

HOPE

THE CHRISTUS STEHLIN FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH AUGUST 2007

Catch the Wave! (and Save the Date!)



Mike Love & The California Beach Band Bring Fun-Fun-Fun to Stehlin Gala

Once again, the line-up for the Friends of the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation is set - and once again, the stage is set for a fabulous evening. In fact, prepare yourself for "Good Vibrations," since the headliner for the evening is Mike Love, legendary songwriter and founder of The Beach Boys, and the California Beach Band. And get ready for music that just can't be beat!

Known for their quintessentially California sound, the Beach Boys captured our imaginations starting in the 1960's with a string of hits including Surfin' Safari, "California Girls," "In My Room," "I Get Around," "Kokomo," and "Help Me, Rhonda."

Over the years, their evolving sound created a loyal following; the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988. But it wasn't over - the release of the *Sounds of Summer* album in 2006 ignited another generation of Beach Boys fans. Their work is timeless. Today, Mike Love & The California Beach Band, which includes members of the original Beach Boys, is one of the most popular and hard-working groups in the business, averaging 150 shows a year.

These songs made memories before --- and they will make memories again!

EXPERIENCED LEADERS

Chairs for the 27th annual Friends of the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation gala are Kenneth and Dianne Anderson, long-time supporters of the Foundation and its work. The Andersons became Friends of the Stehlin Foundation back in 1993 after Dianne was treated for breast cancer by Dr. John Stehlin.

The Andersons experienced first-hand the difference between traditional treatment programs and those practiced by Dr. Stehlin. "We didn't think about it too long," commented Ken, explaining how they decided to act as chairs. "We knew it was time to give back."

This year's auction is already filling up with exquisite items such as vacation packages, jewelry and sports tickets. And the Young Texans Against Cancer continue to offer their support in terms of attendance and ticket sales. Once again, it looks like fun-fun-fun!

FUN & FUNDRAISING

Bringing back a long-time favorite, the gala evening will feature Rotel & The Hot Tomatoes as the dance band following the main act. In years past, Rotel has kept the Friends toe-tapping way into the wee hours.

As always, the backdrop of great food, friends and fun will offer a wonderful opportunity to advance the progress of cancer research and treatment. After netting more than \$9 million over the years, Ken and Dianne Anderson are hoping for another record-setting evening.

"I'm a big believer in the power of teams," Ken said at the preview party. "Our team effort has in the past and will in the future allow us to exceed previous years in terms of both attendance and funds raised."

As the words from the old Beach Boys song say, "Wouldn't it be nice?"

Hope You'll Be There!

THE 27TH ANNUAL
Friends of the Stehlin Foundation Gala
Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 7 pm
Westin Galleria

Individual tickets \$300 each
Tables from \$3500

Contact Colleen at
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In response to founder Isadore Sharp's call to help fight cancer, the Four Seasons Hotel Houston, a long-term supporter, has designated the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation as its chosen charity for 2007. In addition to raising \$8,000 Mark Herron, general manager, announced that any other organization that meets or exceeds this donation will receive a weekend package at the Four Seasons Hotel Houston, including a Saturday night stay in a Four Seasons Houston Executive Suite and Sunday Brunch in Quattro for two. Winners will be announced at the October 20 gala. The challenge is on!

One of the preview party attendees was Bruce Roberson, whose sister Susan died from breast cancer in 1992. During the evening Bruce presented a check to the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation for \$25,000 – funds raised through the 14th annual Susan's Rally. The April road race / touring event features interesting sights and challenges around Houston. This check puts the total amount raised by Roberson and friends at more than \$235,000.

The Surf is Up!

PREVIEW PARTY SETS THE TONE

More than 100 Friends (and their friends) gathered at the home of Sally and Bobby Anderson for a brief look into the future in terms of the Friends of the Stehlin Foundation October gala.

The announcement that the entertainment for the 27th annual gala would be Mike Love & The California Beach Band was met with cheers and applause. The crowd also cheered as gala chair Ken Anderson challenged the group to make this the most successful gala ever.

Winding up the presentation were two generous donations. The first was an \$8,000 check from the Four Seasons Hotel Houston, followed by a \$25,000 donation from Bruce Roberson in honor of Susan's Rally.

Next on tap: The Preview Party, scheduled for Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the fabulous Tootsies. It's looking like an "Endless Summer!"





THE LEGACY OF THE STEHLIN FOUNDATION - ALIVE & WELL

Dr. John S. Stehlin, the pioneering surgical oncologist who founded the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research in 1970, refused to accept the status quo when it came to treating people with cancer. His innovation, as well as his compassion, became the cornerstones of his work.

