

The Children's Lifesaving Foundation's 2023 Annual Report: 30 Years of Service



Letter from CLF Founder, Maria D'Angelo



Dear Friends:

I cannot believe I am writing these words,
but it looks like I am going to be officially retiring this year!

Francesca will be stepping in as Executive Director, and on December 2nd, we will be celebrating 30 years of service and friendship as an organization...

We truly could not have done this work without the help of all of YOU...

YOU are the life's blood of the Children's Lifesaving Foundation, and always have been...As I reflect on the past three decades, it warms my heart to remember each and every one of you who have been so instrumental to our work, our beginnings, and our continuing on, through both the great joys, and the many challenges.

I love you with all of my heart, truly. Thank you, for being the amazing friends and supporters that you have been...

The CLF exists only because of all of YOU...

**My love, thanks, and
gratitude,**

Maria D'Angelo-CLF Founder



CLF AT 30: A TIMELINE



The Children's Lifesaving Foundation was founded in 1993 by Maria D'Angelo, after she had been volunteering at a homeless shelter in Central Los Angeles. She began by bringing children to get necessary physicals and minor surgeries, and soon began organizing field trips to amusement parks and local attractions.

Dr. Chris Landon introduced her to the National Park Service in 1993, and with a great group of like-minded friends and volunteers (including some amazing members of the Agape International Spiritual Institute) she helped refurbish the Circle X Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains. In the summer of 1993, she brought up the first group of seven children. Our Summer Camp Enrichment Program was born. By 1994, the CLF was serving over 2,200 youth and families from various homeless shelters and agencies serving underserved youth annually.

1993



1994



Seeing the need to provide an amazing Holiday Experience for underserved youth, friends at companies such as California Supply, Topson-Downs, KAYO, and Disney started sponsoring what would soon become known as our Project Angel Wings Holiday Program. Over 100 college scholarships have been awarded to deserving teens to date...

In the period between starting the camp program in 1993 and 1995, the CLF began finding financial sponsors to move specific families out of homeless shelters, and into their own homes.

These families formed a group called the Adopt-A-Family Program, and, later, formed a program called the Vita Network. Robyn Moore and JCDN Pictures, along with Michael Torrey of Avalon Construction, became some of the very first sponsors of this program-which grew to move over 50 families and individuals in need from homeless shelters and transitional foster housing into new apartments.

1995



2000



The CLF's three programs continue to grow and thrive, the CLF still making Camp for All its home base at Circle X Ranch through the summer of 2005... Field Trips to cultural and recreational events are added as a program component to the Care though College Program. Partnerships with agencies such as LA's BEST and Homeboy Industries and countless other agencies serving homeless families and underserved youth are established

Hearing the need of the families in our Vita Network for homework assistance and test preparation for their elementary-school aged children, the CLF started the Care though College Program, opening a special Learning Center on Main Street in Santa Monica...

2006



2008-

2016



The CLF moved its Care though College Program to operate out of the Boys & Girls club of Venice, continuing to run our three other programs year-round, and getting nationally recognized with several awards, appearing on *The Steve Harvey Show* in 2013.

During the pandemic, a new program was created to provide emergency funding for highly vulnerable families, called The Step Forward Emergency Family Fund. It gave away over \$150,000 in direct cash stipends and in-kind donations during the lock-down and Covid Pandemic. The CLF continues to grow, adding more corporate sponsors and foundations, and an amazing roster of volunteers and supporters. Today, in 2023, CLF has served over 85,000 underserved youth and families.

2016- TODAY

CLF Turns Thirty This Year!



One of the very best Wilderness Camp components EVER this past summer season, with 300 wonderful campers from our beloved community partners at LA's BEST-students coming from the most underserved school districts in Los Angeles. Wilderness Camp is SUCH a great week: The youth go hiking with pro naturalist "Tracker Rob" Remedi, participating in an inspiring meditation and 'Dream Board' Workshop with awesome breath work facilitator Kristi Locks, to doing and creating fun camp art projects with our great counselors and truly fab community partners like Lola and her volunteers from Create Now Arts in DTLA..and let's not forget about an incredible animal education workshop- WITH REAL, LIVE ANIMALS ALL THE CAMPERS GOT TO SEE UP CLOSE & TOUCH from the Critter Squad Animal Defenders! A yummy lunch was served each spectacular day (the weather was amazing!) There were also plenty of Drum Circles and dance contests, and so much fun and genuine enrichment was experienced. Our dear friends at GoodRx even donated cool drawstring camp bags with water bottles, hand sanitizer and sunscreen for our adventurous campers! CLF hopes to cram as much fun, enrichment and inspiration into one day as humanly possible-and we are so grateful to all of YOU, who, once again, have made this work possible for us this summer...



