



# trinitytoday

WINTER 2009/10

## THE CEO'S PERSPECTIVE

The holiday season is upon us and with the coming of the season we rejoice in many things spiritually and personally. Chief among the things in which we rejoice is family. The longer I live the more I understand the importance of family in our lives. Our families and our relationships with family members enrich us more than any success, more than any riches and more than any material possessions.

Never have I been more aware of this until recently when our daughter and her husband presented us with a baby girl and my wife and I became grandparents for the first time. For those of you who are grandparents you will understand the tremendous emotion we felt. It is different than the feeling one has when they become a parent. Perhaps it is because as we age and as we become wise, we understand the importance of family and we realize the hopes and dreams we had for our own child are now embodied in a new generation. It allows us to realize with clarity that life does indeed extend beyond our own mortality. We want nothing but the best for that new grand baby and we want to give them everything we can so they may be healthy and happy and wise.

And then I am reminded of the thousands of children we serve each year in our programs that do not experience the gift of family. I think about how these children, save for our help and intervention, may never experience the support and love that only a family can give. I think about how a child of abuse and neglect can only give their own children the same, unless someone intervenes and breaks that cycle. I think about the angry adolescents we see everyday, who because of the abuse and neglect suffered at a young age, now act out that anger and run afoul of

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the law, or self-medicate with illegal drugs to dull their pain and anger, or who seek much needed acceptance in gangs.

We all understand how our upbringing defines us and how one's family becomes part of one's identity. For a child without the identity derived from one's family, life can at best be challenging and at worst defeating. That is why it is important that we as a society help these children; that we understand that all children, regardless of age, need a family in order to grow and prosper.

Agencies, such as ours, have been hard pressed over the last few years to recognize our society's commitment to these, its most vulnerable, children. No cost-of-living increases in reimbursement rates to care for children and now, with the worsening economy, severe cuts to the programs and fees for services we provide. When we balance our budgets on the backs of children we are going to pay the price as a society in the future. The incarcerated, the homeless, the mentally ill, the uneducated,

and the under or unemployed of the future are the abused and neglected of today.

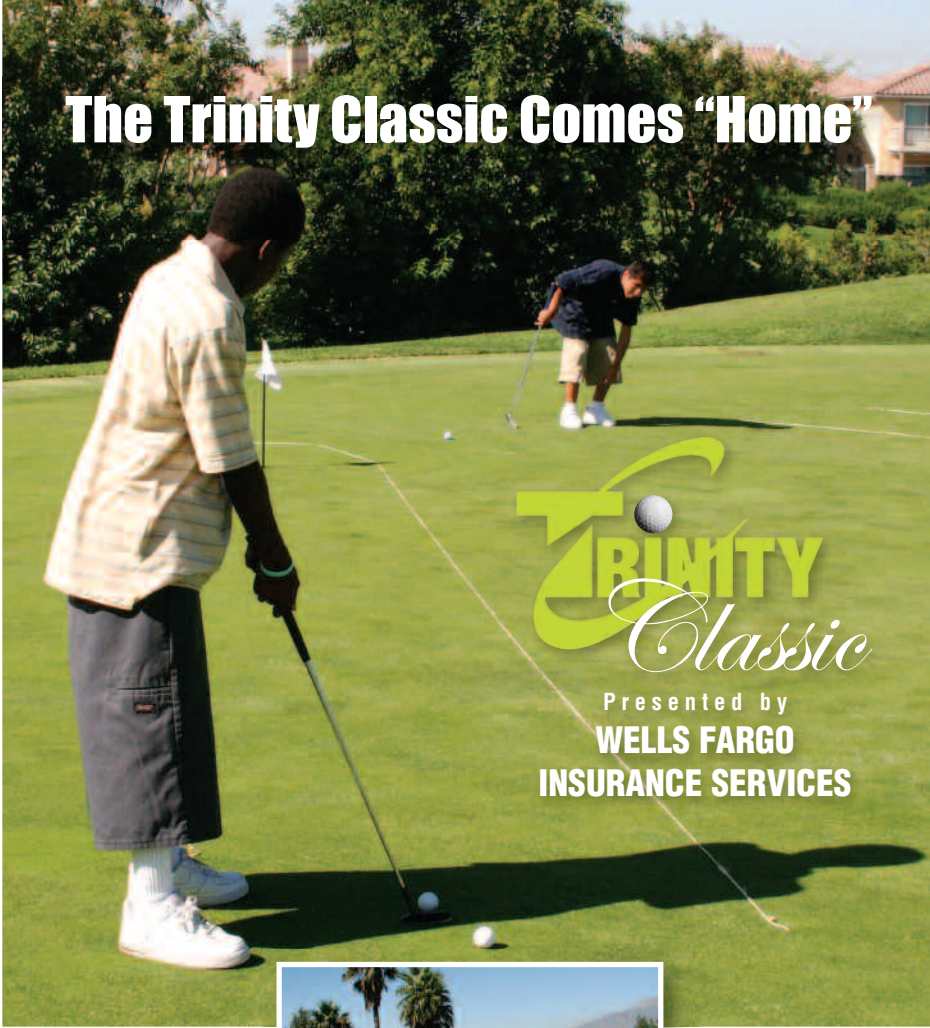
We find ourselves turning more and more to the public, to individuals and families in order to achieve our mission and help the children who most need our help. Never before has your support through your giving been more powerful in helping the children in our care. During this season of rejoicing, as you reconfirm your faith, as you rejoice in your own family and in your abundance, we ask that you reconfirm your support of children in need and help us to give them the gift and power that only a family can bring to a child's life.



