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Luke Garberg with some of his first-grade friends, Eliza Hunt and Paige Kurland. > PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE KURLAND

TEAMING UP

FAMILIES AT BROOKHAVEN ELEMENTARY HAVE COME TOGETHER TO HELP OUT TWO OF THEIR OWN. PAGE 8

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Brookhaven folks support each other

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FOR THE PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

I am a mom of three children who attend Brookhaven Elementary School in Placentia. It is Monday morning and I am "recouping" from our busy weekend that not only included Scouting campouts and soccer games, but attendance at a very important and annual event for us: The Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis.

You see, two of my three children have classmates and friends who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis. Joshua Garberg is a fourth grader who loves to perform hip hop, act in plays and sing. He was "Young Hercules" in our last school production and danced hip hop in the school variety show with my son, Tanner, last year.

Lukas is Joshua's younger brother. He is a first grader ... small but mighty. Lukas is loved by all - there is a big heart in that small body of his. He loves art, playing baseball and being a complete ham.

Lukas was the first to be diagnosed with CF at age 2 when he was unable to



Brookhaven students Lexie Milby, Melissa Mejia, Hannah Glenn and Aaron Milby show their support for Hayden. > PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELLE KURLAND

gain weight. Big brothers Joshua and Jakob were also tested. Jakob (who is a seventh grader at Tuffree Middle School) had a negative test result. However, Joshua's test results for CF were positive. And so began the fight for Joshua and Lukas by two very incredible and dedicated parents - Kristen and Chris Garberg.

This was our third year participating in The Great Strides Walk. Our family - along with 210 members of "The Garberg Force" (more than half of them Brookhaven families) - walked for three miles around East Lake Village to show our support and raise money for research to help fight a disease that affects two young boys we adore. Nearly \$12,000 was raised at this year's event and. Thankfully, Josh and Luke are thriving ... thanks to their parents, thanks to modern medicine and thanks to the support of an incredible group of family and friends.

But the story does not end there. There is yet another young fourth-grade boy at Brookhaven. His name is Hayden Breneman. He suffers from a rare form of leukemia that has been in remission for the past seven years. He did not show any signs that the Leukemia had returned until testing revealed it just a few weeks ago. Hayden is currently undergoing chemotherapy and will need a bone marrow transplant in the weeks to come.

Hayden was diagnosed with Leuke-



First grader Paige Kurland at the Hope for Hayden event.

mia at 18 months of age. He is a sweet, active boy who loves to play soccer. He also has two brothers. Wyatt is a fifth grader at Brookhaven and Dylan is an eighth grader Bernardo Yorba Middle School.

Hayden will not be at school for the remainder of the year - he will not get to hang out with his friends on the playground or kick the ball on the soccer field. There is hope for Hayden, however, and that is what this is all about.

Hayden's parents, Matt and Robin, are dedicated and loving parents who are doing all that they can to fight for their son - not leaving his side and allowing his story to be told. In fact, both of them just took leaves of absence from their jobs so that they would not miss a



Kindergarten teachers Teresa Vitelli and Jamie Grijalva buy bracelets.



Josh and Luke Garberg at the recent Cystic Fibrosis Great Strikes walk in Yorba Linda.

minute of being with their son during these grueling weeks ahead.

Recently, a group of Brookhaven moms lead by Tiffany Milby organized a "Hope for Hayden" event. They set up a table just outside the school, displayed posters with Hayden's photo and story and sold wristbands for a suggested donation of \$5 to help with Hayden's medical expenses. The response was overwhelming - teachers, parents and students all wanted to help Hayden, and help Hayden they did. With generous donations, the bracelets were sold out in less than an hour with a waiting list for people wanting more.

If you would like to learn more about Joshua and Lukas Garberg or make a donation to The Garberg Force, visit <http://thegarbergforce.shutterfly.com>.

Hope for Hayden bracelets will again be available at 2 p.m. Friday in front of Brookhaven School, 1851 N. Brookhaven Ave. Visit www.carepages.com/carepages/HaydenLovesSoccer for more information about Hayden.

Submitted by Michelle Kurland, a parent at Brookhaven Elementary School.



For more photos from the event, see page 9.

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SNAPSHOTS



Brookhaven students show their support for Hayden Breneman.

