



April 2014

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THE SWEET EATS FAMILY KITCHEN IS OPEN

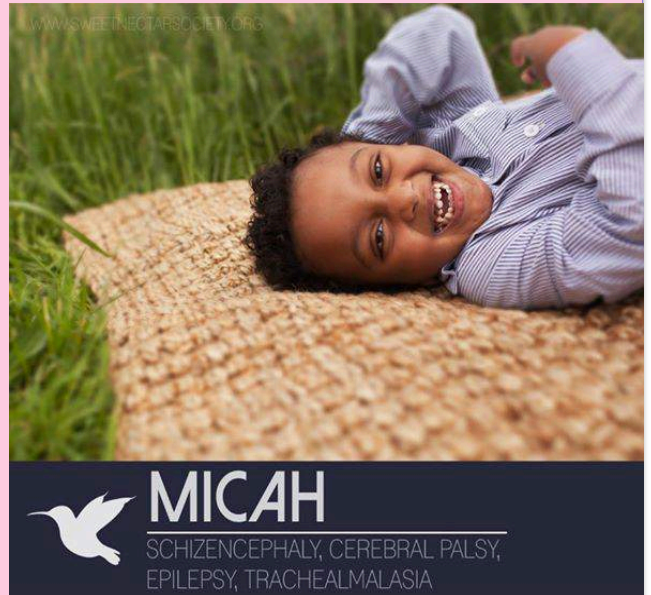


We envisioned this space to provide many different purposes for families and caregivers. It has been extremely reassuring to hear from families that the space has been doing just that. Here are their stories, their words, and my experiences with them. I think they say it all. Thank you for helping us do this for them.

1. After only 3 days of being open, I was told the fully stocked commercial fridge and freezer were completely empty. I was shocked. The next day, I got a call from a family at the hospital. They said they realized what a great asset the room was to families and how quickly it was depleted, and they wanted to know if it was “ok” to go to Costco and buy stuff for us. I told them they could help when their daughter was better, but they insisted. Their only request? “Stop by and see us when you come to the hospital”. AMAZING people. Thank you.
2. “First, I would like to say, “Thank you so much for your efforts in creating The Sweets Eats Family Kitchen.” I recently stayed for a week, with my 5 year old Granddaughter, and the family kitchen was very much appreciated. I would like to know where I can donate funds in support...”
3. “My 2 year old daughter was diagnosed in Oct. 2013 with t cell lymphoma...it was devastating to us...words could never explain the emotions a parent goes through when you hear the word cancer...it was a very overwhelming experience...After our long stay in hospital I told myself, “if I ever hit the lotto the first thing I would do is open a lounge for the parents in Craycroft”. There were times we didn't have money to eat. Or didn't have a way to wash our clothes. I think it's a wonderful thing the Wille family did. It broke my heart when I read their story about their son, I cried. I just wanted to say thank you to their family. And a person doesn't have to be lucky and win the lotto to do something like this, you just have to be lucky to have the Wille family and the support of others.”
4. “I went into the kitchen around 11 pm after my child fell asleep. There were 3 other moms sitting around the table talking. I joined in. We all talked about our children, shared our stories, and then we all cried together. Thank you for this space”.

SWEETIES OF MARCH

MICAH is a miracle to his family. At 8 months old, weighing only 9 pounds, Micah was adopted and brought home from Ethiopia. After an assessment he was hospitalized with failure to thrive due to cerebral palsy caused by schizencephaly—meaning his brain did not develop normally and there is an empty space in the middle. This causes him many limitations in mobility and communication, however this does not limit his personality. Throughout his session Micah flashed his bright smile and hummed the sweetest song.



ROSIE

clear-cell carcinoma of the cervix



ROSIE is an amazing young woman who has clear-cell carcinoma of the cervix. She recently completed 12 rounds of chemotherapy and is currently receiving 30 days of radiation. This treatment has been extremely trying on Rosie and she could use your encouragement. Please leave Rosie some love on our

FB page @ <https://www.facebook.com/sweetnectarsociety> and check out her full story and slideshow at <http://www.sweetnectarsociety.org/rosie-clear-cell-sarcoma/>

NAIMA has battled a rare and malignant rhabdoid kidney tumor with many surgeries and treatments. Since December 2012, Naima has had a kidney removed, chemotherapy, and had a significant surgery on her cheek after an infection. Despite all of these struggles she remains a happy little princess. Naima is currently out of treatment but is being closely monitored to ensure she stays healthy. Please visit <http://www.sweetnectarsociety.org/naima-rhabdoid-tumor/> to see Sweet Naima's slideshow.



