



Dear Community Member,

June 2011

On Friday August 5th, the Kari and Keira Lyn Parker Foundation will be hosting by invitation a formal dinner and auction at the Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula, Ca. We are hopeful you will consider supporting these events by donating a raffle item for our walk or an auction item to be sold at our annual dinner. We are looking to find items of all types of values that may be auctioned off individually and/or combined with other items to create a nice collection of items in a basket style item. We would like you to consider the following ways to help:

**Donations of physical item(s)**  
**Donations of monetary gifts**  
**Donations of tickets to events**

**Donations of services (redeemable)**  
**Donations of gift certificates**  
**Donations of vacations/time shares**

Our foundation's efforts will be supported by the items we collect through donations like yours. Our success in raising funds depends on caring individuals and businesses in our communities that see a value in supporting causes such as ours. The goal of The Kari and Keira Lyn Parker Foundation is to raise funds to support kids of all ages, to assist in their education when the mountains of life are too hard to climb and overcome by themselves. One of our goals is to offer scholarships to disadvantaged yet exceptional high school students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college. Scholarships will be granted based on different criteria such as academic excellence, financial need, community involvement, etc. Furthermore and unlike other programs, we plan to aid students incrementally based on their ability to maintain high academic standards. The Kari and Keira Lyn Parker Foundation will also utilize some of the funds it raises to support important academic programs from K-12, supporting the communities we live in, work in and placed roots. To learn more about these programs and the allocation of all raised funds, please visit [www.2K4Kids.org](http://www.2K4Kids.org). Today, you can make an immediate difference in the life of a child. We hope we can count on your help.

**As of June 2011 we have donated back to our communities we live, work and placed roots in, a total of more than \$60, 000.00 in scholarships and over \$36,500.00 in grants and donations- all of which have supported kids of all ages.**

Donations, questions, and/or requests for additional information can be directed to 2K4Kids, The Kari and Keira Lyn Parker Foundation at [mail@2k4kids.com](mailto:mail@2k4kids.com). Please visit our website to see the good things we are doing in memory of our loved ones, [www.2k4kids.org](http://www.2k4kids.org). Please make all checks of donations payable to: **2K4Kids – or – The Kari and Keira Lyn Parker Foundation.**

We sincerely thank you for your support of our foundation.

With appreciation,

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Kari Sue (Hanson) Parker was born to Larry and Barbara Hanson on September 20, 1973, in Escondido, California. Kari attended Miller Elementary, Del Dios Junior High and graduated in 1991 from San Pasqual High in Escondido, California. She continued her education at Concordia University in Irvine, California where she graduated in 1995 with a Liberal Studies/English degree and went on to Cal Baptist University in Riverside, California to get her Masters in Education in 2000.

Kari's first teaching job was at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California from 1995-1997. Then she went to Temescal Canyon High School in Lake Elsinore, California and taught English, AVID, and was a girls' soccer coach from 1997-1999. From 1999-2003 she taught at Chaparral High School in Temecula, California as an English and AVID teacher, girls soccer coach and assistant golf coach. Kari was also an instructor at Cal Baptist University for positive interaction between teacher and student and a Special Interest Speaker from 2001-2004. Kari transferred to the new Great Oak High School in Temecula in 2002 as an English and AVID teacher. In 2005 she moved to Julian Charter School as an Educational Facilitator, until her death on June 28, 2007.

In high school Kari played on the girls' soccer team, and also played on a traveling soccer team. She loved the sport and was quite good at it, and that got her into coaching high school soccer. She also loved to golf, thanks to her husband, Matt, so she also was a golf coach. Kari was always involved in everything at school and church and this carried over into her career as a high school English teacher and AVID coordinator. Her master's degree was written on "Helping the At-Risk Student Become Successful" and this she took very seriously. She was very excited to attend some of her students' college graduations. Kari inspired hundreds of her students to embark on a course of uncharted territory. She was right there to support them every step of the way. So many of her students went on to college and became successful while more importantly became contributing members to their communities. Several even went on to teach in her footsteps.



Kari's love for home decorating, scrapbooking and crafts gave her great enjoyment, along with anyone who received one of her completed projects. If there was one place on earth for Kari to enjoy the views of nature and life, it was the beach, any beach, none in particular, just the beach. Walking and watching- she loved that.

Kari's two greatest joys were planning her wedding to Matt Parker on August 2, 2003 and the birth of her daughter, Keira Lyn. In a beautiful sunset wedding she married her best friend and soul mate. Giving birth to their daughter, Keira Lyn on August 5, 2005, was a dream come true for both Matt and Kari. Kari truly was meant to be a mother to little Keira Lyn, she made each day of her life and Keira's one that was filled with hugs and kisses, with smiles and laughter, and last but certainly not least, prayers with God.

Keira Lyn Parker was born on August 5, 2005 in La Jolla, California to Kari and Matt Parker. She was the only grandchild of Larry and Barbara Hanson and the only granddaughter of Bud and Lyn Parker. The Parkers have 5 wonderful grandsons by their other two children.

Keira Lyn was such a delight to be around, she had her mother's zest for life. Although her father was teased early and often, she was the sparkle that made his days. When Keira would meet her daddy after a long day of working, she was a reminder that life was great- because her hugs and kisses were what made the world go around. When she was old enough to go to Gymboree she loved it, especially playing with the other children her own age. Art class was her favorite and she was so proud of her work. Going to the park was also a great enjoyment for her. She loved to swing and blow bubbles. The family dog, Cherokee, was one of Keira Lyn's most laughable moments of each day with a thousand I love you licks. She was so full of life, she always wanted things her way- which at times was laughable to her mommy and daddy. At home Keira was really into playing with her baby dolls, she had fun pushing them in their stroller, rocking them in her rocking chair and feeding them. She also enjoyed helping her mother in the kitchen with one of her favorite words, "wash- wash". Her bed time was the best- she would want her legs and feet rubbed for what seemed like hours- yet put her to sleep in



minutes. Her prayer time with God and mommy and daddy was by far the best. With hands folded and eyes somewhat closed- she embodied the love of Christ.

Reading her books was another part of her day, whether it was the colors of the day, or the animals in the world- she made you read them over and over again and she would remind you who turned the pages- Miss Keira Lyn.

When visiting her cousins- she stole the show- her five boy cousins- loved and protected her every step of the way. At Nana and Grandpa's house it was obvious that she was spoiled to no end. Grandpa's piggy back rides and big kisses brought smiles all around. Nana's floating tubs and the pool made her day.

Even though Keira was only 22 months old when she died on June 28, 2007 in the car accident, she was able to make her mind known. Keira Lyn Parker- a candle so small yet so bright- snuffed out before our eyes- but remembered, like the vibrancy of the sun.