**John Neuber**  
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# The Trinity Classic Comes "Home"



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This year the Trinity Classic Golf Tournament returned home to the Inland Empire, where Trinity began its mission of caring for children for whom home was no longer an option. This year our annual fundraising tournament was presented by Wells Fargo Insurance Services and hosted by Sierra Lakes Country Club in Fontana. A gorgeous course and clubhouse set against the backdrop of the majestic San Gabriel Mountains was the setting for a post-card-perfect day; the kind of day folks brag about when they call Southern California home.

They say home is where the heart is. On September 8th, 150 golfers played their hearts out to ensure that the 800 abused, neglected and abandoned children cared for by Trinity Children's Foundation of America, can continue calling Trinity home.

With the California budget in an unprecedented state of crisis, cuts to children's services have been severe. It is predicted that 30% of the State's Foster Care agencies will be forced to close their doors permanently within the next twelve months, while another 50% will be reducing their programs and services. After more than 40 years of dedicated service to over 50,000 children that have needed our help the most, Trinity has every intention of surviving these cuts and continuing to provide the

highest quality of care to the children who find hope and home with us.

Even in the midst of this painful economic downturn the individuals, organizations and corporations who support the Foundation came out to give their time, their money and their encouragement to the cause. At the end of the day more than \$100,000 was netted to directly benefit the children and to assist us in our efforts to help them heal, learn and thrive.

Our sincerest thanks to Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Accent Computer Solutions, Ron G. Matthews, The Los Angeles Lakers Foundation, Harvey and Missy Jabara Foundation, Printing & Promotions Plus, Wells Fargo Business Banking, Mike Roos & Company, Marcus & Millichap, The Harrington Group, Fr. Tom Avramis, Cary Schuman, Citizen's Business Bank, Engrave N Things, Océ Imagistics, Demo Zeppos, and the countless other sponsors, players, staff and volunteers who made this event a success.

If you would like to join us next year as Wells Fargo Insurance Services presents the Trinity Classic Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, please contact us at 800-KIDS-730, or 909-825-5588 ext. 264.



## THE SECOND ANNUAL **Sweetest Ride**

In perfect 77° San Diego weather, riders set out on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from Sweetwater Harley-Davidson in National City to once again ride for the children of Trinity. Hosting the second annual benefit ride as a memorial for her late husband Tom Horning, Marianna Polles invited riders from all over Southern California.

The ride ended at the Sweetwater Harley-Davidson Dealership where music, food, raffle prizes and fellowship were plentiful.

In this economic climate we are especially grateful to all the generous riders and sponsors at this year's Sweetest Ride, and look forward to seeing them again next year.



**PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Walk A Mile In My Shoes...**

In September 2009, children in the care of Trinity Youth Services began receiving shoes from "Shoes That Fit", a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes shoes for needy children. "2009 has been a challenging year for us at Shoes That Fit" says Roni Lomeli, Executive Director. "Families that were barely making ends meet last year are not able to this year. When it comes down to buying a pair of shoes or putting food on the table, shoes usually lose out. If everyone could donate one pair of shoes, we could help so many more children in need. It is truly amazing what a difference a simple pair of shoes can make to the life of a child. Every child deserves shoes that fit."

We want to thank "Shoes That Fit" and everyone who donates new shoes. Their generosity helps the children in Trinity's foster care, residences and schools. To learn more about this wonderful organization visit their website at [www.shoesthatfit.com](http://www.shoesthatfit.com)



*We're bringing hilarity to charity!*  
**FUNNY 4 A REASON 4**

A recent study by Harvard University reported that the average American child laughs 200 times per day, while adults only laugh about 15 times. On Wednesday, November 18, Trinity Children's Foundation of America will host our 4th annual "Funny for a Reason" comedy night, an event where adults can definitely increase their laughter quotient and make a significant difference for children whose lives have been no laughing matter.