CLF in
The Malibu Times!





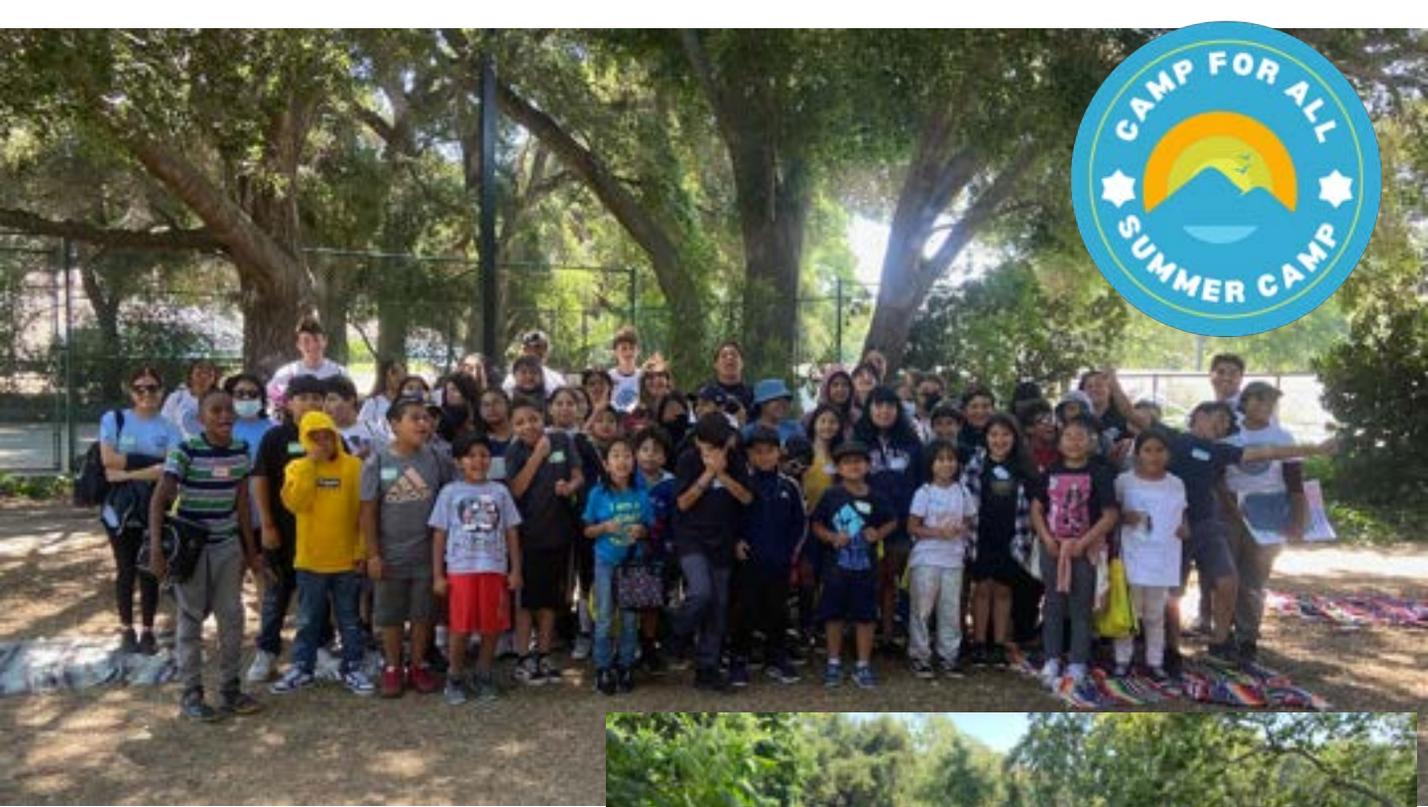
Wilderness Camp for All: Animal Education!





