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THE LET IT BE FOUNDATION'S SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WELCOMES ORANGE COUNTY TEENS

CHINO, Calif., Aug. 1 – The Let It Be Foundation hosted its second annual youth leaders conference, a philanthropy focused leadership program for Southern California teens, at McCoy Equestrian Center in Chino Hills on Thurs., July 21. This year marks the foundation's youth program expansion into the Foothill Ranch community in Orange County, CA. Members of Foothill Ranch's inaugural Let It Be youth leadership team attended the one day conference in Chino Hills. The event was organized and facilitated by La Shawn Garnett, Youth Leadership Coordinator for The Let It Be Foundation.

“The conference was a great success! We introduced our Foothill Ranch Junior Advisory Team and their excitement and energy matched that of our Chino Valley team,” stated Garnett. “We had a busy day filled with leadership workshops, marketing think-tanks, and team bonding activities that will help the students work together more effectively throughout the season.”

The foundation's Youth Leadership Program is comprised of high school and middle school students that apply and interview for a one-season commitment of community service with The Let It Be Foundation from July – May. Students selected to be in the program dedicate an average of 100 community service hours per season to create awareness for life-threatening pediatric illnesses, raise funds for Let It Be families receiving monthly support and inspire other youth to be active and volunteer. The Let It Be Foundation began the one-day summer youth conference in

2010 because of the program's growing popularity and to create a unique experience of togetherness for all its team members.

"A special part of this year's conference was our panel of past and current children cared for by the foundation," explains Garnett. "The testimonies from these kids who endured or are currently in treatment for their illness truly inspired our students to continue their service work with renewed passion and zeal."

The Youth Leadership Program is currently funded by The Let It Be Foundation and program fees from each team member. For more information on how to sponsor or donate to the program and keep our teens empowered by their service work, please contact LaShawn at 909-613-9161 or lashawn@theletitbefoundation.org.

About The Let It Be Foundation

The Let It Be Foundation (www.theletitbefoundation.org) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides support to Southern California families whose child is diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition. The focus is providing individualized aid to meet the needs of the family, thereby restoring the sense of normalcy in the home environment while the child is in treatment.

Established in 2006, the foundation was inspired by Karla Asch-Rosen who was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Her heartfelt desire was to "just be normal" and share her faith with others. The foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that illness can have on the family dynamic.

In 2010, Major League Baseball and PEOPLE Magazine recognized The Let It Be Foundation as an "All Star Among Us" to honor the work and commitment of Ruthe Rosen, CEO and Co-founder of The Let It Be Foundation.

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