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HOPES HAVEN DELIVERS ON IPAD PROJECT

Hopes Haven and The Fortini Family present the Ventura County Medical Center with a different kind of treatment, technology

VENTURA, CA. Tuesday, November 20, 2012 - Opening four years ago, the Ventura County Medical Center (a satellite chapter of Children's Hospital Los Angeles) has been a Godsend to hundreds of Ventura County families with children facing serious illness. The new satellite chapter provided Ventura County residents with the high quality of care found in a big city care and at the same time, eliminated the sometimes daily long trips to Los Angeles for treatments. The Fortinis are one of those families, and they've decided to pay it forward by teaming up with Hopes Haven to improve the facility that helped them, by gifting 2 new iPads and a 32 inch big screen television to distract the children throughout their tedious treatments.

Hopes Haven is a 501(c)3, 100% volunteer, non-profit organization based in Ventura County. At its core, Hopes Haven strives to enrich the life experiences of children facing serious illness or injury. They aim to make a child's life easier and more enjoyable while they undergo treatment. Their mission is carried out through special events, family assistance and facility support.

The Fortini Family was introduced to Leukemia after their 4 year old son Mikey was diagnosed with an aggressive form of T-Cell Leukemia. Before starting treatment, the Fortinis got Mikey a iPad to help get him through this terrifying journey. From games and entertainment to education and socializing, the iPad proved to be invaluable.

Dr. Francisco Bracho is the director of the satellite program and says that children with cancer end up isolated because of their low immunity and having some sort of distraction and entertainment can play a large role in recovery.

"It's good to see families give back and help others going through the same thing they experienced" - Dr. Bracho

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