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Our CLF Coastal Eco-Mariners Surf and Beach Camp this month! Thank you to the California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant-year, as well as the Oder Family Foundation, the McHugh-O'Donovan Foundation, the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation, The Lawrence Foundation, and so many other wonderful supporters, sponsors and individuals, just like YOU!

Our CLF Coastal Eco-Mariners Surf Camp creates natural stewards of the California coast line, while providing a great dose of fun, adventure, marine education, and a truly wonderful day at the beach... (and thank you so much to our pals at Maui and Sons for the rad rash guards and sun shirts!)

Learning about the life of a sand crab, making our own "sea jars," (complete with faux marine life!) learning about the layers of the ocean, how the moon affects the tides with a fun skit...

We invited campers free-of-charge from wonderful community partners at Covenant House, My Friend's Place, North Valley Caring Services, Operation Progress, and Upward Bound House...

It was a truly wonderful season!





THE CHILDREN'S LIFESAVING
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CLF's Coastal
Eco-Mariners
Surf Camp in *The Malibu Times!*







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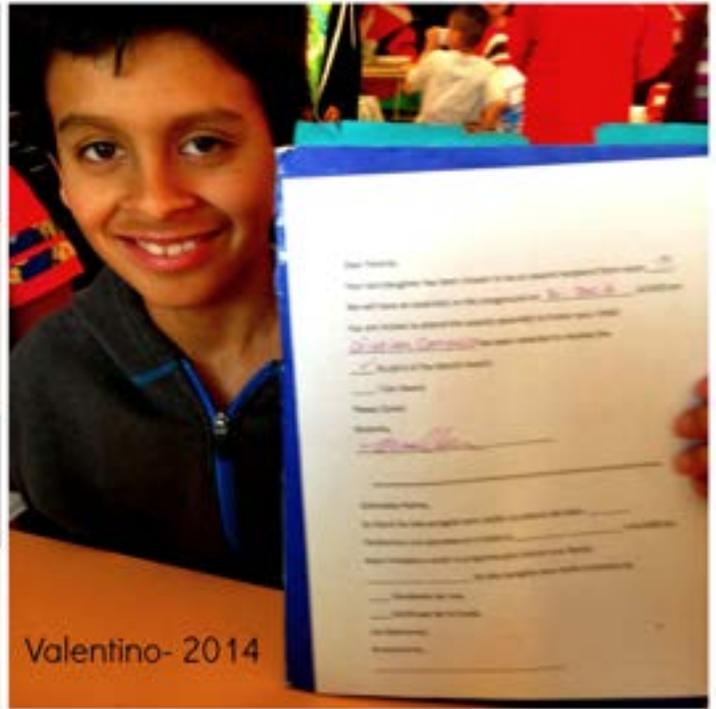


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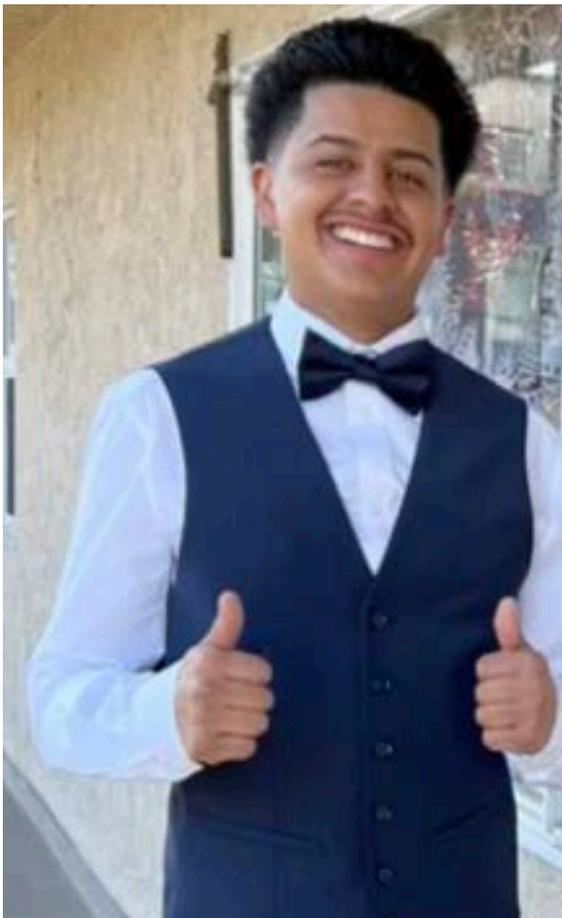
Transforming lives through college scholarship opportunities...