Fourth-graders Tina Hasrouni, Delaney Wheeler and Hope Osborn show their support for their classmate.

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The Garberg family, Chris, Jake, Kristen, Luke and Josh.



Devyn Valdez, Nolan Houghton, Adam Horn, Josh Garberg, Tanner Kurland and Josh Stephenson all participated in the Great Strides walk to benefit cystic fibrosis research.



Sixth-grade teacher Steve Nakanishi buys a bracelet at the fundraiser.

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East Lake Village partners up for cystic fibrosis

**PHOTOS AND STORY
BY STEPHANIE ORNELAS
FOR OCREGISTER.COM**

The East Lake Village community association partnered up with the Cystic Fibrosis foundation to host "a walk for cystic fibrosis" to help raise awareness and money for research on April 30.

The event was held at the East Lake Village Community Center in Yorba Linda. The event started with a walk at 8 a.m. around the lake that surrounds East Lake Village and went on all day ending with a surfboard raffle, activities and games.

Families and friends from all over the community came in 18 different teams to show support. More than 2,000 people turned out for the walk and were encouraged by the Esperanza High School band and Yorba Linda High School cheer-leading squad.

"This is real-life stuff. These are real people with real sicknesses and when people come out on a busy Saturday to show their support, it makes a difference," said Megan Poulsen, who has been a volunteer for this event for six years.

Families and friends were

brought to tears when it was announced later that afternoon that the event raised over \$85,000 for research.

"I truly believe we can find a cure," said Rob Montelone, a volunteer and coordinator of the event. Rob and his wife Paulette have five kids, three of which who have cystic fibrosis.

The Montelones are an example of just one family that was affected, by the disease. Karina Toriz, a local resident, was there in remembrance of her close friend who passed away from the disease last year.

"This is my second year coming. I think it's important to raise awareness. This event has been very emotional for all of us." Bridget Blehm, a manager for East Lake Village, was a co-chair of the event.

"Our main focus was to raise money and awareness and we did just that."

The event began at a small park in Placentia in 2005.

"Parents like me have two choices, we can sit on the sidelines and just accept our situation or we can get involved and be an agent for finding a cure," Montelone said.

"What touches me most is the love and support of the community."



Megan Poulsen and her daughter show their support at the Walk for Cystic Fibrosis event.



Paulette and Rob Montelone along with Mable Elementary School Principle, Tamie Beeuwaert.

BOOMER SOONER • The Yorba Linda Boys Division 2A Oklahoma Sooners won their division championship this season. Pictured from left to right: Garrett Freund, Davis Hedrick, Joshua Yen, Andrew Lamp, Orion Tack, Charlie Good, Michael Toyos, Will Hertel Head Coach Brian Lamp, and Assistant Coach Harry Freund. > PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE FREUND



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

BASKETBALL

The Yorba Linda Nothing But Net summer basketball program is seeking volunteer coaches for all age groups. If interested or for more information, contact Jeff Roth at 714-961-7165 or jroth@yorba-linda.org.

Placentia NJB is holding tryouts for players interested in competing at the All-Net level for both 6th and 7th grade boys. The tryout will be held at Valencia High May 17 at 7 p.m. Information: email mrwjddavis@sbcglobal.net or go to <http://placentianjb.d4sportsclub.com>.

EQUESTRIAN

The Yorba Linda Country Riders offers equestrian meetings each month. The general meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at the community center in the Club Room. For more information contact Dee Dee at 714-996-6321 or visit www.ylcr.net.

FOOTBALL

USA Combine will be at Fullerton College May 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. High school players will be evaluated on 40 yard dash, broad jump, 20 yard shuttle and bench press. There will also be position instruction, 1-on-1, and 7-on-7 drills. \$50. Scout.com will be in attendance to evaluate players. For more information go to, www.westfootballcamp.com or call 877-622-6711.

SOCCER

North County Boca Team G-U17 (Fall 2011) is looking for players. Forward, midfielder and defender. Contact Danielle at 714-463-5305.

OC Revolution BU12 are looking for two experienced players. Contact Rob Fisher at rfisher@ocrevolution.us or Roger Pintches at rpintches@ocrevolution.us for information. www.ocrevolution.com.