**Dante Rusciollelli**

Join some of today's hottest comics, starring Danté Rusciollelli (NBC's "Last Comic Standing"), and featuring "Mind of Mencia's" Brad Williams, Geoff Keith ("Comics Unleashed") and the only comic we know who's been on both "Late Night with David Letterman" and "Sesame Street"-Michael Rayner, with Melissa McQueen, Tim Shaw and Conor McGuire rounding out the line-up. The Children's Foundation's very own Cher Ofstedahl hosts.

Tickets are only \$20. Proceeds will help provide holiday gifts and meals to children in foster care. Call 800 KIDS-730 and reserve your tickets today!

**Wednesday, November 18 at 8:00 pm**  
**at the world Famous ONTARIO IMPROV**  
**Ontario Mills, Ontario, CA**



**HOLIDAY HERO** Gift Drive!

**October 1 thru December 18, 2009**

Please help us brighten the holidays for children in crisis by contributing a gift or toy to the 2009 Annual Holiday Hero Gift Drive. Businesses and individuals can help by collecting new, unwrapped gifts for a child between the ages of birth to 18, and dropping them off at a collection site.

Please call (909) 825-5588 Ext. 264 to find a location near you. Gift cards and cash/checks are another way to contribute. Donations will be used to purchase extra gifts to ensure that all children will receive at least one gift this holiday.

**Gift Suggestions**

- Gift Cards
- Art Sets
- Craft Sets
- Sports Equipment
- Electronics
- Bicycles
- Gift Cards
- Batteries
- Toys
- DVD's and CD's
- Board Games
- Accessories
- Electronic Games
- Gifts for Teen Girls
- Gifts for Teen Boys



Trinity Children's Foundation has established the **Grand Champions Initiative**, to provide funding specifically to bridge the gap between what the government pays for the care of each child we serve, and what it *actually costs* to provide the types of quality programs and services necessary to prepare and empower these children to live healthy, productive lives.

For literally \$2.73 per day, less than many of us will spend on a cup of coffee as we head to the office, you can provide a child with the care, resources and opportunities that will propel them from a history of abuse and neglect to a future of hope and promise.

If you would like more information on becoming a Grand Champion, please call **800 KIDS-730**.



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# Be the Difference

Thank you to Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas, who through their generosity have underwritten this newsletter.

## WINTER 2009 CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Holiday Hero Gift Drive Kickoff**  
Check our website for a convenient drop off location
- 11 Celebrity Grand Champion Event**  
Hosted by Patricia Kara at Falcon
- 11 Veterans Day**
- 18 Funny 4 A Reason 4!**  
8:00 pm at the Ontario Improve... buy your tickets early!
- 26 Thanksgiving Day**

### DECEMBER

- 1-18 Holiday Hero Gift Drive**  
Brighten the holidays for a child in crisis by donating a gift
- 21 Winter begins**
- 25 Christmas**



### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day**  
Ring in the New Year... ring in hope for a child

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Ground Hog Day**  
If you see your shadow help a child see a brighter future!
- 14 Valentine's Day**  
Send love to a child who needs you

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Do you receive duplicate mailings of Trinity Today? Need to make an address or name change? Please call Vanessa at: 1-800-KIDS-730 or e-mail [vvizard@trinitycf.org](mailto:vvizard@trinitycf.org) to request changes so that each issue of Trinity Today will reach you!

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## TRINITY YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

### FOSTER CARE

- California**  
 Colton  
 Lancaster/Palmdale  
 Long Beach  
 Rancho Cucamonga  
 San Diego  
 Victorville  
 West Covina

- Nevada**  
 Las Vegas
- Texas**  
 Houston

### RESIDENTIAL CAMPUSES

- California**  
 Apple Valley  
 El Monte  
 Sacramento  
 Yucaipa

Please check our website at [www.trinityys.org](http://www.trinityys.org) for contact information.

## ADVANCED EDUCATION SERVICES SCHOOLS

### NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

- California**  
 Bloomington  
 Carmichael  
 El Monte
- Hesperia  
 Yucaipa

### OLON CHARTER SCHOOL

- Arizona**  
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## TRIAD FAMILY PROGRAMS

### FOSTER FAMILY CARE AND INTERVENTION

- California**  
 Chico  
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## OUR MISSION

*Trinity Children's Foundation of America provides the opportunity for every person to help children heal, learn and thrive.*