Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

2014 Annual Report

Supporting Families of Children with Cancer
In Loving Memory

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On behalf of Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation’s board of directors and staff, we would like to thank our generous donors, hard working volunteers, and dedicated supporters.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy by making a planned gift to support our organization long into the future to ensure families always have the support they need, please contact Lindsey Leonard, Executive Director, at (805) 563-4740.
From the Executive Director

The phrase “pay it forward,” coined nearly 100 years ago, refers to the act of repaying a good deed to others instead of the original benefactor. The idea is that, by creating a continuous chain of good deeds, we foster compassion to make the world a better place.

This concept is alive and well today at Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation (TBCF). Every day, families who have found comfort and strength from our programs in turn reach out to help others who are still struggling with the trauma of pediatric cancer. In order to recognize the important work of such families, we established a Pay It Forward Award.

In 2014, we honored Jeff and Erika Zamora with this award. The Zamoras have been remarkable ambassadors, sponsoring families for Project Christmas and Family Fun Events, donating Bear Necessity items, acting as mentors to other parents, and publicly sharing their personal journey with pediatric cancer at TBCF events.

In 2015, we recognized nine-year-old Isa Mireles, featured on this report cover, with our Little Hero Award that is given to pediatric cancer survivors who pay it forward. Isa was diagnosed at age two with leukemia and is now cancer-free. She dedicates her time speaking about cancer as a brave ambassador of our cause.

Another group of people that is passionately paying it forward is TBCF’s donor and volunteer community. Each year we are fortunate that thousands of people choose to share their own good fortune, heart, and energy with TBCF as a way to support families in need.

Fueled by the belief that more people would want to be a part of this ongoing cycle of compassion, in 2013 we launched our most ambitious project yet - the Gold Ribbon Campaign. This Campaign has now become an annual endeavor and is held in recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month each September with the goal of raising awareness and funds, mobilizing support, and creating caring networks for youth with cancer and their families. The Campaign has received widespread attention across the Tri-County Region, allowing us to garner even more support for our families.

Being connected to TBCF means being part of a community of people who care. As I look back at 2014, I am overcome with gratitude for all the incredible supporters who have continued the legacy of caring that our founder Nikki Katz started in 2002. Your willingness to pay it forward has helped make TBCF the organization it is today!

Lindsey Leonard, Executive Director

Mission

Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization providing financial and emotional support to families of children with cancer living in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties.
**Financial Assistance Programs***

Direct Financial Assistance
Families can apply for up to $5,000 for payment of rent or mortgage; auto loans, registration, insurance, and repairs; utility bills; medications and home care services not covered by insurance; counseling; and child care.

Education Support
To help families address learning problems that are a common side effect of chemotherapy, TBCF covers up to $1,500 for the cost of neuropsychological testing and up to $500 for tutoring by credentialed teachers.

Critical Needs
We provide $250 in gasoline gift cards and $100 in hospital cafeteria gift certificates.

Hotel Accommodations
We offer free hotel accommodations to immediate family members during an emergency or an unusually extended hospital stay.

Funeral Fund
When needed, we assist families with up to $4,000 for funeral arrangements or memorial expenses.

*Families must qualify for Financial Assistance Programs.

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**Emotional Support Programs**

Family Support Groups

Santa Barbara
In collaboration with Mission Hope Cancer Center and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, TBCF offers bilingual support groups for parents and art therapy for patients and siblings facilitated by a licensed social worker and art therapist. Families gain support from each other while participating in group discussions and activities.

Ventura
In a joint collaboration with Ventura County Medical Center Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic, Community Memorial Hospital Cancer Resource Center, Cancer Support Community - Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara, Dignity Health operations at St. John’s Regional Medical Center - Cancer Center of Ventura County, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and American Cancer Society, TBCF provides a support group for parents, as well as expressive art and discussion groups for children with cancer and their siblings.

Loss of Child Support Group
With the assistance of a licensed therapist, this group helps parents process their grief in order to take steps toward healing.

Qualified TBCF families are eligible to receive up to $21,700 of funding support through all Financial Assistance Programs

“Bear” Necessities
TBCF provides families items such as furniture, appliances, clothing, bedding, as well as diapers and wipes for families with little ones.

