

To all the children we try to reach:

“You are valuable because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are.”

- Max Lucado



Photo: Last year's Chair, Shirley Shokrian with husband Elias

This Year's Soaring Spirit Award Honoree: Claire Wineland

Imagine relying on a breathing tube for each breath, and spending twenty five percent of your life in and out of hospitals, all the while knowing that your days are numbered. Picture having endured a life threatening battle against Cystic Fibrosis, having undergone countless surgical procedures, and being only fifteen years old at the beginning of what is supposed to be your innocent dive into youth. On paper, these are the details of Claire Wineland's life. In reality, however, these are merely the hurdles and special circumstances that have given way to her resilience, bright spirit and undeniably contagious positivity.

SAVE THE DATE
Spring Luncheon
March 12th
Beverly Hills Hotel

LOOKING BEYOND

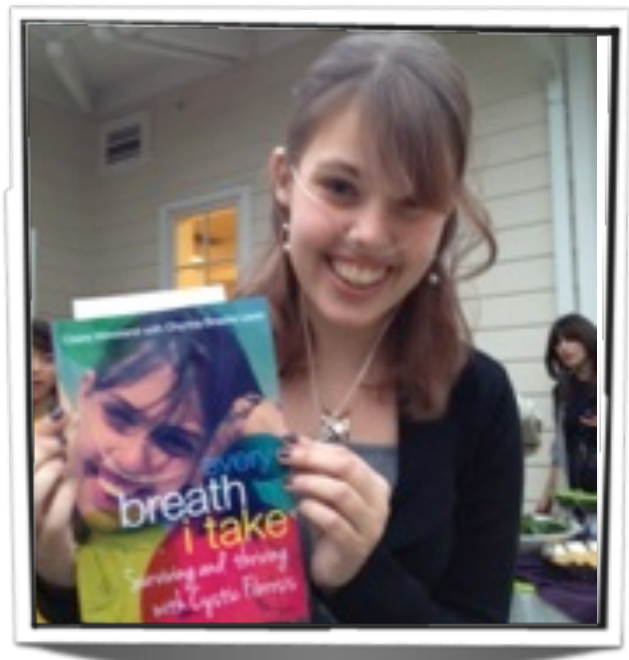


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CLAIRE WINELAND (CONTINUED)

As you watch her speak, she carries herself with grace and ease. Her face is always painted with a smile. The tall oxygen tank at her side fades away almost immediately and the tone of her voice remains buoyant and smooth. She cheerfully giggles and proudly admits that she is a survivor because she has learned to look at the positive aspects of her life. She explains how she doesn't allow any negative energy to occupy her mental or emotional space, a testament to the fact that she is not defined by her particular illness, but motivated by it and victorious in spite of it. Claire sings, dances, composes her own music, connects with family members, befriends people from all over the world, and tells jokes, an indicator that she genuinely appreciates life.

Cystic Fibrosis is a hereditary disease that is primarily detrimental to the lungs because it causes excessive mucus secretions and collection. After facing a complete lung failure and going into a coma several years ago, Claire defied the odds, recovered, and proved to have an unbreakable spirit amidst the fragile physical body that was once in turmoil. In light of her second chance at life, she founded her own foundation called Claire's Place to spread the message of hope to families dealing with Cystic Fibrosis. By devoting her time to organize vacations for other children with her condition, she took her seemingly tragic situation and channeled



it towards generating more possibilities for others to see the world and experience the richness of traveling. After delivering a speech at the Ted Conference this past year, the audience responded to her inspirational speech with a standing ovation. Thousands of people have cultivated hope and inspiration in her uplifting message.

This year, Looking Beyond is excited to celebrate Claire Wineland as an honoree. While she is an individual with special needs and does represent our dedication to supporting others within a broad range of disabilities, she does more than that. She embodies a tangible sense of eternal optimism that can instill everyone with the courage to relish in being alive and

encourage us to smile from within. This year's event is highly important because it will be a life altering opportunity for our guests to be in the presence of someone with a unique outlook and a remarkable vision for how humanity can persevere, thrive and achieve its fullest potential.

Looking Beyond News 2012

Looking Beyond Youth

celebrated its annual picnic at UCLA's Early Intervention Program. The day included exciting activities ranging from face painting, blowing bubbles, and playing creative games in the playground facility. UCLA families connected with our Looking Beyond family and gave each of the children an opportunity to bond and connect. More importantly, each child reinforced our purpose and revealed just a glimpse of how we touch our recipients. Overall, this day highlighted the importance of our heartfelt cause and illuminated the value of just being a kid. We are looking forward to seeing and influencing more smiling faces in the year to follow!



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Third floor dedication to Looking Beyond at UCLA Mattel Hospital

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