



Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
Rheumatology
Almaden Community Center

Childhood Arthritis &
Research Alliance

The Almaden Community Center (in association with the Almaden Advisory Council) and Almaden-based fundraiser Hoops for Hope are excited to announce their partnership in raising funds for Friends of CARRA. CARRA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding cures for juvenile rheumatic diseases, such as arthritis, lupus and juvenile dermatomyositis.

Hoops for Hope was created in memory of local Almaden resident Christiana Powery, a Williams Elementary student who enjoyed playing soccer and basketball. She was diagnosed with Juvenile Dermatomyositis in July of 2005, an autoimmune disease that causes the body to attack itself, resulting in muscle inflammation and weakness. Complications from the disease continued to arise until her body was too weak to handle it. By November, she was confined to a wheelchair and her hospital bed at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Yet she continued to inspire others with her faith, smile and positive attitude. On December 14, 2005, Christiana passed away at just 10 years old.

The Second Annual Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament will be held on September 22nd and the Second Annual Hoops for Hope 3v3 Basketball Tournament will be held on October 11th. Our combined goal of \$40,000 will be used to support Friends of CARRA. We are looking for companies like yours to help sponsor this event. In addition, your tax-deductible donation will qualify your company name to be placed in all of our press releases and throughout our various marketing efforts.

For more information on Hoops for Hope, please visit www.alsotouch.com/hoopsforhope.html. For more information on Friends of CARRA, you can visit www.carragroup.org.

To make a donation to the Second Annual Almaden Community Center Golf Tournament, Hoops for Hope, or if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us. Either one of the following 501(c) 3 non-profit tax id #'s can be used (20-3451370 or 77-003-8581). Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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