Valentino-2006



Valentino- 2014



Valentino attended our Care through College Program from the beginnings of his academic Journey, through middle school and high school-and is a current Shining Stars Scholarship Winner in the Fall of 2023! CLF will be awarding Five Scholarships this Fall...

**Shining Stars Scholar
Valentino Carrasco Today-
In His Junior Year at UC University at
Long Beach!**

Community Engagement:



Thank you got the Santa Monica Police Department's Community Affairs Dept. visited us at Wilderness Camp! We wanted to thank them once again for visiting us, and thank you to Halima and the staff at the SM Police Dept's Crime Prevention Unit!

Field Trips: The Big Heart Ranch



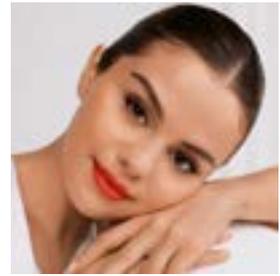


GoodRx

Awesome new friends from GoodRx came together and hosted a special corporate Backpack Drive for CLF in the fall, making personalized cards for our Project Angel Wings Holiday Program, and collecting over 120 backpacks filled with fun stickers and amazing toiletries!



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Selena Gomez' company
Rare Beauty is a new, 2023 Project Angel
Wings Holiday Program Sponsor-donating
funds AND amazing beauty products for the
moms and teens in our program!

Last year-the LOEWS Santa Monica Beach Hotel
both co-sponsored our
December 17th Holiday Event in Malibu for LA's
BEST students.....and hosted their own wrap
parties for CLF onsite at their beautiful hotel...
We hope to partner with them again this year!



**CLF also brought new friends from
SNAPCHAT the
LOEWS Santa Monica Beach Hotel
to wrap gifts and create sweet
holiday cards for the kids!**



**SNAP Inc. also co-sponsored our
December 17th Project Angel
Wings Holiday Party...**

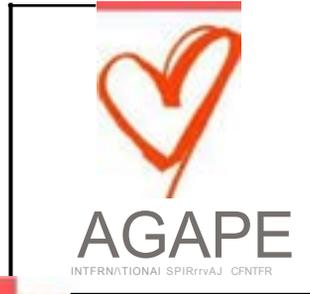




Our great friends at Rite Aid Healthy Futures co-sponsored our Project Angel Wings Holiday Program...



... And co-sponsors also included the wonderful Agape International Spiritual Center and A + E Networks -who financially sponsored great Toy Drives for CLF!



Very Special Thanks to JAKKs Pacific, Stephen, Charles and the wonderful crew of Capital One Ambassadors and staff at the Capital One Cafe in Santa Monica, Joanna Gradek and her awesome hospitality staff at the LOEWS Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Deena at SM-Malibu USD, OSEA staff in Venice, GoodRx and SNAP Inc. employees, and STAR CLF volunteers Suzanne Smith, Cathy Merriman Cygan, Mark Lederkramer, Kat Yore, Nick Kreider, Alan and Cheryl Bohannon, Claudia and Mark Mendoza and LA's BEST site coordinators-for making our Project Angel Wings Holiday Program truly *SHINE!*

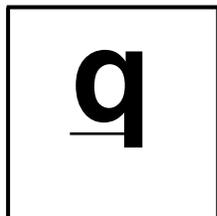




JAKK's Pacific once again donated over 1,200 toys, and friends from Action-Agape at Agape Int'l Spiritual Center (who also co-sponsored Project Angel Wings this year) Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Santa Monica, FTI Consulting, PJT Partners, GoodRx and RQ Media all held wonderful Toy Drives this past holiday season, and CLF could not be more grateful...Both Target Santa Monica locations donated generous Gift Cards, as well!



