

# Home with a Heart

Quarterly Newsletter | Spring/Summer 2020



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## A Time for Gratitude

None of us could have imagined how life would change so much since our last newsletter. What has not changed in these past few months, however, is our unwavering commitment to providing comfort, care and support to children and families, keeping them together as they embrace life and healing with a sense of hope. Our mission is more relevant than ever in these turbulent times.

We remain continually amazed by the support our community shows our House, and even more so now. We are extraordinarily touched by the love of all who continue to help make our House "a Home away from home" for the families we serve, particularly now as we all grapple with the realities of how things have changed within our own homes.

In March, we had to suspend all in-person volunteer programs, including our Feasts from the Heart meal program. We want to express our gratitude for our dedicated meal group volunteers who continue to provide meals for our families by ordering in from local restaurants and caterers.

"We are so grateful to our community of supporters for their acts of kindness in this difficult time," LBRMH Executive Director, Cheri Bazley says. "So many have reached out to ask how they can continue to help."

Volunteers and community members have contributed much-needed pantry items, including instant oatmeal, tortillas, fresh fruit, deli items, single-serving bags of chips, cookies or nuts, granola bars, and individual fruit or pudding cups. Wish list donations continue to be dropped off at the House also – gift cards for grocery stores and Target, along with cleaning supplies being some of our most used items currently.

In April, our 9th Annual Walk for Kids had to transition from an in-person event to one held virtually. With the support of our event co-chairs, event committee, and the community rallying together through online fundraising, even though we could not be together in-person, more than \$160,000 was raised for our program. This would not have happened without your commitment and help – thank you!

While we may not be able to make the medicine taste better, or erase the pain of much-needed treatment, we remain steadfast in our promise to supporting families going through the most difficult time in their lives. As we look to the months ahead and we all adjust to a "new normal", we remain mindful that this would not be possible if it wasn't for the community of support we receive. From our House to yours, we hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy, and we share our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all.



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## 7th Annual A FEW GOOD MEN GALA

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**

Pacific Room at the Long Beach Arena | 5:00 p.m.

300 East Ocean Boulevard | Long Beach, CA 90802

The Class of 2020 Honorees  
will be announced soon!

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## A message from our Convention Center partners:

My team is in the process of working with our global partners on implementing new best practices for keeping our facilities clean and certified at the highest standards for the safety and health of our event attendees. In addition, we are applying to GPAC Star Facility (Global Biorisk Advisory Council) for their Accreditation Program for Cleaning, Disinfection, and Infectious Disease Prevention.

We are looking to re-open as soon as the State allows and look forward to once again hosting the A Few Good Men Gala!

~ Charlie Beirne, General Manager

## Thank You for Walking Virtually With Us

Thank you to everyone who joined us virtually on Sunday, April 26, 2020 for our 9th Annual Walk for Kids. Whether you joined in the fun via social media, got out into your neighborhood and walked with your family, or showed your support for our House in other creative ways such as sidewalk chalk artwork, we want to thank you for helping us raise more than \$160,000!

Special thanks to our event co-chairs, Matt and Judy Cullen; our host family, Joel and Laurel Gross for sharing their story via video; all

of our event sponsors including Gold Sponsors TABC Toyota, APM Terminals, and Worthington Ford.

### And congratulations to our top prize recipients:

**Top Individual Fundraiser**  
Kathleen Costello-Pitts

**Top Fundraising Team**  
Movers and Shakers

**Most Spirited Team**  
Victory for Victoria

**Jet Blue Opportunity Drawing**  
John Jenkins, Jr.



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