



The Joyful Child Foundation
In Memory of
Samantha Runnion
is dedicated to preventing
crimes against children
through programs that
educate, empower, and
unite families and
communities

Upcoming Events

Survive & Thrive 5K

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Join Team Joyful Child!

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(Select "Joyful Child Team")

Summer Brave Workshops

at the Orange County
Department of Education

July 15, 2016

July 26, 2016

August 18, 2016

[Online Registration](#)

Save the Date

JOYFUL FEAST 2016

Saturday, October 1, 2016



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Every dollar helps!

\$25 pays for

1 BRAVE Student

Monthly donations

build our capacity:

Introducing our new
Program Coordinator,
Virginia!



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Westminster School District Votes to Empower Every Student



In late 2015, The Westminster School District's Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of adopting the BRAVE Curriculum district-wide. As a result, beginning in late February and continuing in phases over the next 3 years, The Joyful Child will train all 300 of the district's elementary school teachers to implement the BRAVE Curriculum within every classroom of the District at all of its 13 school sites. We have already completed the first phase, which means that 100 Kindergarten to 6th grade teachers are ready to empower over 2,200 students in approximately 95 classrooms with critical life-saving skills they would not otherwise have received as part of the standard education offered during the school year! Teacher responses from the training have been overwhelmingly encouraging and The Joyful Child is reaching out to local service groups and businesses for sustaining financial support of district implementation to show a community united in child protection.



Your Donations Empower Survivors and Prevent New Victims

Thanks to your generous contributions, The Joyful Child trained an energetic group of staff in January from the Orange County-based Women's Transitional Living Centers (WTLC). WTLC provides services for families who have survived domestic violence, and is now sharing the BRAVE Workshops with their vulnerable clients and through public outreach programs in both local schools and Boys & Girls Clubs.

EPIC's Annual Golf Tournament Empowers At-Risk Youth in the Inland Empire



In February, EPIC sponsored an instructor training and BRAVE Workshop for children in Corona. This training equipped a dynamic group of staff from Cornucopia Services, which provides social services to 10,000 residents on 23 properties throughout Southern California, to empower children with BRAVE Workshops. Also thanks to EPIC, The Joyful Child is providing monthly BRAVE Workshops and Parent Presentations for Operation SafeHouse, a youth crisis center in Riverside.

120+ Teens, Parents, and Teachers Launch BRAVE for Teens



In early March, the Capistrano Valley High School (CVHS) PTA sponsored a public BRAVE Workshop for Teens and Parents. This Workshop was highly received and particularly special as it launched our first High School BRAVE Club! Students and teachers will meet regularly with Joyful Child Director, Erin Runnion, to experience and provide feedback about the BRAVE High School Curriculum.