At the same time that he was challenging the practices of conventional medicine, Dr. Stehlin challenged the boundaries that existed between physicians, researchers and other caregivers. He believed in a “tripartnership” approach, involving patient, physician and researcher. The relationship he developed with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word through St. Joseph Hospital reinforced Dr. Stehlin’s philosophy of addressing the spiritual and emotional needs of the patient.

This combination is rare to find in a single person, and in a single organization.

Now that Dr. Stehlin has retired, these principles are upheld at the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation through others. However, there are patients and families who will never forget the unique approach of Dr. John Stehlin.

This year is like most others, in that the CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation has received several heartfelt thank-you letters “out of the blue.” Here are some samples from our mailbox.

May 11, 2007

Dear Dr. Stehlin,

While you may not recall my name, I expect that you will certainly remember my father, Paul Victor, who was a patient of yours – oh so many years ago. I’m his oldest daughter and have been meaning to write you this letter for quite a long time.

Over the decades our entire extended family has remembered you in our prayers and thoughts of thanksgiving for your work with Dad. We are so blessed that he conquered his cancer back in the 1960’s and that it was your skill, wisdom and friendship that gave us so many wonderful memories and such learning over the decades he survived.

Last weekend, we celebrated the first wedding of the next generation, my sister Louise’s daughter – what a wonderful event! My mother, Juliette, was able to attend, flying to Los Angeles at 87 to join us. We were all reminded of how much Dad enjoyed these events – and how much fun he added to everyday life. We, of course, missed him particularly on this occasion as we approach the tenth anniversary of his passing.

In the last week I started to realize from yet another perspective what a wonderful gift you gave us all.

I realized that if Dad had not found you, we would not have had all the warm and joyful memories of him joining in the fun at the weddings of my generation – his children, his nieces and nephews. We shared over thirty additional years with him, thanks to you.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you once again for making such a huge difference in our lives by helping Dad recover, heal, and grow. You will remain in our prayers always.

We wish you much happiness in your life and in the years ahead.

Best regards,
Madeline McMenamin
Livermore, California

March 7, 2007

Dear Dr. Stehlin,

I have been intending for many years to just say “thank you.” When I was in High School in the early 70’s my mother was your patient. She had melanoma, and other doctors had told her there was nothing that could be done. Someone referred her to you, and last month she turned 70.

Because of you, my mom, Rubye Jo Knight, saw her children and grandchildren grow up. Because of you my brothers and I still have our mom, and because of you our kids got to know their grandmother.

You gave my mother her life, but you gave her family our mother, grandmother and wife. Our lives would have all been very different without you. Every year at Christmas when I watch *It’s a Wonderful Life* for the umpteenth time, I think of you and I always think that I need to write and let you know what a difference you made in my family.

I am very thankful that you exist and that my mom found you at the exact time that she needed you. Thank you for all that you do. I will be forever be grateful to you.

Sincerely,
Becky Hopkins
Alvin, Texas

Email

Sent: June 29, 2007

To: The CHRISTUS Stehlin Foundation

Subject: Dr. Stehlin

Dear Sirs:

I was a patient of Dr. Stehlin in 1976 for thyroid surgery. He was such a warm and wonderful doctor that I have never forgotten him. I told him to put the incision where I would not have a wrinkle and NOT to hurt my vocal cords since I sing. He took these requests in stride and did a perfect job. He even sent me a post card during a trip to New York City after I told him of places I had visited there just prior to my surgery. I would love for him to know how much I think of him.

Please give him my very best regards,
Sally Bartlett
San Antonio, Texas

Get Away to Paradise

WITH A SPECIAL AUCTION ITEM

Mark Hellrung, manager of the Four Seasons Hotel Lanai, has generously donated a five-night stay at one or both of two fantastically beautiful Four Seasons properties on the island. This sets the standard high for items at the gala auction.

Private beach party, anyone??



Hey, Surfer Girls (and Guys!) - Grab Your Boards!!

The Friends of the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research are stirring up excitement for their annual gala, set for October 20, at a pre gala party at Tootsies on Wednesday, August 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. Invitations will be arriving by mail shortly.

While listening to a medley of California beach music produced by Ward and Ames, women supporters can browse the racks of Tootsies while men can savor a true meal on wheels. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the Stehlin Foundation. Debuting Armandos Taco Truck, Armando Palacios offers his famous Mexican cuisine on the go.

Mark Herron, General Manager of the Four Seasons Hotel Houston, is encouraging Stehlin followers to raise record funds by offering a free deluxe suite to anyone raising or donating \$8000 or more for the gala.

Date: Wednesday, August 29

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Tootsie's @ Highland Village Shopping Center, 4045 Westheimer

Dress: Summer beach casual attire

Enjoy complimentary valet parking courtesy of Highland Village Shopping Center

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