



Inaugural Love Walk Steps Into the Hearts of Many...

Whatever the special activity, we will do our best to make it happen!

TUNES OF THE 60'S AND 70'S could be heard throughout the patio of Crossroads Christian Church as more than 200 community members and Peppermint Ridge residents awaited the start of the inaugural "Love Walk" fundraiser hosted by Peppermint Ridge. Gasps of wonder echoed through the crowd as a magician performed one amazing trick after another, and laughter resonated as balloons were twisted into hats, swords and a variety of objects by a colorful clown. This one mile walk was the vision of board member Jim Bradley who had success with a walk fundraiser for Special Olympics previously.

The goal of the event was to have fun and raise \$10,000 to \$12,000 to support recreational and educational activities for our Peppermint Ridge clients. Because of community and family support, we raised \$17,500 after expenses! Many people created personalized web pages and secured donations online. Judy Wagner, (sister of Paul Wagner in Del Park home) raised more than \$3,100 through online and cash donations. Evangelical Free Church and the First Congregational Church of Corona raised more than \$1,300 to support the effort. Event sponsors, friends, family and other supporters raised more than \$13,000 after all expenses were paid.

"This event was truly a cooperative effort. Without the dedication of countless volunteers, the generosity of numerous sponsors, and the participation of family members, friends, community and church members we could not have raised that amount of money", said Jim Bradley, Love Walk Chairperson.

Each home and the supported-living program (VIP/LIFE) will receive extra funds to plan activities that the clients select. The costs of these special events will be covered by monies raised through the Love Walk. Our facility managers are planning special outings such as ventures to City Walk and Universal Studios, a game at Angel Stadium, a day at Disneyland, Lakers game tickets, the San Diego Zoo, a day in LA to see the play The Lion King, and more. These are outings that go the extra distance to provide fun experiences that would not have been possible without the Love Walk and the support of so many terrific people and businesses.



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