



COVERS WITH LOVE AND HONORARY OPTIMISTS

Five Optimist Clubs in the California South District participate in the "Covers With Love" project for children with cancer: Del Mar – Solana Beach, Carlsbad, El Cajon, Oceanside, Valley Center, and Remington Optimist Clubs. The project provides treasure bags for children in Rady Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, and for children attending the Seany's Camp Reach for the Sky free summer camps. The Seany Foundation provides a magical place where children dealing with the stress of cancer can go and connect with other children who truly understand what they are going through.

Girls and boys, ages 4 to 9, first select a unique "Covers With Love" treasure bag, and then choose an "Honorary Optimist" hat with a colorful theme. The hats were made by the extremely creative, and very talented, Kristina Valentino, President of the El Cajon Optimist Club. Valentino is a dedicated supporter of the "Covers With Love" project, and for children with cancer.

Seany's Camp Reach for the Sky is based in Southern California and is made up of camping sessions to meet the needs of children ages 4 to 19 dealing with cancer. This includes Resident Oncology Camp for kids with cancer (residents), Sibling Camp for the brothers and sisters of kids with cancer, and Day Camp for residents and siblings.

Robby A Medina, Chief Mission Director has been affiliated with Seany's Camp Reach for the Sky for 22 years, beginning as a camper, then a volunteer counselor, and now Camp Administrator.

To learn more about Seany's Camp Reach for the Sky, please visit: www.theseanyfoundation.org/

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