Recent Events



A special thank you is in order for Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Thank you to Laura Andrade (OLPH School Board President), parents, students, and staff. Their food drive raised a full carload of products that stocked the Sweet Eats Family Kitchen in March. Your kind hearts, fruitful donations, and community outreach made a huge difference to local children battling serious illnesses, and their families. It is another reminder that children of all ages can also learn to give back and support those in need. Thank you for teaching our local children this important life lesson.



Thank you to FitnessSocial for having The Sweet Eats Program as the sponsored local charity during their AMAZING "Living LEAN Seminar" on **March 29th**. Also, a HUGE and special thanks to Brittany with Lululemon for donating 40% of all their proceeds to benefit The Sweet Eats Program.



Thank you to Fresno State Softball for inviting us to throw out the first pitch on **March 29th** and informing people about The Sweet Eats Program. We were honored to be involved in the "Strike Out Cancer" weekend, and we had a great time with family and friends as the Bulldogs destroyed the opposing team by 12-0 in less than an hour. Go Bulldogs!



Recent Events (Cont).

Grocery Bag Donation-

The Sweet Eats Program donated **15 bags** of groceries to families in need in the outpatient oncology clinic.

Any items that the program receives that cannot be cooked in the microwave or that do not have a stamped “sale by date” on them cannot be used in the Sweet Eats Kitchen. The USDA states the stamped dates on products have nothing to do with the safety of the food, so we give it to other families in need. **NOTHING** ever goes to waste. This part of the program will continue and donations will occur as they accumulate.



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SWEET NECTAR SOCIETY



Sweet Nectar Society often teams up with other local groups to help provide special events for our community. On **March 30th**, Sweet Nectar Society photographer, Brittany Wilbur, participated in the Beautiful Super Powers Photo Shoot organized by **Life with Greyson + Parker** to kick off April as Autism Awareness

month. She had an amazing time meeting new super sweeties and seeing some familiar faces (that we LOVE oh so much). Thank you Chrissy for putting all of your heart and soul into your family and sharing life with this world, putting together this event, and inviting Sweet Nectar Society to be a part of this amazing day!

**BEAUTIFUL
SUPER POWERS**

MINI PHOTO SHOOT
for any child with special needs
to kick off autism awareness month.

Recent Events-some stuff couldn't wait

April 3rd - Thank you to Alex Delgado and Lindsey Pena for having us on Central Valley Today, Ch 24, KSEE to talk about Hendrix and the program. Thank you to Valerie Baez for taking time out to discuss her families current treatment journey, and thanks to Sam for sharing her mom for the afternoon :) CHECK OUT the interview @ http://www.yourcentralvalley.com/story/d/story/the-sweet-eats-kitchen-program/53541/VZdeCbdVKoSCEkM7henmWw#.UoDZd_PJGFo.email



April 5th - Heart of **GOLD** award going out to sixth grader Max. Thanks for choosing to support Sweet Eats and reminding us everyone has something they can give. I got this email just a couple days ago: “For my leadership class at school one of our projects was for each student to pick a charity and start a business of their own to raise money for that charity. For my business I chose a car wash and for the charity I choose to support is Sweet Eats. Sweet Eats is an organization that provides food for families of children who are patients on the oncology floor at Children's Hospital Central California. This is an important service because often the families have a difficult time leaving their child's side and having food available is very helpful. Please come out and support my project and Sweet Eats!!! Love, Max”

APRIL 5th -Craycroft Oncology Mom, [Kara Lambert](#), put her skills to the test. She decided to see how much she could donate to the Sweet Eats Family Kitchen with her couponing skills. The result? Hold on to your hats, this lady knows what she is doing. For under \$50, take a look at this. She covered an entire kitchen table!! She might have to go grocery shopping for me all the time :) Thank you Kara, especially during this difficult time for your own family. Any other coupon-ers out there up for the \$50 challenge? Contact us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 7th -7:00 pm- Kingsburg Office-Sweet Nectar Society “Color of Life” Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th -3:00 pm-KSEE, CH 24, Central Valley Today-LIVE- See Brittany Wilbur and Carrie Anne Miranda discussing our upcoming Black Tie Gala Event and our outreach programs. TUNE-IN OR SET THE DVR!

Thursday April 16th -11:17 PM- 1 year Anniversary of the Passing of **Hendrix Gregory Wille**. (11/12/09 -4/16/13). If you could kindly take the time to email us or share a picture or story of Hendo, it would help us greatly on this day. (send us photos of your trees, orange bracelets, orange ribbons, glowsticks, kids playing with Hendo’s toys). Email them to: rozannehug@yahoo.com or agwille@me.com.

