

# They Sure Start Early Around Here....

## Lamorinda Kids Giving Back

By Lee Borrowman



Julia and Haley's Just Go Pink party Photo provided

### Happy Birthday, Julia and Haley!

Julia Gomes and Haley Justus are 5th graders at Del Rey Elementary in Orinda. Last month, they celebrated their 10th birthdays together, in a pink way.

"They wanted to do something special," explains Julia's mom, Gina. "Have their friends donate to a good cause." Haley's grandmother and aunt are breast cancer survivors, as is Julia's grandmother; Julia lost an aunt to breast cancer a couple of years ago. So the girls decided that rather than receiving material gifts, they would instead ask their friends to donate to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, to help find a cure for their generation.

They created a website through Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink for the Cure, and set a goal of raising \$200 in lieu of gifts.

For their Just Go Pink Party, their families decorated an RV with pink ribbons and signs and took the girls, dressed all in pink of course, to Pinky's Pizza and then to Pinky's Nail Salon to get their nails done. When the pink cupcakes had been consumed and the party was over, the girls added up the donations and were thrilled to find that over \$1200 had been raised for their cause.

To learn more about the Susan G. Komen Foundation go to: <http://ww5.komen.org/home/>

### Pre-Schoolers Walk for Fadi

Last week Seedlings Preschool, in participation with the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, held its annual walkathon to raise money for the Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children in Gaza City, Palestine. For the

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past 5 years, the funds raised by Seedlings have specifically gone towards the annual tuition of a young Palestinian boy, Fadi Ismaili Al-Thalatheeni, one of five deaf children in a family of nine children. Until he entered Atfaluna, Fadi had never attended school and was therefore unable to "talk" to his siblings. Today, Fadi continues to thrive in school and at home.

In the preceding weeks, coordinator Jenny Shepherd visited the classrooms to talk with the "older" children (3 and 4 year olds) about Fadi. The children were able to see him in pictures, see his school and learn how and why they would raise money for him. Shepherd says that most of the kids understood, at least generally, why it was important to do this. "It teaches the children compassion for another child; it teaches them to help someone who really needs our help, and it teaches them about what it would be like to be deaf." The kids walked, ran or strollered laps around a course and collected pledges, with help from their families, for every lap completed.

Shepherd concludes, "The Atfaluna Society operates a school specifically designed to educate poverty stricken deaf children in Gaza City. This wonderful opportunity to promote peace in the world and to transcend borders has been incredibly fulfilling over the past 5 years for both LOPC and for our Seedlings families."

To learn more about the Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children go to <http://www.atfaluna.net/>



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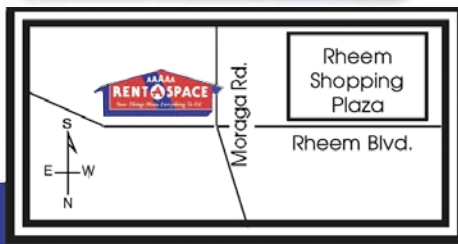
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