



Wishes For Children

Fall Harvest Festival

On Sunday, October 28, 2007, the Wishes For Children Foundation's "Fall Harvest Festival" sponsored by Pechanga Resort and Casino, State Farm Agent Julie Ngo, Melody's Adworks, and 101.3 KATY visited Old Town Temecula to raise funds for the Imagination Workshop, Temecula's Children's Museum. Funds provided resources to the Workshop's Science Program to encourage local youth to pursue their interests in the field of Science both inside and outside of school. Blood donations went to the Blood Bank of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties benefiting the local community.

"This event is a perfect fit for us in this community. We're honored to be working with the Foundation to raise awareness on our counties' need for 400 donations per day; now we receive only a fraction of that," noted Lynn Effinger, Regional Director for the Blood Bank.

Donating the first pints was the City of Temecula Mayor, Chuck Washington and a representative of the Pechanga Development Corporation. The goal of the event was to raise 100 pints to be the largest blood drive the Blood Bank has seen this year.

The event also featured an opportunity drawing of an autographed football signed by NFL MVP LaDainian "LT" Tomlinson along with two Charger tickets in the first row of the press section donated by Chris Miehl, President/CEO of Temecula-based Big Fogg Misting Systems. Only 100 tickets were sold at \$25 each. Proceeds went directly to the Imagination Workshop.

"I'm proud to be able to help support this City's efforts to provide a strong foundation for our kids by investing in their health and education at an early age," said Miehl.

The Festival was held in the parking lot at 28410 Old Town Front Street in Old Town Temecula across from the Post Office from 11am until 4pm. Blood donors received a free lunch onsite from Mr. Fennie's Mobile Barbecue and Catering, a coupon for a free pizza from the Pizza Factory on Hwy 79 South, a voucher for a free golf club courtesy of Magique Golf, and other giveaways.

In addition, the California Highway Patrol in partnership with the Temecula Police Department conducted safety tests on child car seats to ensure their proper installation and quality standards. The CHP had 100 new car seats on hand to giveaway for free to those with car seats that did not meet the safety standards set forth by the State of California. Child fingerprinting for personalized identification kits were also available at the event inside State Farm Agent Julie Ngo's office.

Jazz saxophonist Michael Paulo played for the crowd. "Lady Pink A Lot", local clown and face painter entertained "trick-or-treaters".