“In the United States, 36 children are diagnosed with cancer each day.”
*Source: Logan Spector, PhD
University of Minnesota*
Family Fun Events
We host social events, such as Family Fun Days, and trips for children and their families throughout the year, such as excursions to sporting events. In collaboration with Cottage Children’s Hospital in Santa Barbara, TBCF hosts an annual Holiday Party, creating an opportunity for children in treatment and their siblings to visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, receive a gift, participate in activities, and enjoy a lunch with their family.

Care For the Caregivers
Being a caregiver of a child with cancer can be exhausting and isolating. This program focuses on the parents or guardians of children with cancer. Opportunities to build camaraderie among caregivers, such as Mother’s Spa Day, are offered annually, as are other experiences that are dedicated to rest and rejuvenation for parents of children that have cancer.

Storytellers
Each week, volunteers read stories to children in pediatrics at Cottage Hospital. We also offer free books and toys for the children to keep.

Project Holiday
As part of Project Christmas, Project Turkey, Project Valentine, and Project Easter, families are selected based on need to receive items and holiday cheer by dedicated TBCF supporters, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Families receive holiday gifts, such as toys, games, and clothing; Easter baskets and stuffed Easter bunnies; Christmas trees and decorations; food gift baskets, and grocery vouchers; and more! All items are provided by donors, packaged by volunteers, and delivered to families’ homes or kids at the clinic who are receiving cancer treatment.
Through our Project Holiday Program, there are many ways you can make a difference in the lives of local families who have a child battling cancer.

Community Outreach Program
Bone Marrow Drives
In collaboration with Be The Match at City of Hope, we help coordinate bone marrow drives to benefit families in search of a match for their child.

TBCF’s programs benefit children diagnosed with cancer before age 18 and continue until they are 21.

2014 Collaborative Partners
Angel Flight West
Be the Match at City of Hope
Cancer Center of Santa Barbara with Sansum Clinic
Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara
Community Memorial Hospital Cancer Resource Center
Dignity Health operating at St. John’s Regional Medical Center –Cancer Center of Ventura County
Eric’s Angels
Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center
The Landon Pediatric Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society California Southland Chapter
Marian Cancer Care at Mission Hope Cancer Center
National Charity League of Santa Barbara
National Charity League of Ventura
Santa Barbara Foresters/Hugs for Cubs
**TBCF Surpasses Gifting $1 Million**
$1.27 million of funds have been awarded to qualified TBCF families to alleviate the financial burden experienced while caring for a sick child. Through our Financial Assistance Programs, TBCF covers payments for rent, mortgage, auto loans, medications, home care services, food, gasoline, counseling, tutoring, neuropsychological testing, hotel accommodations, and in tragic cases, funeral and memorial expenses.

**TBCF Receives Gold!**
Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation received recognition as a Gold Level Participant in 2014 by GuideStar Exchange, a program that encourages nonprofit transparency and supplements the public information available from the IRS, in order to best communicate with stakeholders. Gold Level is the highest rating attainable and is awarded to nonprofits that demonstrate a commitment to transparency and accountability. This year, 2,106 nonprofits—only .1% of nonprofits nationwide—received Gold Level recognition, out of more than 1.8 million nonprofits in the United States. TBCF is committed to maintaining exceptional financial health, furthering excellence in impact and effectiveness, and being a leader of fiscal responsibility. Your generous investments will continue to make a significant positive impact in the lives of families that we serve.

During the reception, our 2015-2016 Board Chair, Donna Barranco Fisher, and new 2015 board members Adam Black, Jill Gribb Bell, David Edelman, and Katina Etsell were introduced. The skill-set and passion derived from our new chair and directors will lead TBCF toward furthering its mission as a result of a deepened support base and heightened level of impact in relation to our families.

Donna’s predecessor, Tina Fanucchi-Frontado, served as board chair in 2014 and will remain an active director. Thank you, Tina, for your leadership!

