

Critically-Ill Children and Families Enjoyed a Day at the Beach Learning How to Surf and Paddleboard

Miracles for Kids kicks off its 12th Annual "Surf & Paddle" Camp in Collaboration with Waves of Impact

IRVINE, Calif. (June 14, 2023) – [Miracles for Kids](#), in partnership with [Waves of Impact](#), kicked off their 12th Annual Surf & Paddle Camp with its Surf Day on June 14th at Newport Pier beach. Joyful memories were created as 26 children and their families enjoyed a carefree day filled with surfing, paddle boarding, yoga, sand castle building, and time together.

While families across America are gearing up for summertime travel adventures, parents of a critically-ill child continue to face the ongoing struggles and stresses of managing everyday care needs. Miracles for Kids empowers people to “be the miracle” for families struggling with the battle against a child’s life-threatening illness. Leveraging the power of community, the California-based non-profit provides for essential needs such as housing and bills, in addition to emotional wellness, such as days with family-friendly opportunities for critically-ill children and their siblings to experience joyful play.

“Miracles for Kids is grateful to all of the sponsors and volunteers who make our Surf & Paddle Camps possible each year. Working together, we provide a day where families can hit the pause button on a life filled with extraordinary stress - and simply enjoy each other,” says Autumn Strier, Co-Founder & CEO of Miracles for Kids.

Waves of Impact and Yoga Six supported by sending volunteer instructors to offer stretching and supplies for the children to have fun in the water and learn to surf.

This July, “Surf & Paddle” Summer Camp offers a much-needed physical/mental respite for the entire family with a chance to enjoy a day of sun, surf, and sand for FREE. Parents get a break from the overwhelm of ongoing care management, with nothing on their agenda but watching their kids experience the achievement of learning something new. Siblings get a day that feels all about them too, receiving the same special treatment and attention. Child patients get to enjoy a moment of feeling like just a fun-loving kid again as spirits are lifted and they get to run wild on the beach instead of running to doctor’s appointments.

Media is invited to attend and cover the next surf day on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Bolsa Chica State Beach in Huntington 7am-3pm, and on Thursday July 20, 2023 for a stand up paddle and kayak day at the Newport Aquatic Center from 8am-2pm.

Learn how you can “be the miracle” for families in need and explore internships, corporate sponsorships, community programs, giving circles, or local events at [MiraclesForKids.org](https://www.MiraclesForKids.org).

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About Miracles for Kids:

Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and the families that care for them. Founded in 2002, and led by Co-Founder & CEO Autumn Strier for nearly 20 years, the organization creates stability for families that are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. With programs providing financial aid, basic needs, housing, and wellness to patients and their families, **Miracles for Kids** fulfills a mission to help caregivers battle bankruptcy, homelessness, hunger, and depression, so they can concentrate on what matters most. Based in Irvine, California, the Miracles team currently serves families in treatment at the following hospitals: CHOC Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Rady Children's, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, City of Hope and Loma Linda University Hospital. Follow on Instagram @MiraclesForKids to see how your efforts make a difference. Learn more and discover ways to get involved at MiraclesForKids.org.

About Waves of Impact:

Based in Oceanside, CA, **Waves of Impact** operates as a volunteer organization and offers free surf camps in California, Texas, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Their exceptional volunteers are present on the beach and in the water to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. **Waves of Impact** is dedicated to providing access to the healing and therapeutic power of the ocean to individuals with exceptional challenges. Their mission is to foster growth, self-esteem, and wellness through adaptive surfing. They strive to create an inclusive and safe space for our participants, and to provide the highest quality of surf and ocean-based therapy to those in need.

Learn more at WavesofImpact.com.