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## Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header in Service to the Community.

## Moraga Native Returns to Hometown, Helps Protect Children

Submitted by Nadene LeCheminant



Moraga native Katherine Holm  
Photo provided

Moraga native Katharine Holm is helping protect children in her hometown this summer as part of a Linfield College public service internship.

"This internship is a way for me to give back to the community that gave me so much when I was growing up," said Holm, who is working for Parents for a Safer Environment (PFSE) in Moraga. The grass-roots volunteer organization, formed in 2002, seeks to protect children from preventable environmental hazards through education, research and advocacy.

As a summer intern, Holm will work on projects to help re-

duce the use of dangerous pesticides in the county. The Linfield College environmental studies student has participated in outreach and education at summer festivals, advocating for effective, economical and more environmentally-friendly alternatives for pest control issues ranging from ants and rodents to weeds.

PFSE advocates for least-toxic pest control and other sustainable practices at both the State and local levels.

Holm will be a senior at Linfield College in the fall. She has been an active member of Greenfield, a student environmental organization, and will serve as the president of the school's Circle K Club. She plans to pursue a career as an environmental educator.

Linfield's Public Service Internship provides educational opportunities to liberal arts students, expanding the learning experience outside the classroom and preparing students for advanced professional or graduate work. Linfield is one of the few schools in the Pacific Northwest dedicated exclusively to undergraduate education.

## Orinda Aquatics Hosts Harbor House Children

Submitted by Julie Carlson



OA swimmers Colleen O'Brien and Conor Sullivan with Harbor House kids.  
Photo Cheryl Grubbs

Swimmers from Orinda Aquatics played host to more than 70 children from Oakland's Harbor House Friday, July 27 at the Soda Aquatic Center in Moraga.

Harbor House, located in Oakland, provides opportunities to low income people to realize their full potential. For 38 years, Harbor House has served more than 100,000 people in spiritual, economic and educational development.

Campolindo junior Hannah Grubbs organized the afternoon. The kids were organized into

groups and each group was paired up with a swimmer for games and learn-to-swim lessons. Many of the kids from Harbor House had never been to a pool before. In addition to having fun in the water, the children also learned basic water safety.

"It was a really fun and rewarding day. Not only were the kids happy but my teammates who volunteered to help looked like they were having a great time too. I hope we can offer this opportunity to the kids again next year," said Grubbs.



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