Month of April-FOOD DRIVE Drop off Locations-

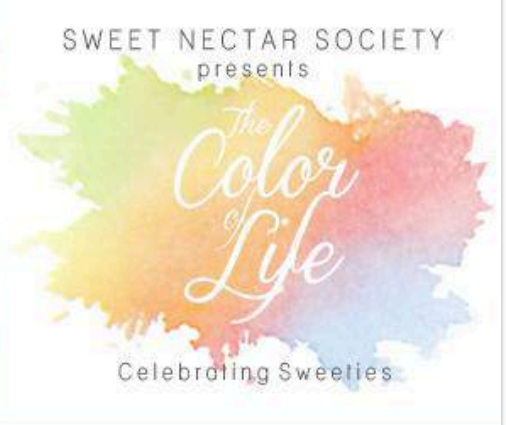
Fresno County Clerk/Elections Department
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

County of Fresno, Purchasing Division
4525 E. Hamilton Ave,
Fresno, CA 93702



Recent Sponsor

We want to send a special thank you to Amy Holland Walther and Land O’ Lakes Company Store in Tulare, CA. They have become a sponsor of The Sweet Eats Program and are donating their amazingly delicious cheeses and dairy products to the Sweet Eats Family Kitchen on a monthly basis. Their first donation of cheese snacks, butter, and sliced cheeses did not last long and were rapidly devoured by hungry families. This was a needed staple and families have been very appreciative. WE ALL LOVE OUR CHEESE! Thank you.



Friday, June 20, 2014 at The Loft, Fresno

JOIN US FOR OUR BLACK TIE GALA EVENT!
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE at
www.sweetnectarsociety.org/events.

Sweet Nectar Society is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization that captures the spirit of children who are affected by serious illness, disability or injury through the art of photography. Your tax deductible contribution will fund Sweet Nectar Society's mission of providing lasting memories to families, help extend our community outreach programs, and bring needed support to parents of children who are undergoing treatment or who have passed away.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORUNITIES

PRESENTING PARTNERSHIP: \$15,000

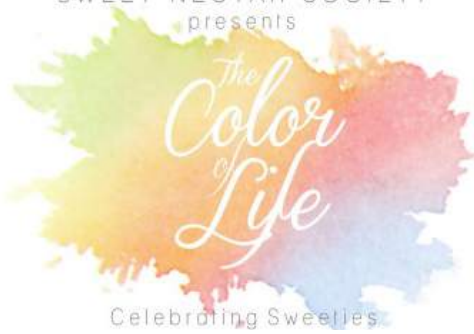
- Two VIP tables (24 guests), RSVP reserve seating location
- Inclusion in all printed material for the event
- Recognition as a Presenting Sponsor during the program
- Your logo/name projected frequently throughout the program
- Your logo/name permanently displayed as a 2014 Presenting Sponsor on www.sweetnectarsociety.org
- Recognition in all event media exposure (TV, Radio, Social Media, etc.)
- A custom framed print of a Sweet Nectar Society recipient and personalized recognition plaque
- Partnership display at a designated event station (example: bar, dessert, coffee station, etc.)

BLUE: \$7,000

- Two VIP tables (24 guests), RSVP reserve seating location
- Inclusion in all printed material for the event
- Recognition as an Honorary Representing Sponsor during the program
- Your logo/name projected frequently throughout the program
- Your logo/name displayed as a sponsor on www.sweetnectarsociety.org
- Recognition in all event media exposure (TV, Radio, Social Media, etc.)



SWEET NECTAR SOCIETY
presents



Celebrating Sweeties

SPONSORSHIP OPPORUNITIES (continued)



GREEN: \$4,500

Two VIP tables (20 guests)

Inclusion in all printed material for the event

Recognition as a Sponsor during the program

Your logo/name projected throughout the program

Your logo/name displayed as a sponsor on
www.sweetnectarsociety.org for one year



Purple: \$2,500

One Table (12 guests)

Inclusion in printed event program

Your logo/name projected during slideshow presentation



PINK: \$1,000

One Table (8 guests)

Inclusion in printed event program

ONE TICKET: \$100

TWO TICKETS: \$175

EVENT & CONTACT INFORMATION

Friday, June 20, 2014

Cocktail reception begins at 6:30 pm

The Loft Events

1028 N. Fulton Street

Fresno, California

Tickets can be purchased online at:

www.sweetnectarsociety.org/events

Make checks payable to:

Sweet Nectar Society

968 Sierra Street, Box #204

Kingsburg, CA 93631

For more information contact:

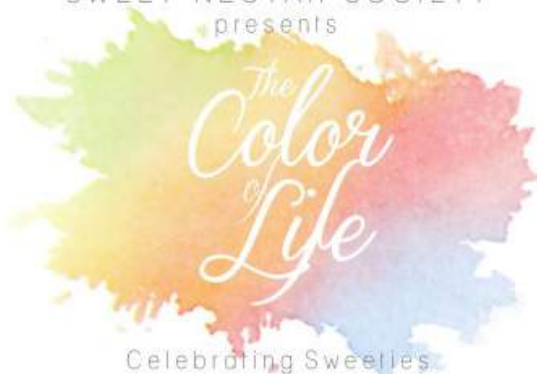
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Friday, June 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm at The Loft Events, Fresno, California

