

Children's Fund San Bernardino



Children's Fund San Bernardino Parade Against Child Abuse

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Children's Fund San Bernardino hosted a resource fair in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Prevention month April 22 at the San Manuel Stadium providing educational materials, information on specific programs, and crafts and games. Twenty-eight community partners joined the fair providing valuable information to the public. The first 500 children that attended the event received bubbles, neon bracelets and *My Future is Bright* buttons.

Over 450 entries were received for this year's contest, Children are our Future, where children drew a picture of who they want to be in the future.

"This contest gives the kids an opportunity to think about who they want to be, instilling goals that will drive them to work hard in school and realize their dreams," said Children's Fund president & CEO, Erin Phillips. "It is interesting to see the different paths the kids have chosen, from the President of the United States, football players, chefs, artists, teachers, firefighters, to fashion designers, computer technicians and more. These kids are our future."



This was the second year that children in our communities have participated in this contest. All entries were displayed at the art gallery during the game.

The grand prize winners of the contest, Eden Cervantes and Chloe Liv, threw the ceremonial first pitch of the 66ers game and led the Parade Against Child Abuse with mascot Bernie and all the contest winners. Everyone joined the parade circling the inside of the baseball field blowing bubbles and waving to the crowd of fans in the stadium stands. Local talent Erin Brinker sang the

National Anthem to kick off the game, while the children enjoyed hot dogs, sodas and popcorn cheering loudly for the 66ers.

Created in 1986, Children's Fund is a non-profit whose mission is to prevent child abuse in our community; to ensure that at-risk children who are abused, neglected, impoverished, or abandoned receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education; and to provide equal opportunity for social development for these children. Since its inception, Children's Fund has served more than 1.3 million children. For more information on Children's Fund or to learn how you can give a child hope for brighter tomorrows by making a donation, go to www.childrensfundonline.org or call 909.379.0000. Follow us on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/W4Wymf>

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