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Kits are distributed through oncology practices. To request a kit, go to www.hurdlejumpers.org and select the “Kits” page. Follow the instructions to download a request form.

Hot off the press:
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Publisher’s Note:
We thank Donna Printing for donating the production costs of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Hurdle Jumper
Lacy Stormes.

When Lacy was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in May 2008 her doctor gave her a Hurdle Jumpers chemotherapy comfort kit to ease the side effects of treatment.

Los Angeles County delegate to the Miss California International Pageant in August 2008. She competed in all activities, was voted Miss Congeniality by the other contestants, and received the Spirit of Pageantry award from the pageant’s director, Eddie Peterson. The competition included an interview with the judge about an organization she wanted to champion. Lacy selected Hurdle Jumpers as her cause because, “survival comfort kits given to new cancer patients at no cost, give patients a jump start on their cancer battle, helping them to feel that there is no hurdle they cannot overcome.”

The day after the pageant activities concluded, Lacy was back at her doctor’s office for a week of additional chemotherapy treatments. Although the judges didn’t select Lacy as Miss California International, she’s a winner and is truly inspiring.

Dear Hurdle Jumpers...

Lacy took a leave of absence from college to undergo chemotherapy treatments and she was also the recipient of a Free Comfort Kit. On Track provided the support by giving her questions I didn’t have to remember to ask. Your kit gave me answers to questions I didn’t have to remember to ask. Thanks for your support!

Lacy and Eddie

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Families from Sinai Temple in West Los Angeles also spent some of their spring vacation helping at the Hurdle Jumpers’ Logistics Center.

Thanks to the Sinai Temple “moms” for quality control inspections, along with arranging carpools and snacks!

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Thanks to volunteers Amanda and Matt who chose Hurdle Jumpers for their high school Community Service projects this year. In addition to planning every aspect of the packing days, they were also on site to ensure that everything went smoothly and ran efficiently.

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MANY THANKS TO AMERICAN MEDICAL SALES FOR MAKING ROOM FOR US TO SPREAD OUT AND PACK!

Awards and Grants

In 2008 Hurdle Jumpers received a grant from the Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing California. ECF is an employee owned and operated non-profit organization. It supports a variety of community services programs where Boeing employees live and work. ECF’s donations come from employee payroll deductions.

Hurdle Jumpers is honored to have been recommended by Henry Morgen who presented the grant award at the quarterly ECF luncheon.

At the lunch, Henry explained, “Suggesting such a worthwhile organization to my colleagues at Boeing was an easy decision. So many of our lives are touched by cancer. By pooling our resources, Boeing employees are able to support meaningful and direct services.”

Several months after receiving our award, Hurdle Jumpers participated in the ECF campaign to encourage Boeing employees to participate in this unique charitable giving program.

We also thank:

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Notes from Hurdles’ Hearts

Jo Ann Colker Arison, daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend, yoga teacher and cancer survivor

What A Kit Meant to Me...

“Jo Ann with her parents, husband and daughter”

“Jo Ann, this little kit has been very helpful to me. I can’t tell you how much it was appreciated when I was going through chemotherapy, chemo and living everyday life. I was very glad I had one. The things in the kit I knew I would need help with, and one thing I never expected was the book. It was just what I needed. Thank you very very much!”

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One Volunteer Writes

Dear Janet,

I wanted to let you know how happy and happy receiving and using the kit.

I still have a lot to learn from another source who really understands. Thank you very very much.

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My family champions and supports Hurdle Jumpers. Your contribution to this endeavor will bring light and comfort to the dark days that women and men are experiencing in their confusing time of need.”

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Volunteers are as precious a resource as the donated sample products. They pack our kits, getting them ready and into the hands of nurses and doctors. Many thanks to all of our 2008 volunteers!

High school students played a big role in our recent packing days.

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