**Event Ambassadors Guide the Way**
In 2014, TBCF convened a group of long-standing supporters, aptly named Event Ambassadors, to assist with fundraising events. The Ambassadors mentor event committee members, promote upcoming fundraisers, and advocate for TBCF. The Ambassadors made their debut at our Gold Ribbon Luncheon on October 2, 2014 at Four Seasons Resort, The Biltmore in Santa Barbara. We are thrilled to have the support of these dedicated and seasoned supporters and look forward to an enduring partnership.

**Private Donor Reception Thanks 2014 Supporters & Welcomes New Board Chair and Directors**
Our 3rd Annual Bear Club Donor Reception held at The Santa Barbara Art Foundry on January 28, 2015, was a celebration of accomplishments achieved in 2014 and was hosted in appreciation of our supporters’ generous gifts of talent, time and treasure. Hors d’oeuvres, wine and the company of friends were enjoyed. Dr. Dan Greenfield, Cottage Children’s Hospital’s Medical Director for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, spoke about the experience families face when their child is diagnosed with cancer.
In-Kind Donations

About Faces Salon & Spa
AIGA Polynesian Troupe
Suzanne Alexandra
Rudy & Alma Alvaro
Paula Ames-Axt
Arte al Sole
Bacara Resort & Spa
Belmond El Encanto
Bennett Barbakow
Beaded Frog Designs
Benefit Cosmetics
Best Western Plus, Encina Inn & Suites
Bishop Garcia Diego High School
James Paul Brown
Brownstein Hyatt
Farber Schreck, Inc.
California Wine Festival
Calvary Chapel of Santa Barbara, Joy Ministries
Camerata Pacifica
Canary Hotel and Finch & Fork
Candia Flynn Photography & Design
Carbonaro Guitars
Cast & Crew Entertainment Services
Children’s Museum of Santa Barbara
Citrix Online
Closet Factory
Cox Communications
D&D Limo Bus
Bill Dalziel
Shawn & Vanessa Decker
DV Moves
Charles Eckert IV
Encanto
Evolutions Medical & Day Spa
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Fess Parker Wine Country Inn & Spa
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Donna Barranco Fisher
Four Seasons Resort, The Biltmore Santa Barbara
Greg Frontado & Tina Fanucchi-Frontado
Sarah Fultz
Daniel Gibbings Jewelry
Halper Fine Art
Harbor View Inn & Eladio’s Restaurant, Mark & Nicole Romasanta
Diana Iler
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J7 Surfboards
Wes & Stella Johnson
Gregory Keller, MD, FACS
Kim Byrnes Photography
Kim Marie Photography
Kitty Purry, Inc., Katy Perry
La Playa Pilates
Le Petit Chef
Dr. Izzy Lira
Los Cinco Locos Wine
Chef Jean Paul LuVanVi
Chuck Liddell
Makeup Kreations by K
Mark Robert Halper Photography
Carlos Mascherin
Miso Hungry
MK Esthetics
Montecito Weddings, Sarah Reed Farmer
Montecito Plastic Surgery, Dr. Adam Lowenstein
Joe Newberry Photography
Gary Novatt, M.D.
Ocean Oral Surgery, Dr. Robert Kiken & Dr. Jesse Lanzon
Ojai Pizza Company
Olio e Limone Ristorante Olio Pizzeria, Alberto & Elaine Morello
Omni Fresno Catering
Ono Catering
Outlaw Softball Association
Setenay Ozdemir-Osman
Pacific Plastic Surgery, Dr. Douglas Mackenzie
Pie Bear Productions
Preferred Limousine Santa Barbara
Rancho Oso Resort, Bill & Jill Krzyston
RockStar Transportation
Bobby Ryan
San Diego Zoo & Safari Park
Santa Barbara Chicken Ranch
Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Santa Barbara Festival Ballet
Santa Barbara International Film Festival
Santa Barbara Mattress
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club
Santa Barbara Public Market, Marge Carafelli
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott
Silverhorn, Inc.
Skin Deep Salon
So De Mel Swim
Lisa Solana
Southern California Edison, Ventura
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SWELL Athletic Clubs
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Tecolote Research, Inc.
The Sacred Space
Thrive Chiropractic Studios
Shaun & Carla Tomson
Stacy Bloodworth Photography
TREAT
Tres Belle Photography
Duncan Turner, MD
University Movers, Dan & Kalla Cattaneo
Dr. Bernard Valeska
Valley Brewers
Ventura Spaghetti Company
Walter Claudio Salon & Spa, Walter Claudio & Angela Zungri
Weddings By The Sea, Kim Colombini
The Westin Long Beach Hotel
Jaynie Wood
Zinke Wine Company

Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation makes every effort to list each donor accurately. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted any donation or incorrectly listed any donor.
VOLUNTEER

Giving of Time and Talent
Share your expertise, passion, and heart with TBCF. There are many volunteer opportunities available such as office help, fundraising, special event and program support, as well as internships and community outreach. Contact us today to find out how you can start volunteering!

In 2014, 685 volunteers provided 5,526 hours of service

EMPLOYEE CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAM

Businesses and Individuals Giving Together
Employees from the following businesses generously contribute through their employer’s Employee Charitable Giving Program:
- AGIA, Inc.
- Amgen, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale
- County Schools Federal Credit Union
- Edison International
- ExxonMobil
- FLIR Systems, Inc.
- McGowan Guntermann
- Community Involvement Fund
- Southern California Edison
- Venoco, Inc.
- The Walt Disney Company
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
- Westmont College

KOALA KLUB

The Young Philanthropist
Grade school to college-age students champion TBCF by becoming young philanthropists, creating awareness, and hosting fundraising events to benefit the organization.

Highlights:
- Simone Stone, daughter of Bret & Danielle Stone, raised awareness and funds to help local kids with cancer at her Bat Mitzvah celebration. She raised $1,000 for TBCF!
- Mackenzie Kinsella and Isabella Davenport, students at Laguna Blanca School, started a TBCF Club at their high school to show their support to local children and young adults affected by pediatric cancer. We encourage high school and college students to follow their lead and start a TBCF Club at their school, as there are students battling cancer who could use their peer’s support.

TBCF ALUMNI

Where Families Pledge to Pay-it-Forward
Past TBCF Recipients support new and future families by donating to the organization for the benefit of others.

Highlights:
- Ventura County TBCF parents, Henry Valdez & Cecilia Valdez-Sosa, supported TBCF by asking friends and family to donate diapers, baby wipes, blankets, teddy bears, and other items in lieu of gifts at their wedding. They received these types of items from TBCF when their daughter, Gea, was going through chemotherapy and know the difference it can make.
- The Nunley Family, former TBCF recipients, hosted their 2nd Annual Dance in Gold event in September at the Kennedy Club in Arroyo Grande in honor of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to raise funds and awareness for TBCF. Their daughter battled cancer over 10 years ago and they continue to show their support to other families who have a child in treatment. This year’s event brought in $1,106 for TBCF.
PLANNED GIVING AND LEAVE A LEGACY

Change a Family’s Future by Planning Yours
Help us help families in need as they dedicate their time and energy to their child’s recovery. There are many planned gift options that can benefit TBCF immediately or in the future. You can secure the future of TBCF for generations to come. These gifts offer you tax benefits while providing you the opportunity to support our programs, establish or add to an endowment, or provide funding for capital improvements. For information about planned giving and bequests, please contact TBCF.

DONATE TODAY
Your Financial Support Makes a Difference!
There are many ways to give:

- **Contribute Monthly**
  This allows you to conveniently and automatically support TBCF each month.

- **Give a Gift in Tribute**
  Give in honor or memory of someone special and we’ll mail a beautiful card to announce that you’ve made this meaningful donation.

- **Donate Assets**
  A gift of stock or other securities can make a significant impact in our ability to support families. We also accept donations of vehicles or boats through Cars4Causes.

Give a gift today online, by phone or by mailing in the attached remittance envelope. Thank you for your support!

NAME TBCF AS A BENEFITING CHARITY!

Collective Giving
Many businesses, both large and small, as well as individuals, elect to name TBCF as a designated benefiting charity. In 2014, these supporters collectively raised $23,759 for TBCF! Consider selecting TBCF as your designated charity to support by organizing an event, designating proceeds or donating a percentage of sales to benefit TBCF.

