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Annual Fundraiser

Let's help the kids who ask for very little & truly appreciate your support

**Please join us for
Champagne Brunch**

**October 21,
2012
Noon - 4 pm**

**MARINA VILLAGE
CONFERENCE CENTER**

Marina Village—Seaside Room
1970 Quivira Way (Mission Bay)
San Diego, CA 92109

Tickets are \$50 each *www.supportforkids.org* 858-2797339

Tickets are \$50 each. Tables for 6, 8 or 10 are available for your group. The tickets are available online at www.supportforkids.org/tickets.htm, by mail: P.O. Box 3242, La Jolla CA 92038 or by contacting Mike or Ani at (858) 279-7339 or e-mail: ani@supportforkids.org.

We still appreciate checks as it saves us cost of credit card processing fees.

Directions from I-5:

Exit Sea World Dr and head southwest past Sea World exit. Stay in the right-hand lane, exit Ingraham St/West Mission Bay Dr.

Take West Mission Bay Dr. cloverleaf, stay in left lane.

Turn left onto Quivira access, left on Quivira Rd.

Destination is on the right, 0.5 miles at Convention Center sign

The Seaside Room faces the water. Building number 1970

WE NEED YOU THERE!



Sponsors For Our Fundraiser

The preparation for a fundraiser involves a lot of work and also a lot of disappointments. Starting with a selection of a venue and a date, ending with more technical aspects like sound system, projector, invitations, signs, the name tags, seating arrangements, decoration of a venue, etc. Somewhere in between these tasks are the donation requests. It is our 4th fundraiser and some might assume that getting donations from some businesses might get easier. Unfortunately it is not true and we got a lot of declines even from the businesses we were certain about. I have sent more than 50 donation request letters highlighting our cause and the fact that sponsoring this type of events will benefit their businesses as well. At some point I even was thinking to provide you with the list of the companies (mainly big corporations and not a small businesses) who declined our request and let you be the judge if you want to support these businesses in the future. But I decided that it will not change a thing and being a “sour grape” will not benefit Support For Kids Organization Inc. We are extremely grateful to the companies and businesses who came through and are continuing to be our loyal supporters. I would like to mention a few of them: Hornblower, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Costco, San Diego Zoo, and Seaworld. I have my fingers crossed that some more will still help us out.

Ralph's Community Contribution Program

A few years ago we signed up for Ralph's Community Contribution Program. It's very easy, you don't spend an extra penny, just shop as usual and percentage of your regular grocery spending goes to our charity. Support For Kids Organization Inc is officially a participant of this program.

If any of you shops at Ralph's we would really appreciate if you register in this program. This is the link: http://www.ralphs.com/myralphs/703/Pages/community_contribution.aspx

Below are the instructions:

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2012.

There is no pre-registration! This means that the first day you can register for the new term is September 1, 2012 or after.

1. All of your members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2012.
2. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at www.ralphs.com or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting **September 1, 2012**.
3. If you received a scanbar letter last year, it is still good and can be used this year.
4. Even if your participants registered as recently as June, July or August 2012, they will be required to register again, on or after **September 1, 2012**.
5. **Your organization does NOT need to re-register**, only your participants.
6. This notice does not apply to participants of the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program.

“Thank You” Letter from Levan

In the previous letter I mentioned a computer that was sent to Levan as a birthday present. Below is his “Thank You” note that I took a liberty to translate. It’s not a perfect English, but I did not change his style, I just wanted to show his appreciation for all your support.

“Dear Ani, I just got your present – computer. You made me extremely happy. It’s always a pleasure to receive a gift, but it’s your relation towards me that makes it so special. I respect you tremendously and it will continue to be like that forever. Support for Kids Organization is the major part of the best time in my life and you and Manana represent it. I would like to express my humble gratitude for everything you have done and I am so fortunate that you entered my life. I am certain that someday I will be able to better express my appreciation, but I also know that the best gift for you is the goodness you are seeding. “Kindness for kindness” and not for rewarding is important to you. I know and I agree with that, but Levan Chakhaia will carry a tremendous love and a deep respect towards you the rest of his life. Ani, thank you once again.”



Letter from the Founder

Dear friends and supporters,

In a few days I am leaving for Georgia until the end of September. I am sure it will be another busy trip - visiting the kids who are spread around different parts of the country, delivering the goods I shipped earlier, setting the directions for future development and making some new contacts who will support our effort to make a difference in the lives of kids.

Upon my return I will have just 20 days until our fundraiser. In most cases it requires at least a week to recover from jetlag. Unfortunately, I will not have that luxury time wise. That is why I am asking you, please sign up as early as you can and also sign up as many as you can for our big event.

As before, we have a minimum to meet (this year we have to guarantee 120 guests, otherwise we have to pay the difference). I will need the names of the guests you are bringing with you so I can make name tags and work on the seating arrangement. I need to consider every single detail - collect and prepare auction items and drawing prizes, guest list and sign up forms, bidding paddles and name tags, work on technical issues (hopefully Mike will cover that side) and aesthetic sides, and on top of everything, I need to prepare a presentation/report on our progress that you make possible.

In early October, I will send you another reminder/announcement but hopefully you will make my job a bit easier and you already will be signed up by then. Together we can make our 4th fundraiser even more successful than before.

Thanks as always,

Ani



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Your tax-deductable financial gift is the most important action you can take to help this great cause. Please visit our site: www.supportforkids.org

Please help



Georgia up-close : Georgian Athletes in the Olympic Games

Georgia first participated at the Olympic Games as an independent nation in 1994, and has sent athletes to compete in every Summer Olympic Games and Winter Olympic Games since then.

Previously, Georgian athletes competed as part of the Soviet Union at the Olympics from 1952 to 1988, and after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Georgia was part of the Unified Team in 1992.

Georgian athletes have won a total of eighteen medals, mostly in judo and wrestling.

During the recent London Olympics Georgian athletes won 7 medals - one gold in judo, 3 silver and 3 bronze in wrestling.



The names of these athletes are less known to the general public, but there is one athlete that most of you have probably heard of. Her name is **Khatuna Lorig** - she is an American archer originally from the Republic of Georgia. Lorig earned individual bronze and team gold medals at the 1990 and 1992 European Championships competing for the Soviet Union. Lorig went on to compete for Georgia at the 1996 Olympics, and the 2000 Olympics as Khatuna Lorigi. Lorig became a naturalized U.S. citizen and qualified to compete in the women's individual archery event at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. At the London Games, she made her fifth Olympic appearance and represented the United States for the second time. She came fourth.

She also taught Academy Award-nominated actress Jennifer Lawrence how to use a bow and arrow for her role as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games."

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