

DANCING

with the Sunset Hills Stars 2010!

Presented by **St. Mary Medical Center**

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Canyon Rocks Bridge at Sunset Hills

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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.

DAN LEARY
PRESIDENT

Thank all of you for the support of the Sunset Hills Children's Foundation for the past years. We are feeling the economic crunch like everyone, but through your generosity we have been able to maintain our promises to provide scholarships to meet the needs of our youth.

YEARLY WRAP-UP!

So much has happened with the Foundation since our first issue was published! My favorite news to share with all of you is our scholarship recipients are all attending school and doing great. Jennifer Lin began her second year at the University of California, Irvine to continue her dream of becoming a doctor and Mare'a Armstrong is well into his first semester at Cal State University Fresno!

You may remember the Foundation Board made the decision to try a new fundraiser this year called the 2009 High Desert Muddy Buddy. If you haven't already heard the feedback from some of your friends and colleagues I will be happy to be the first to inform you it was an overwhelming success! All you need to do is look at the pictures to know none of the 325 participants went home dry or without mud caked somewhere on their bodies! We have to give a huge thank-you to the Town of Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department for allowing us to use Horsemen's Center for our inaugural event! It was a pleasure working with the town's staff and we are excited to announce we will be doing it all over again next year! Mudfest and Muddy Run are on!

We also owe a special thank-you to the Apple Valley Fire Protection District! Division Chief Art Bishop embraced the event from the word "help" and then sent in two of his finest – Interim Deputy Fire Marshall Jason Nailon and Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator Brian Pachman. Without their help and the help of the Fire Explorers there would not have been a Muddy Run!

We wrap the year up with our final event the 4th annual Ryan Cambridge Memorial Golf Classic. By far it was our most fun to date! Everyone who joined us received a free pair of Callaway Sunglasses! Needless to say everyone was looking sharp on the golf course, scores on the other hand were a little fuzzy!

Boone Trucking earned bragging rights this year coming in with a score of 53! Let's see that would be 17 birdies and one eagle! Hmmmm..... I'm thinking they bought a lot of mulligans! Wait we didn't sell extra mulligans!

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This year our two major fundraisers were huge successes both financially and socially. Dancing with the Stars had a wide range of support from several local organizations. A great charitable event and a great time for all those who participated and very entertaining for those who came to watch and support. For our second event the friends of Ryan Cambridge held their annual get together at the Apple Valley Country Club. It was a great time, lots of laughs, and a few people even played what could be called "golf."

The fundraisers are great events on their own merit, but even greater because of what they support. Because of your support for these events and our other fundraising activities we were able to continue our support of Mourning Star (grief counseling for young people) and our post-secondary scholarship program. We are now supporting two of our local students at major universities. These students have each experienced a specific tragedy in their life that would have made it extremely difficult to achieve their academic goals without some assistance. We have also been able to support several students pursuing careers in areas related to construction technology.

It is your support that allows us to continue our work. We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate you. Your generosity has given several young people a chance to flourish and to reach their potential.

Catherine Wilkinson
Executive Director

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THANK YOU

"It's more than our name, it's how we do business"

L to R: Amber Schwing, Catherine Wilkinson, Lance Lane

Thanks to our friends at Fairway Insurance the Foundation was the recipient of a \$1500 grant from Safeco Insurance! The award came as a surprise as the individual who applied for the money had never met us or been to any of our events and yet somehow we had made an impression! We are so grateful for this very thoughtful gift and would like to extend a big THANK-YOU to Amber Schwing!

YEARLY WRAP-UP

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Coming in a close second with a score of 55 was team Service Rock Team and with a respectable score of 56 Cambridge Concrete clinched third place!

We had a tremendous amount of raffle prizes donated to us this year! We have many people to thank, our friends at Pepsi, Championship Promotions, Members Own Federal Credit Union, Day Spa Jolie, Wine Seller, High Desert Golf, Apple Valley Country Club, Y-102, Chet and Tina Hitt, Dave Jokerst, Mama Carpinos and Chili's Restaurant just to name a few!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Cathy Wilkinson who has been chosen as Executive Director of the Year for the High Desert! Cathy says, "I know I work hard, however, we are new and I thought you had to have been around a long time before you could ever be recognized with such an impressive award! Allow me to say, this was truly an honor!" If you would like more information about the HDRN log onto www.hdrn.org

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported and attended the

High Desert Muddy Run



SAVE THE DATE

Buddies Gettin Muddy - August 21, 2010

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