Thank you to the following donors for selecting TBCF as a benefiting charity in 2014!

**Businesses**
Canary Santa Barbara, A Kimpton Hotel
The Cat House Hotel
Crown Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram of Ventura
Custom Workouts
Fashion Police, NBCUniversal Media, LLC
Friedman Fine Art
Glassybaby
J & N Trucking and Lowbed Services
Life Purpose Boot Camp
Natura Culina
Ojai Pizza Company
Saks Fifth Avenue
Sandbar Mexican Restaurant & Tequila Bar
Southern California Edison, Ventura
Uniforms N’ More
Westmont College

**Organizations**
Calvary Chapel of Santa Barbara, Joy Ministries
Cold Spring School District, Ms. Callahan’s Class
Crane Country Day School
Laguna Blanca School
Marcus Rubio Softball Tournament
Marymount of Santa Barbara
Surfing For Life Foundation
Ukulele Club, Santa Barbara

**Individuals**
Erin Carroll
Dekleine Family
Mark Gigas
Garret Glasgow & Akiko Noguchi
Alani Gonzales
Michelle & Haley Hughes
Diedre Marsh
Nunley Family
McKenzie Scarborough
Marcus Rubio Softball Tournament
Chloe Spievak
Simone Stone
Brody & Bonny Trejos
Jonathan Winters Estate

“The average length of treatment for children, from initial diagnosis to cure or remission, is three years.”
Source: American Childhood Cancer Organization
Saks & The City VII

The 7th Annual Saks & The City VII, held May 1, 2014, featured a James Bond theme and was yet again an extravaganza of glitz and glamour raising more than $143,000 in support of TBCF’s programs. The event offered up a special night to get dressed up and enjoy cocktails served by firefighters and delectable hors d’oeuvres from local restaurants. Tarot card readers, mini-makeovers, massages, and casino tables were also available for further indulgence.

Actor Billy Baldwin served as master of ceremonies and facilitated an auction that featured a dress worn by Katy Perry during her 2014 Prismatic World Tour; a memorable surf experience with Shaun Tomson; a Hawaiian Luau package for 50 guests; a luxury vacation to Garza Blanca Preserve Resort & Spa near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; a stunning 18K Yellow Gold ring from Daniel Gibbings Jewelry; art by James Paul Brown; and an exciting “Bond For A Day” experience which included luxury accommodations at Bacara Resort & Spa and secret missions that took the winner to land by Aston Martin, sea by private yacht, and air by a helicopter tour.

The success of Saks & The City VII can be attributed to our remarkable partnership with Saks Fifth Avenue as well as to generous donors, local businesses, service providers, volunteers, guests and the hard work of our dedicated event committee.

Committee:
Co-Chairs: Donna Barranco Fisher, Vanessa Decker, Sheela Hunt
Members: Tracy Angel, Aaron Clark, Danielle Drewisch, Brooke Ebner, Kensington Forster, Saher Hamdani, Kristi Marks, Leana Orsua, Fiona Stone, Shannyn Tupper, Nicole Wichowski, Tara Zanecki

Event Coordinator: MAK Events, Mary Anne Knox

Sponsors:
**3rd Annual Sangria Soiree**

The 3rd Annual Sangria Soiree fundraiser took place at The Villa at Sunstone Winery on July 20, 2014. Guests enjoyed samplings of paella from Viva Paella, Spanish style flatbreads prepared by The Chef’s Touch in an outdoor oven, tapas by Rudy’s Restaurant, and cheese platters from Ono Catering. The event also featured tequila tasting from Hora Zero, and signature sangria made from wine by Sunstone Winery, Palmina Wines and D’Alfonso-Curran Wines.

Highlights of the afternoon included flamenco dance performances by Eliana Georges & Friends from Aermeno Dance Academy, Sebastian Lebeau, Corlei Prieto and music by Vientos del Sur. Thank you Sunstone Winery for your support!

