



# **NEWS Brief!**

January 1, 2011

## **SAVE THE DATE! 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Unity in Community Parade – February 26th, 2011

Raviolis “Woodstock” Fundraiser – March 27th, 2011

Annual Golf Tournament – May 13th, 2011

Chili’s “Tips for Kids” – May 25th, 2011

Cops for Kids Carnival September 16-18, 2011

Annual Mexican Fiesta – October 7th, 2011

Chili’s “Tips for Kids” - November 16th, 2011

Senior Christmas Luncheon – December 14th, 2011

Christmas at the Diamond – December 17th 2011

Senior Home Caroling – December 20th, 2011

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## **Christmas at the Diamond 2010**

CFK and the Lake Elsinore Storm held another successful Christmas event for over 1100 children at the Diamond stadium in December. Over 1000 deserving children from financially strapped families joined the Cops for Kids team, Sheriff's department staff, and other volunteers to receive toys, refreshments, and family pictures with Santa.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Storm with the assistance of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. Children are recommended to CFK by our schools and the school districts' SAFER PROGRAM.

Cops for Kids was started 12 years ago by Sheriff's deputies who saw children's needs at Christmas. The program has grown from serving a few valley children at Christmas time to this spectacular Christmas event and the ability to serve children with many and varied needs throughout the year as well.



## **Child and Family Assistance - January 2011**

In the first month of 2011 Cops for Kids has been busy helping children and families in the valley with assistance.

1. CFK sponsored two Elsinore Middle School students to attend a marine biology and inland ecology five-day program at the Catalina Marine Institute. These deserving young students have received a scholarship from CFK for 50% of the tuition and it will be their responsibility to raise the balance.
2. CFK assisted two homeless families for two nights lodging while they found relatives or friends to help them for the long term. We help families with emergency housing when children are at risk.
3. CFK has issued 30-day bus passes to a few students at Ortega High School to assist them with transportation to school. Often times students at Ortega High School want to attend high school but have had very difficult family situations including homelessness, and we believe that providing them a way to get to school is one of the best avenues to offer them a “hand up” for their future.
4. CFK provided bus passes for a child with cerebral palsy and autism medical assistance when his parents had no transportation to medical facilities.