

## Children's Hospital Activities in Need of Funds

Our Apostolate Charity year began in September 2014 and ends in August 2015. Your support and generosity to our National Charity, Cooley's Anemia, has been overwhelming and I am proud to be associated with this program and with you who support it with your hearts and your fundraisers.

Each year, Children's Hospital Oakland plans several psychosocial activities for the Cooley's Anemia patients whom they treat. I.C.F. donations make the following activities and events possible:

- Sending patients to Painted Turtle Camp ([www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org)).  
While the camp is free, travel expenses are costly.
- Picnics and Outings.
- Family Conferences.
- Patient Retreat.

Last year, the I.C.F. donated \$2,625.00 and this year the I.C.F. wants to continue the program whereby we offer them support. To achieve this goal, we need to once again ask our Districts, Branches and Individual Members to participate and send in donations. Please discuss this at your meetings and consider sending in a donation, in whatever amount you are able to give, towards this very worthwhile program.

A time of recreation among friends is not something many of these children/young adults or their families can afford and we have the opportunity to help make fun and healthy experiences available to them. Please consider making a donation to help bring these events into their lives.

The deadline for contributions is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to Italian Catholic Federation, memo it "Children's Hospital Activities Donation" and mail it to the I.C.F. Office, 8393 Capwell Drive, Suite 110, Oakland, CA 94621.

As a reminder, please submit your Apostolate Charity report on or before July 15, 2015.

Thank you.

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Apostolate/Charity Chairperson