

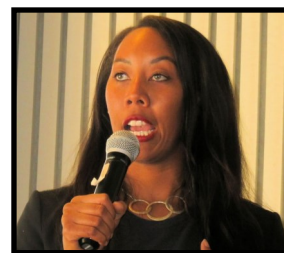


Launch Pad - Helping Kids Find Their Future

By Ashlee Tate and Justine Lehman

Launch Pad's mission is a way for one person to directly impact a child in need, by providing sponsor funds for an activity of the child's choice. The vision is to close these opportunity gap for all children in the U.S. Under-privileged children often have the ability to reach their goals but don't have the resources to do so. Some don't even have goals. Launch Pad through providing funds gives these children hope for the future.

Launch Pad works closely with schools to identify and vet those that need help. Once the children are identified they are notified they are eligible and can enter the program. The focus on connecting children and sponsors is through extracurricular activities in the areas of cultural enrichment, arts, personal mentoring and sports.



Ashlee Tate



Justine Lehman

Once the child is chosen, the campaign can be partially or fully funded. The child is then matched with the activity that has been sponsored. Some of the vendors include Shasta Gymnastics, All Fired Up (A glass blowing studio), Redding Youth Soccer League, Kempo Karate, Dance Depot, North Valley Boxing Academy and The City of Redding Recreation Department.

Partners of Launch Pad include, Cedar Crest Brewing, C.R.Gibbs, Gaia, Fall River Draft, Moonstone, Final Draft and Woody's. The major sponsors are, Anderson Walk-in Medical Clinic and Shasta Regional Medical Center.

Part of the learning process is to teach the child to appreciate the help they have received. Usually this is taught at home by parents. These children may not have ever been taught to appreciate what they have. This happens at Launch Pad by requiring the child to write a thank you note to those who are supporting them. Some of the notes received show considerable talent and ingenuity.

This idea focused on one to one giving. The impact becomes evident very quickly. The children develop self confidence, enrich their lives, give the child a look at the world outside of Redding and pro-social behaviors. Hopefully if one can't change the environment, you can change the outlook. One of several examples given was Michael who had lost his home in the Carr Fire. Right after becoming homeless the family's car died. Through the help of Launch Pad, Michael realized he wasn't alone and was heard shouting I have a home again.

It is easy to see how passionate Ashlee and Justine are about Launch Pat by looking at their eyes. While speaking of Michael and others the tears were quite evident. Thanks to you both.

President Joe's Recognitions

Jason Salter has become a world traveler. At least he visited Europe, including Britain, France and Italy. While in Rome he played soccer in the park and visited the Colosseum. Another high light was while walking a pick pocket stole Irene's phone. Also seen in Rome was a black Mercedes with machine guns near by. Wow, what fun. Images of the excitement are below. \$100 to his Paul Harris.



Next up was Tom Semingson master bowl maker. As one can see these bowls are special. They are works of art. Tom is definitely a master craftsman.

President Joe unbeknownst to Tom has always longed to have one of these bowls. He has waited years for the right opportunity for Tom to offer him a bowl. That opportunity showed up with a recognition of excellence. Not sure if Pres Joe got his bowl but Tom ended up paying \$100 in the hopes his bowls and talent don't lead to another recognition. Think of it as advertising Tom.



Pres Joe Offers Confessions for \$75

First to confess was Jenn Finnegan. Jenn has purchased a new home. A new home is definitely worth more than \$75. Good timing Jenn to save a little cash.

Next up was Erik Poole. Erik's life has been so full of great things and accomplishments that it was hard to keep up with them. One recent honor was receiving a Paul Harris from the Redding Rotary for his work and continuing support for all we do. Thanks Erik for the \$75.

Finally after a little coaxing, Mark Rincon stood up. Mark mentioned O2 Staffing has provided some great employees over the years. Now this could be a delicate subject. These employees are very good looking people. One would even say striking. With that said your editor is not sure why Mark mentioned he took some training in "Sexual Harassment." Must be a connection. The course was 2 1/2 hours in length. Mark said he passed with flying colors. No surprises there. Thanks Mark for the \$75..

Honor To Youth—The Girls Scouts of America

This months “Honor to Youth” featured the Girl Scouts of America. Clair was presented by Troop Leader, Laura Burnett. Clair mentioned Laura helped with the troop’s badge activities and achievements. She has always showed us how to be amazing young girls. She has taught us to speak up for the things we want and go get them. She has taught us flag etiquette, including how to present the colors at events. The events have included The State of the City Luncheon, The Republican Women’s Dinner and replacing the Lion’s Club’s flag that fly along Interstate 5. Clare mentioned presenting the colors is very special to the Girl Scouts.



Clair is working toward the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve, “The Gold Award.” To achieve this award Clair has configured a curriculum for the sources of strength program at Shasta High School. The curriculum is called “Produce Your Strength.” The program features healthy ways to eat and drink healthy through produce.

Clair is involved with the medical field earning certificates in CPR, patient care certification and is now working on her Clinical Medical Assisting License.

Her sports activities include softball, swimming and golf. She also has served meals at Elk’s Club special events. Living a diverse life, she has planted trees along the river trail.

Clair has attended Shasta College during the summer. Once she graduates, she wants to travel abroad. Her overall goal is to have a career in the medical field.

Clair thanked the Girl Scouts and her family for the encouragement and opportunities.

A Special Feature From Anonymous

The best way to show the surprise is with a poem and a video.

Jingle Bell, Joe lost his Bell,
Jolly Santa flew it away,
His reindeer took it after that,
and the Bell was hidden away,
Singing Jingle Bell Rock,
till it’s home again some day!

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A preview of the Garden of Lights.
This video is from last year.



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Calendar December 2021	
December 9th	Shasta EDC Update
December 16th	Redding Rotary Christmas Party - See page 4.
Decemberr 23rd	Dark - Have a Merry Christmas
December 30th	Dark - Have a Happy New Year



Celebration of Life

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Here is a chance to celebrate one of Redding Rotary's most loved and remembered members. Gary was a past president and someone we all called friend.

Give Dee Domke a call and sign up for some fun that helps the community. You are guaranteed to have a warm feeling when your shift is done.



Lindsay Myers and Jenn Finnegan to see if they need any Santa's helpers for the Turtle Bay, Garden of Lights.



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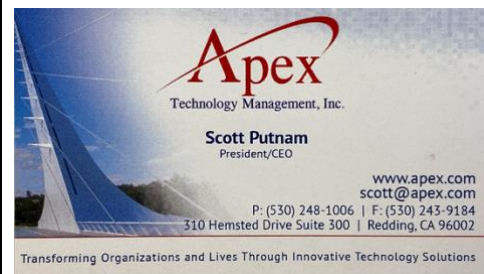
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