TARGET



Community Engagement: The Santa Monica Daily Press Article from Jan 2023

Donation: Santa Monica-based non-profit the Children's Lifesaving Foundation surprised UCLA COVID Ward Nurse Shannan Hough and her colleagues at the UCLA Hospital with beauty and skincare gift bags, put together by the staff of Venice-based OSEA Skincare. The bags were filled with high-end skin and beauty products donated by OSEA and their partner brands.

"We just gave away over two thousand toys and gifts over the holidays to families in need, including the OSEA gift bags to some of the families in our Vita Network," said The Children's Lifesaving Foundation (CLF) Operations Director Francesca McCaffery. "OSEA are incredible community partners, and have been working with us for over a decade. They also donated extra gift bags in 2020, and we brought them to the nurses at the beginning of the lockdown. It's so nice to be able to honor them, in any way that we can, especially right now."

CLF has been in operation since 1993, serving underserved and homeless youth and families through a variety of educational, holiday and outdoor recreational programs—such as wilderness and surf camps, college scholarships and tutoring. They also raised and distributed over \$136,000 in direct funds through their Step Forward Emergency Family Fund to local families in need in LA County since May of 2020. For more information on their work, their website is www.childrenslifesaving.org.



CLF 2023 Nominations





30th ANNIVERSARY GALA

Celebrating the legacy of our Founder Maria D'Angelo, who is retiring this year!



THREE DECADES OF PLANTING HOPE WITHIN THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

We honor our Founder, Maria D'Angelo, who is retiring this year, after 30 years of service to youth and families in-need in Los Angeles County!

We love you, Maria! Learn more about Maria's legacy of service on our website...We will be celebrating Maria, and CLF's 30 years of service to the youth and families in need in LA County, at a special fundraiser & celebration on December 2nd in Santa Monica.

We truly hope to see you there!

Community Outreach:

Download Our Fire Prevention Guide CLF
(created in collaboration
with the California Fire Foundation)
on our website!

Thank you to our awesome friends there...



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS

FUNDERS & IN-KIND DONORS:

One Angel Anonymous Donor

OUR AMAZING INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS WHO DONATED ONLINE!

A + E Networks

The Alpert Family

Arctic Cold Caps

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California Coastal Commission's Whale Tale Grant Program

California Supply

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McHugh-O'Donovan Fdn

Robert & Catherine Murray Charitable Trust

Jeffrey & Marla Michaels

Oder Family Foundation

Open Hearts Foundation

Ellen Poyer & Family

Rags for Riches

Rare Beauty

Rite Aid Healthy Futures

Santa Monica Rotary Club

Sidney Stern Memorial Trust Venable Foundation

Spinmaster Toys

Walmart Stores, Los Angeles

The Weinstein Family

Whole Foods Community Giving Program

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Volunteers-You are the BEST! Thank you to
our incredible VOLUNTEERS- and all that
you do for the CLF youth & families serves,
all year round...**

Action-Agape Volunteers & Toy Drive Donors

Andrew Barret-Weiss, Maggie Jorgenson & the GoodRx Santa Monica

Team Jessica Begley & the Northwestern Mutual Santa Monica Branch

Alan & Cheryl Bohannon Brookdale Senior Living

Residents

Capital One Cafe Santa Monica's Staff & Ambassadors

FTI Consulting Team

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Sol Emami

Diana Escobar & the team at Lincoln Avenue Capital Katie Flynn

Lucas Gold

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Joanna Gradek

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Lindsey Heisser

Michael Johnson

Maggie Jorgenson

Hannah Kia

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Mark "Kramer" Lederkramer Nick Kreider

Anijah Lezama

Skiddy Payson

Patrick J., Faith & Dylan McCaffery Claudia &

Mark Mendoza

Cathy Merriman Cygan

Northwestern Mutual Insurance

Santa Monica Branch Employees

Pacific Palisades High "Pali Ambassadors" Program

OSEA Team Terrie Pologianis

Ellen Poyer & Family RQ Media &

Staff Christopher Rojas

Camille Shenassa

Suzanne Smith

Lisa Uniejewski & the Team at PJT partners

Cha-Cha Weinstein & Family Lindsey

Weinstein

Melanie Wizan Kat Yore



THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

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