

Walk. Run. Laugh. Remember.

Submitted by Suzanne Tom

Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason is in its 3rd year and boy is it taking off! This year there are twice as many local sponsors who joined the commitment to raising awareness and money for the Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) program.

Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason is a 5-mile Run or 2-mile Family Walk that kicks off Orinda's 4th of July festivities. Hundreds of participants come early to support the SUDC program and walk in memory of Haley Tom, one of Orinda's own toddlers who died 7 years ago in her sleep at the age of 21 months. Since Haley was over 1 year, her death could not be considered SIDS. She belongs to a lesser known category SUDC that is a newly formed category for children over the age of 12 months.

In addition to the Haley's Run and Walk, there will also be

a Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason Event Area by the Orinda Community Park tennis courts. There you will find Haley's 2nd Annual Silent Auction. Last year's Silent Auction raised almost \$3,300 in just a few hours! Home Depot will also be hosting their Kids' Workshop in honor of Haley. Kids can make their own wooden craft to take home - for free! Quenchers Smoothies will be selling yummy and refreshing smoothies and donating their proceeds to the SUDC program.

New this year will be a Memory Board located in Haley's event area. All bereaved parents and families are encouraged to bring a picture or write a message in memory of their child. Any loss of a child is tragic. Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason would like to celebrate their lives along with Haley's short but amazing life. You can also pre-order a special

colored t-shirt in memory of your child. It will be waiting for you on the day of the event.

For the last two years, Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason has raised more than \$40,000. Her event was one out of seven Run for a Reason events that took place across the country. But much more lies ahead. Haley's parents still do not know the cause of her death. Countless other parents share a similar struggle. We're asking everyone to come out and support this year's Haley's 4th of July Run for a Reason. You'll have fun, get some exercise, and take home a great t-shirt. You'll also personally contribute to a worthy and urgent cause.

For more information, please call Suzanne Tom at (925) 258-9097 or visit www.angelhaley.org. To find out more about the SUDC program, please visit www.sudc.org.



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