



Dear Friends,

For the past 7 years The Friendship Paddle has provided emotional and financial support to young families facing a life-threatening illness. The Keiki Paddle was created to allow children to experience the gift of helping others, and to witness firsthand the power of community spirit and support. Keiki means child in the Hawaiian language.

I am proud to be participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Keiki Paddle, an ocean relay paddle that will take place on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The Keiki Paddle will consist of 100+ children between the ages of 7 and 16. The course will be approximately 10 miles, from Campus Point to Ledbetter Beach, and will end with a celebration of life and BBQ.

The mission of the Keiki Paddle is to provide financial and emotional support for a child with a life-threatening illness and a non-profit organization that helps children in Santa Barbara County. This year our goal is to raise funds and awareness for Edwin, Sonya and The Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation.

**Edwin Corona** is an 8 year old boy diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Edwin has a passion for baseball and recently received his first mitt from Hugs for Cubs. He lives with his parents and 3 brothers in Santa Barbara.

**Sonya Urzua**, 15 years old, was diagnosed with Malignant Granular Cell Tumors. Sonya is a freshman at San Marcos High School and is on the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Team. Sonya lives with her parents and six siblings in Goleta.

The mission of The **Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation** is to ensure that children with cancer receive the undivided comfort of their parents during the treatment and recovery process. They help middle and low-income families with financial aid for rent, mortgage, utilities, and car payments, as well as other supportive services, thereby allowing families to focus on their children.

Now I am asking you for your support. I hope you will consider sponsoring me by making a generous contribution. As with all Friendship Paddle events, 100% of your donation will go directly to the beneficiaries.

For more information visit [www.friendshippaddle.org](http://www.friendshippaddle.org). Thank you for supporting the Friendship Paddle and my efforts to make a difference in another child's life.

Sincerely,

Cash donations can be submitted by check. Online donations can be made at our web site via PayPal. **Make sure to note my name with your donation.**

Send checks to:

The Friendship Paddle, 920 Garden St. SB 93101