**Sponsors:**
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians | Julia Delgado, MD | Bobby Ryan & Family

**Committee:**
Founders & Co-Chairs: Tracy Angel & Shannyn Tupper
Members: Donna Barranco Fisher, Brittany Dobson, Cheril Magallanes

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**8th Annual Grizzly Club Breakfast**

The 8th Annual Grizzly Club Breakfast, generously sponsored by Earl Armstrong and Eloy Ortega, was held June 4, 2014 at Moby Dick Restaurant. The event was attended by nearly 60 community leaders and featured a video and touching story about the Mendoza family and their child’s fight with Ewing’s sarcoma. Thank you to everyone that came out to support this event and help raise critical funds for TBCF’s families!

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In 2014, Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara provided a multi-year grant to TBCF to support the hire of a new team member, our family resource specialist, that works to identify and secure resources for TBCF families. The Cancer Foundation is the financial backbone of the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara with Sansum Clinic, and has been a long-time supporter of TBCF by providing facility space to host support groups facilitated by licensed social workers, therapist and translators in order to create a forum for family members to gain support from each other and participate in group discussions and activities. We are grateful for the generous financial support from the Cancer Foundation and look forward to an enduring partnership with both the Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Center.
2014 Gold Ribbon Campaign & Luncheon

Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation’s 2nd annual awareness and fundraising effort, the Gold Ribbon Campaign, was held in recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month during September 2014. The volunteer-driven Campaign was a huge success, raising $353,430 in support of our mission! We would like to extend a huge “bear hug” to our sponsors, donors, and supporters who made this Campaign possible.

The Campaign concluded with a special event, the Gold Ribbon Luncheon, where 320 supporters gathered at Four Seasons Resort, The Biltmore Santa Barbara to support TBCF’s endeavors, as well as honor the special Gold Ribbon Campaign Award recipients. Highlights of the event included a silent auction, raffle, and live auction to raise funds for TBCF’s emotional and financial support programs, as well as a ceremony to honor the Gold Ribbon Campaign honorees.

The Campaign would not have been possible without strong community collaboration including our team of dedicated volunteers, our 2014 Gold Ribbon Campaign Spokesperson Carol Burnett, Campaign sponsors, generous donors, community partners and, of course, our children and families.

2014 Honorees:

**Humanitarian Award**: Dr. Francisco Bracho & Dr. Christopher Landon

**Pay It Forward Award**: Jeff & Erika Zamora

**Helping Hands Award**: National Charity League, Santa Barbara Chapter

**Heart of Gold Award**: Billy Baldwin

**Luncheon Committee**: Jaimee Cole, Sarah Reed Farmer, Melissa Franzen, Stella Johnson, Kathy Kelley, Linda Vannier, John Weninger

**Event Coordinator**: MAK Events, Mary Anne Knox

**Sponsors**: The Carrie Hamilton Fund, established by Jeff & Margo Barbakow
Earl & Claudia Minnis and Family | Bobby W. Ryan and Family | Morris & Irma Jurkowitz
Alamar Capital Management, Jim Bechtel | Thomas & Nancy Crawford
Stanley & Roberta Fishman | Hughes Construction & Development
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Bank of Santa Barbara | Keith Berry Real Estate | Kate & Art Coppola
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Venoco, Inc. | Volentine Family Foundation
Arlington Financial Advisors, Wells Hughes | Julia Delgado, MD
Donna Barranco Fisher | Rosalind Gies-Amorteguy
Heritage Oaks Bank | Maloney Wealth Management Group, UBS Financial Services
Montecito Bank & Trust | Susannah Rake | Mark & Nicole Romasanta
SB Philanthropy, Tina Fanucchi-Frontado | Robert & Linda Vannier | Mary Ellen Trainor Zemeckis
As soon as the social worker at Cottage Children’s Hospital put us in touch with TBCF, all our immediate financial worries were lifted. They made the transition to this new life of cancer and chemotherapy easier. Since 2013, they have assisted our family with hotel accommodations, gas cards, meal cards, covered household expenses and provided our family with much needed emotional support.”
- Gonzalez Family, San Luis Obispo County
The Bear Club is the cornerstone of philanthropic support for Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation. Annual gifts at all levels greatly contribute to our work to provide emotional and financial support to families of children with cancer. Thank you to our donors for your continued support!

