

THE KYLE HYLAND FOUNDATION FOR TEEN SUPPORT

P.O. Box 1601, Benicia, CA 94510

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Dear KHF Supporter,

My name is Barbara Gervase and I am the president of The Kyle Hyland Foundation for Teen Support. Our foundation was established in memory of our son, Kyle Hyland, who we lost to suicide at the age of 16, in December of 2014. As a legacy for Kyle and to help other teens and their families avoid such a fate, we established the Kyle Hyland Foundation (KHF). KHF is a 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to establish and maintain a Teen Center where teens can be provided emotional support through social interaction, mentoring, counseling, music, and art.

The KHF realized its mission upon opening the doors of the Benicia Teen Center (BTC) in January 2016. In January, 2018, we moved to our current location, a 4 bedroom/2 bath house, at 1135 Church St which is conveniently located across the street from Benicia High School. The KHF leases the house from Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church. While the center has no religious affiliation, the Foundation is happy to have this new space for the teens of Benicia.

The Teen Center serves a vital need in our community. The Benicia Teen Center, "your home away from home," provides a place for ALL teens to hang out and enjoy themselves in a stress-free and creative environment. The BTC is open to all Benicia teen residents or Benicia Unified School District students, aged 13 to 19. The BTC offers recreational activities such as movies, video games, and table games including pool, ping pong, air hockey, and foosball. Teens also have the opportunity for creative expression through playing numerous musical instruments or utilizing a full range of art supplies. Free WiFi and Chromebooks are available, and the Center is an ideal spot to work on group projects. We also offer low-cost snacks. We regularly see 15-20 kids attend each day Monday through-Thursday. On Friday, when we frequently offer free food, as many as 50 teens attend. The BTC is within walking distance of both BHS and BMS allowing teens to come right after school without need for a bus or other transportation. Many of these teens would otherwise be going home to an empty house with no supervision or support. Being able to serve the Benicia community in this way is the primary goal of the KHF and we are so happy to be able to offer the teens of Benicia a safe, supportive and fun place to spend their time.

Our primary fundraiser for 2018 is "The 3rd Annual Kyle Hyland Foundation Charity Golf Tournament" which will be held on September 15 at Napa Golf Course. This is a great opportunity to support the KHF and the teens of Benicia through tournament sponsorship and/or participation. We would so appreciate your support at this upcoming event but if you cannot lend support at this event, we hope that you will be able to support our organization at future events. As the expenses to operate our new center are significantly more compared to our previous location, all contributions large or small will be so greatly appreciated by the KHF and youth of Benicia!

Sincerely,

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