancers

Mourning Star Center – Kelly Orchard & Dr. Dexter Degoma

St. Mary Hospital Foundation – Dr. Cliff and Karen Jessen

Sunset Hills Children's Foundation – David Fishman and Jacquie DelReal

Today's Woman Foundation – Linda Blakemore & Ed Henry

Special Mention to our behind the scenes instructors!

Walter Weiss, Katherine Page, Helen McAfee, Suzy Hodson, Ed and Lorraine Holliday!

Also, another big Thanks to our illustrious MC Scott Kubicek and our judges Lynn Guardado, Debby Blanchard and Jennifer Kelley.



## RYAN CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*This will be the Foundation's third year awarding funds for the Ryan Cambridge Memorial Scholarship. This year's five students have shown outstanding academic work as well as been great contributors to their community.*

### Andrew Chandler Awarded \$1,000

I am a senior at Apple Valley High School and was home-schooled through the 9th grade. I have been quite involved in the school for the past three years and have played in the marching band, attended the Christian club, and have a cumulative GPA of 4.02. I have also been involved in areas outside of school including Boy Scouts of America in which I earned the Eagle Scout award and AWANA, a church youth program in which I will be soon be earning the Citation Award. I plan to attend the Master's College in Santa Clarita, California and then transfer to an engineering school. I plan to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical or Aerospace Engineering and then a Master's Degree in engineering. My goal in life is to bring glory to God by showing others how He has blessed my life.



### Jason Norona Awarded \$1,000

My name is Jason Javier Norona and I was born on February 5, 2010 in Long Beach. My family consists of five members; my father, my mother, a younger sister, and an older brother. Being the middle child has given me the privilege of having someone to look up to and having someone to be an example of. I enjoy doing my best in everything I do especially in school. One of my goals is to go to college and get a degree in engineering. Working as an engineer is a career that I know I will enjoy doing in the future. Therefore, I am very dedicated to overcome all obstacles in my path. The scholarship will help me greatly because I am in need for financial assistance. It will help me pay for tuition, books, lab fees, etc. I really want to thank the people who support the Foundation and for making the scholarship possible. I am very grateful for everything they have done.



### John Tjosaas Awarded \$1,000



### KEVIN HANLEY

*summer camp that they run every year which was an inspiring experience. I had found a way to take the darkest part of my life and transform it into a positive force for other children. Shortly into my senior year my counselor at school offered me a position co-facilitating a grief group on campus. I gladly accepted and continued having eye-opening experiences with other grief-stricken students. I hope to see similar programs expand to other schools because of the impact I've seen it have on my peers. My objective is to reach out to the supporters and thank them for making a positive difference in so many lives. I have tremendous gratitude towards all those who have helped me and others like me by supporting this foundation.*

*Respectfully,*

*Kevin Hanley*

### Alejandro Osorio Awarded \$1,000

I am the son of Samuel and Francisca Osorio and a graduate valedictorian of Hesperia High School. In high school I was avidly involved in such clubs as interact; a community service club, academic decathlon, cross country, NHS (National Honor Society), and Renaissance; an incentives program that aims to raise students grades. My interests include mathematics, physics, and music. I plan on attending Cal Poly Pomona to become an aerospace engineer and hope to one day work with others to engineer safer, faster, and more efficient planes. Scholarships such as these are very helpful and I plan on using this scholarship to pay for tuition. I would like to thank all those who made this scholarship possible. It is an honor to be named a Ryan Cambridge Memorial Scholarship recipient and I will carry this honor with pride throughout my life.



### Brandon Rondan Awarded \$1,000

Hi, My name is Brandon Rondan. I am currently 17 years old and a junior in college. Going to school and working my way up to a Bachelors degree has been my goal for quite some time now. I plan on finishing up my associates in General Business in December 2010. My future plans include transferring to a four-year college and continuing my education for higher degrees and after school join the United States Air Force. I would like to thank Sunset Hills Children's Foundation for providing me with the help of a scholarship to further my education.



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