

SPRING 2010



# A GOAL FOR LIFE

For Friends and Supporters of the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

*Elizabeth Andrew*

# Heartfelt Thanks...

Last November **Tiffany & Co.** presented an opportunity to friends of the Foundation to participate in **"Pearls For A Cause"**. This festive evening held at the beautiful Tiffany & Co at La Encantada, Tucson, raised more than \$5000 for NP-C research. Individual "pearls" were available to purchase which provided guests the chance to win a stunning Tiffany pearl torsade necklace. Our sincere thanks to Tiffany & Co. for another memorable event and to **Flemings Prime Steakhouse** for providing a fabulous array of appetizers and beverages.



*"Hoops for Hope" . . . Competing together for a cause . . .*

In the weeks leading up to the annual boys basketball game between rivals Harrison High School and West Lafayette High School in West Lafayette, IN, the two schools join together to raise money for a charitable cause with an event called **"Hoops for Hope"**. This year the Student Council chose the Smith Family BReak Thru Fund, a research fund that supports the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. Students and fans purchased t-shirts to wear to the February 19th basketball game generating \$13,500 for NP-C research! The Smith family has 4 children, 3 with NP-C disease. Sadly, Braden, age 10, died in 2006.

Trent Smith, father of the Smith children, states, "It is fantastic to see two rival schools located just a couple of miles apart, come together and raise money for a common cause."



*Brian Forbes*

Heartfelt thanks to the **McGoldrick family** of Denmark, Maine, whose son, Brian Forbes, passed away from Niemann Pick Type B in 1999 at the age of 23. Dick McGoldrick, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, along with his wife Marilyn, have recently launched a fundraising effort. Motivated by the establishment of the Center of Rare & Neglected Diseases at Notre Dame, the McGoldricks are reaching out to friends, family and Brian's peers in the hopes to continue the progress in finding a cure for Niemann Pick disease.



*"Mom" Karen Quandt, Ty Quandt, Mary Wright and "Grandpa" Roy Burrows enjoying another "Touchdown for Ty" event.*

The 5th annual **"Touchdown for Ty"** event held on January 23rd in Las Vegas, Nevada, was another wonderful success. The evening began with Concert Coordinator Mary Wright receiving a huge hug of gratitude and kiss from Ty Quandt. As the auction got underway, guests were tapping their feet to the lively tunes of The Grace Valley Fiddlers while bidding on lovely baskets, jewelry and gift certificates that were so generously provided by Las Vegas and Utah donors. An attractive selection of tasty appetizers was provided by The Ark Corporation.

The featured concert started with a song written and sung in honor of Ty by his brother Tim. Highlights continued with the Presentation of Colors by the Western High School Air Force Jr. ROTC, lively music by the Cactus Road Group, the beautiful voice of Annie Meadows, high energy dances performed by the Martin Percival School of Irish Dance and a wonderful violin repertoire presented by the Nevada School of the Arts Senior Repertoire Class. It was an evening to remember.

Because of the dedication and efforts of Verna Burrows, grandmother to 13 year old Ty Quandt, this event has now raised over \$50,000 to benefit NP-C research. Thank you all so very much for your help and support.



**Long Realty Cares Foundation** of Tucson has again honored the Parseghian Foundation by supporting the 15th annual "One More Victory, Ara!" event. Long Realty, a long time Tucson establishment, founded in 1926, has a proven commitment to supporting charitable organizations. Since 2002, the Long Realty Cares Foundation has made philanthropy a priority and provides support to numerous non-profit organizations.

This generous spirit is a reflection of the many sales associates who voluntarily donate a portion of their commissions, and many donate their personal time as well, to enhance the quality of life in our community. Here at the Parseghian Foundation we are honored to be closely connected with many Long Realty associates who have worked selflessly on our events, donated to our cause, and helped further our mission.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 6, 2010** – "The Battle of the Bend, Silver vs. Gold Baseball" ....may the games continue... enjoy the baseball season with the ND Fighting Irish vs. South Bend Silver Hawks on April 6, 2010 at **Coveleski Stadium**, 5:30 pm. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the APMRF.

**May 1, 2010** – The Catalina Foothills High School Student Council in **Tucson, Arizona** will host their 6th Annual "One More Victory, Ara!" Walk/Run" on May 1, 2010 at the Rillito Park, in memory of their classmate Marcia Parseghian. For information contact Lizzy Roman at [rlizzie@cox.net](mailto:rlizzie@cox.net)

**July 12, 2010** – The Notre Dame Club of Milwaukee has scheduled the 10th annual "Ara's Outing" for July 12, 2010 to be held at the Westmoor Country Club in **Brookfield, Wisconsin**. Join Notre Dame members and celebrities for golf, dinner, and auction. Contact Tom or Terry Mulcahy: 1-800-711-6132.

**August 4, 2010** – The fourth annual "Irish Legends" Golf Tournament will take place on August 4, 2010 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in **Bridgman, Michigan** to benefit the APMRF and the Lou Holtz Foundation. For information on this golf outing, dinner and auction contact Angela Monger: 1-800-628-9922, Ext. 503.



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## A Letter from Sammi Toia

March 2, 2010

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

*My name is Sammi Toia. I am a sixteen year old girl from Los Angeles, California. This year for Christmas my parents gave me the option of presents or donating to a charity of my choice. After much consideration I decided that I would like to donate towards research to find a cure for Niemann-Pick Type C disease.*



*My reason for choosing your foundation is because of my great friend Jessica Leoni. I met Jessica when I was in fourth grade; she had started kindergarten at my school. I had become close with her since she and my younger sister were in the same class. When Jessica left my school, I started to go to her house and pay her visits. I am now currently a "Jessie's Girl" and visit her once a week and help her family as best as I can. It hurts me knowing that my friend is in pain and I cannot make a huge difference to make her life easier. I hope that this donation will help Jessica and all of the other children suffering from this terrible disease have a better and healthier life.*

Sincerely,

*Sammi Toia*