GOLD CHAMPION BEAR
$25,000 and above

Jeff & Margo Barbakow
Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara
Hutton Parker Foundation
Earl & Claudia Minnis and Family
Roy & Ida Eagle Foundation
Bobby Ryan & Family
Weingart Foundation
Wood-Clayssens Foundation

AMBASSADOR BEAR
$10,000 - $24,999

Dr. Robert J. Kammer
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John F. Sniekel Foundation
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The Linden Family Foundation
Lucky Fund
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Valentine Family Foundation
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Yardi Systems

VISIONARY BEAR
$5,000 - $9,999

The Allergan Foundation
Billy Baldwin & Chynna Phillips
Berkeley Aviation
Jason & Michelle Niemela
Donna Caruso
City of Santa Barbara Human Services
Cottage Health System
Thomas & Nancy Crawford
Deckers Outdoor Corporation
Julia Delgado, MD
Larame & Nikki Greene
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Wes & Stella Johnson
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Southern California Edison, Ventura
Sunny Thomas
The Towbes Foundation
Marina Vander
ter Wells Fargo
Erica Westrich

ADVOCATE BEAR
$2,500 - $4,999

Alamal Capital Management, Jim Bechtel
B & B Foundation
Bank of Santa Barbara
Bechtel Family Charitable Fund

Martin & Gina Bell
Cox Communications
Kim Delgado
Edison International
ERG California
Stanley & Roberta Fishman
The Greene Family Foundation
Keith Berry Real Estate
Cecil Bond Kyte
Latin Charitable Foundation
Montecito Weddings, Sarah Reed Farmer
Devon Geiger Nielsen
Jean Rogers
Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians
SB Philanthropy, Greg Frisardo
& Tina Fanucchi-Frontado
Schuyler Family Foundation
Suneva Medical
Swift Memorial Health Care Foundation
Brody & Bonny Trejo
Venoco, Inc.

HEALER BEAR
$1,000 - $2,499

Allora by Laura
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ARDEN Estate & Lifestyle
Arlington Financial Advisors,
Wells Hughes
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Barlein & Company, Inc.
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Technical Glass Products TGP,
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Union Bank Foundation
Robert & Linda Vannier
Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs’ Association
Jane Walker Wood
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Zemeckis Charitable Foundation,
Bob & Leslie Zemeckis

HELPER BEAR
$500 - $999

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Rudy Alvaro & Tracy Angel
Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP, Scott Hadley
Daniel Bitano
Bill Pessio & Bibi Moezzi
Jack Bohnet
William & Kathy Borgers
Karen Bowker
Kyle Brice
Erin & Rebecca Bruce
Diana Bull
California Teachers’ Association (CTA),
Channel Islands Service Council
Camarillo Breakfast
Rotary Foundation, Inc.
Erin Carroll
Cedars of Lebanon Foundation,
Dr. Richard & Annette Caleel
Chicago Title Company
Pamela Cohen
Costco UW Campaign
Kevin Cozen
Joe & Steven Crossland
Custom Workouts, Susie Duane
Charles & Barbara De L’Arbe
Steven & Susan Eng Denbaar
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“When my husband and I were told about our son Anthony’s diagnosis we felt like our world was ending. A lot of things came to mind when his doctor told us about the side effects of treatment. We spent the first two months of his treatment in the hospital with him. His illness is a lot to experience. Having to worry about paying bills while my husband and I are not able to work full-time because we are caring for him is completely overwhelming. We are so thankful for TBCF; they helped us cover critical household expenses and provided much needed emotional support to our family.”

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“Alejandra was having difficulty in school and the social worker at Ventura County Medical Center suggested we contact TBCF to receive tutoring support from their Education Support Program. The tutoring support Alejandra received has improved her reading skills and math skills, and she is not frustrated any more. This process also gave me the confidence to be more engaged with my child’s education. I am better able to ask for help from her teacher and the school.”

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“Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation is an invaluable asset to me and my hematology/oncology team in our treatment of children with cancer. Our team approach to treating the child with cancer is a family centered approach. By providing both financial and emotional support, TBCF allows the family to remain an integral part of our care team. Without TCBF’s involvement, the family can become fractured, to the detriment of everyone involved in caring for our patient.”

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