Thank you for your support of Sweet Nectar Society. Please complete and return this form along with your donation.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

PRESENTING PARTNERSHIP: \$15,000

GIFT OF BLUE: \$7,000

GREEN: \$4,500

Purple: \$2,500

PINK: \$1,000

ONE TICKET: \$100

TWO TICKETS: \$175

DONATION:

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to
Sweet Nectar Society in the amount of:

\$ _____

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Return to Sweet Nectar Society:

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Liz Harris

(619) 274-0583

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A JOURNAL FOR PARENTS

You are not alone. Do not be afraid to take some time to meet the other families you come across. No one will understand your situation any better. They will become your best friends, if you let them. We created the Sweet Eats Family Kitchen as a place for you to feel comfortable to interact and talk. It will help you more than you can imagine. The thoughts that constantly race through your head are normal for your situation. Here were some of mine at the beginning. written 3/31/12 by Rozanne Wille

What a day. We finally got to come home today after spending a week in the hospital and learning our son has leukemia. It has been overwhelming and I again start to cry as I sit down at the computer. Who knew so many tears could come so often? I thought I would only cry when I saw something sad or thought of something sad, but not the case. Tears now come whenever they want, over all sorts of things. I am so glad that Art is here for me. Today I cried uncontrollably as I saw my son in his hospital gown attached to his IV pole, laughing and playing as his auntie blew bubbles into the air for him to burst and chase. He looked so happy, alive, and not sick. I cried when we took him for a ride in the toy cars and trains that are left on the oncology floor for the kids to ride in, when I noticed one of them had a plaque that said "donated by this family in memory of our child". I cried when I talked to my sister in the courtyard and told her that I dreamed his cousin Azera saved him with a bone marrow transplant and then teased him about it later in high school. I cried when we were in the playroom at the hospital and a young girl probably around 9 or 10 years of age walked in with no hair and her mother with a shaved head followed behind. A volunteer asked her if she had been there before and the mother said, "yeah, we have been coming here for the last 7 years". I couldn't imagine how the mother has survived 7 years of her child being sick, when I feel like I can barely survive the week. I cried when my son got his IV taken off today and we finally got to go outside and play. He ran around, up the slides, down the slides, on the swings, and then saw a helicopter take off. I told him we were so happy because we were going home today. He said, "mommy you're alright".

How do parents do this? How do they hold their child down for needles to go in their arms as their child screams, "mommy no, mommy no". How do they survive when the next time you tell them you love them, you feel like they believe you just a little bit less? How do they survive the awful endless nights with no sleep? How do they ever think of anything else? My thoughts are constantly about him and his illness. (CONT...next pg)

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Is he ok, will he please have A.L.L. and not A.M.L. Why are the labs so different? If he goes to UCSF, will they give us better news? If we had gotten pregnant while we were trying for a second child, Hendrix might have a sibling bone marrow donor if he needed one, but then I know I would not emotionally be able to care for another child. But I still wish we had one anyway. How long can I not work and take care of him? I don't want anyone else to be with him. I want to be with him. How badly I want some good news, some signs of hope in the world. How I realize why him, why us, how does this happen, and then know it is futile with those kinds of questions. How is it possible that even my dreams are constantly occupied with him? How is it that you can't remember your own phone number when someone asks? How does the body cope with this immense amount of grief and fear? How do you force yourself to try and be positive around him. Does he know it is a show?

As I try to go to sleep, my mind races and thoughts fill my head. I then realize it might be a good idea to journal throughout this process. Maybe it will put my mind at a little bit of ease and let it rest when I crawl into bed at night. I love my son more than anything in this world and will do my best to keep hope as we go through this process. He is strong, beautiful, and alive. I hope one day as an adult, he will be able to read these, if he chooses, and know how much his parents love him.

Read more of the journal at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/hendrix

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(please mark memo line-“Sweet Eats”)

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2. Single donations or a small monthly donation (like \$5 or \$10)
on-line at our PayPal account at:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=4C239D388LPUQ

3. Visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/thesweeteatsprogram

click on the “**About**” section for a link to our PayPal account and other ways to donate.

4. Arrange a food or gift card drive. We will give you flyers, posters, boxes, etc.

Send Roze Wille an email at: eats@sweetnectarsociety.org

5. Take the couponing \$50 donation challenge (April-May). We will post photos and list all your items that you get for \$50 or less. Winner will receive a ticket to our Gala Event on June 20th.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND
SUPPORT!**