

In the Spot Light:

Do you have something you would like to share with others. We would like to have your story and photos her "In the Spot Light". Email your stories and photos to staffwriter@nfcalfornia.org. Please provide us with your name, phone number and photo. We will need this [form](#) filled out before publishing it on our website or other nf publications.

February 2005

Volunteers make a difference!!



One of our *BIG* projects was to get our family, physician and donation packets together this year. In February the Pre-Med UC Davis Delta Epsilon Mu, Gamma Pledge Class, came and volunteered several hours to help us accomplish this task. A *big* thank you to everyone who helped. We could not have done it without you.

April 2005



Shane Fleshman & George Carter Bell

A family friend, Shane, a senior at one of our local high schools, sells NF wristbands at school. It was an enjoyable moment at the grocery store the other day. While I was in line to pay for my groceries, I saw that the person in front of me had a blue wristband. Because I was tired, I didn't ask about the wrist band. However the clerk did and the response was, "For

NF, a friend of my son was selling them at the high school for his friend's brother". Well, we were the friend's brother. It really **is** a small world!

Shane, "Thank you" for helping us with NF awareness. Way to go, selling 80 wristbands to your friends

May 2005

California resident Jennifer Evans, whose artwork won first place in the 17-24 age group category of the National Doodle Day competition. Jennifer provided an explanation of the Doodle Day contest, an annual UK-based fundraising event in aid of two charities: The Neurofibromatosis Association and Epilepsy Action. Jennifer became involved with the contest in honor of a close friend who has NF; she shared her winning artwork with the group and encouraged everyone to participate in future contests. Program details and winning Doodles, including Jennifer's, may be viewed online at www.nationaldoodleday.org.uk.



Jennifer Evans and Debbie Bell

Thank you, Jennifer!

[to see Jennifer's doodle click here](#)

June 4, 2005



During our first Southern California Educational Meeting one of our guest speakers was Ms. Lena Kelly. Lena recently raised over \$6,000.00 in donations for NF, Inc. National as her Bat Mitzvah project. She and her family presented the funds during our educational meeting. NF, Inc. California would like to express our sincere gratitude to Lena and her family and friends for their incredibly

generous support.

Read why Lena NF is important to her

July 2005 Eric Goes to camp!



The second annual Camp New Friends took place in Sunshine, Maryland July 2005. It is a seven day/six night camp for Neurofibromatosis patients between the ages of 7 and 15. The camp provides opportunities to build self-esteem, gain independence, and develop friendships with camp counselors and other young NF patients. Erik from Northern California attended as a camp counselor. For Further information, please call Sandy Cushner-Weinstein, PT, LCSW-C, Director, Children's Camps of the Department of Neurology, Children's National Medical Center at 202-884-5142. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or if you would like to receive information about scholarships please send an email to info@nfcalfornia.org or call our California office at 707-469-0467.

December 2005



Thank you _____ for your Candy Gram's. What a creative way to spread NF awareness. A big Thank you goes to _____ School. Way to go raising \$0.00 for NF, Inc. California.

April 2005



Foxboro Elementary ran their penny drive in March 2006 and chooses NF, Inc. California for this years charity. The goal for Foxboro was to raise \$1500.00 for NF, Inc. California and they reached the goal. They had a thermometer in the Multipurpose room so the kids to follow the collections. Thank you to everyone who had to count \$1,500.00 in coins. It means so much to all of us affected by NF that Foxboro was able to contribute to our goals.

May 2005

Taylor kids