

Chino Champion (CA)

Hills girl receives cord-blood transplant

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Laiken Kenwood of Chino Hills underwent a double cord-blood transplant at Children's Hospital Los Angeles on Jan. 14. **Laiken**, 12, was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in 2005. Despite two bone marrow drives last year, no match was found, so the double cord-blood transplant was performed, said family advocate Donna Walker.

Mrs. Walker said **Laiken** is in need of blood and platelets, which may be donated at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Laiken will be going through many units of blood each week, according to her mother, Stacey Fenwick, who has been staying at the nearby Ronald McDonald house.

Laiken had a high temperature that came down last weekend, Mrs. Walker said. She is expected to remain in the hospital for three months to a year.

Her head was shaved last weekend.

Mrs. Walker described the hospital room as small, in which visitors remain behind a partition. The family is having a tough time, she said.

Residents who would like to donate blood or platelets may schedule an appointment by calling the CHLA Blood Donor Center at (323) 361-2441. The staff person should be given **Laiken's** full name and birth date: **Laiken Kenwood**, born March 6, 1995.

Platelet donations require one hour and 45 minutes. Platelets are separated from the blood, which is then returned, minus the platelets, to the body.

To assist **Laiken** in other ways, call Mrs. Walker at 702-9286. To help **Laiken** with expenses, checks should be made payable to Donna Walker, FBO **Laiken Kenwood**, and mailed to Washington Mutual, 13011 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709. FBO means "for benefit of."

Laiken Kenwood, and mother Stacey Fenwick

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