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MIRACLES FOR KIDS KICKS OFF ITS ANNUAL
SURF & PADDLE SUMMER CAMP WITH A SPLASH

*Patients from Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) spent a day of fun in the sun with
Miracles for Kids, Club Pilates and Waves of Impact*

Two more events to come — August 2 and 10 in Newport Beach

TUSTIN, Calif. (July 20, 2018) — [Miracles for Kids](#), a Tustin-based nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of critically-ill children and their families in need, kicked off its annual Surf & Paddle Summer Camp Program on Friday, July 13th at Bolsa Chica State Beach. Approximately 15 children, including current patients at CHOC, their siblings and additional family members, enjoyed some time away from the hospital, at the beach learning to surf and playing in the sand.

[Club Pilates](#), who recently [announced](#) its partnership with Miracles for Kids, participated in the first session of the 2018 Surf & Paddle Summer Camp by leading a group warm-up which taught the kids proper stretching and Pilates poses. Their instructors also ran a Pilates-themed activity on the beach in which the kids experienced more active Pilates movements with the ball and mat in a small, fun group setting.

“Club Pilates is thrilled to be a part of this year’s Surf & Paddle Summer Camp,” notes Shaun Grove, President of Club Pilates. “We support Miracles for Kids’ vision, and our team had a great time spending the day with them and the children.”

The Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camp Program was founded eight years ago by Tom Swanecamp and benefits families with critically-ill children in treatment at CHOC, Mattel Children’s Hospital, and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.



“I started this program with the intent of lifting the spirits of these kids and their families who need a break from hospital rooms and all of the stress that comes with childhood illnesses,” states Tom Swanecamp, Founder of the Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camp and Miracles for Kids board member. “To watch the kids’ eyes light up the second they step on the beach is such an amazing feeling, and I truly look forward to this program all year.”

[Waves of Impact](#), an organization that provides free surf camps for kids with special challenges as well as wounded veterans, has been a long-time sponsor of the Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camp Program. The organization supplies the boards as well as the surf instructors each year.

“Our mission is to show those with exceptional struggles the joys of being in the ocean — and to provide a fun day at the beach that they might not have otherwise,” notes Josh Harper, Co-Founder of Waves of Impact.

As a nearly 100% sponsored Program, the Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camp Program is made possible by the passion and philanthropic spirit of many volunteers and sponsors coming together to give critically-ill children and their families a fun day on the beach. In addition to Waves of Impact and Club Pilates, Bracken’s Kitchen is another long-time supporter who donates hot lunches to all camp participants, volunteers and staff - served from their hard to miss big red food truck named Betsy.

The 2018 Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camp Program has two additional sessions taking place this summer from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Newport Beach. Media will have the opportunity to join in on the fun and interview the kids and their families on Thursday, August 2nd at the Newport Aquatic Center, and Friday, August 10th at the Newport Beach Pier. Additionally, there will be plenty of Miracles for Kids staff members to speak with and plenty of great photo opportunities! View photos from the latest session at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10155931370254125.1073741876.179614134124&type=1&l=238bcae867>.



About Miracles for Kids:

Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and the families that care for them. By operating programs that provide financial aid, basic needs and wellness to patients and their families, Miracles for Kids creates stability when families are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. Founded in 2002, Miracles for Kids is based in Tustin, CA. For more information, please visit <https://miraclesforkids.org/>.

About Club Pilates:

Club Pilates is a boutique Pilates concept specializing in Reformer fusion classes for anyone, at any age or fitness level. Pure to Joseph Pilates' original Reformer-based Contrology Method, but modernized with group practice and expanded state-of-the-art equipment, Club Pilates offers high-quality, life-changing training at a surprisingly affordable price. With more than 2,200 instructors teaching over eight million workouts each year, Club Pilates is the first studio to create a 500-hour Teacher Training Program designed to thoroughly and safely teach group Pilates apparatus classes along with TRX, TriggerPoint, and Barre. To learn more about Club Pilates or to find a studio near you, please visit <https://www.clubpilates.com/>.

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