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# THE SILVER LINING FOUNDATION

*Building Dreams and  
Creating Lifetime Opportunities  
for Children with Cancer.*



**FRIENDS AND  
HEROES OF THE  
SILVER LINING  
RANCH**

Clockwise, from top left:  
Kevin Costner and Daisy  
Espadas; Keith Hopp with  
his very big fish; Brittany  
McIntyre and Iraniza  
Fernandez riding in the  
Rockies; talent show fun  
with Katie Bleck



Our journey continues with a foundation family that pledges both financial and emotional support. To nurture the success of our vision, we invite you to become part of our growing family at The Silver Lining Foundation.



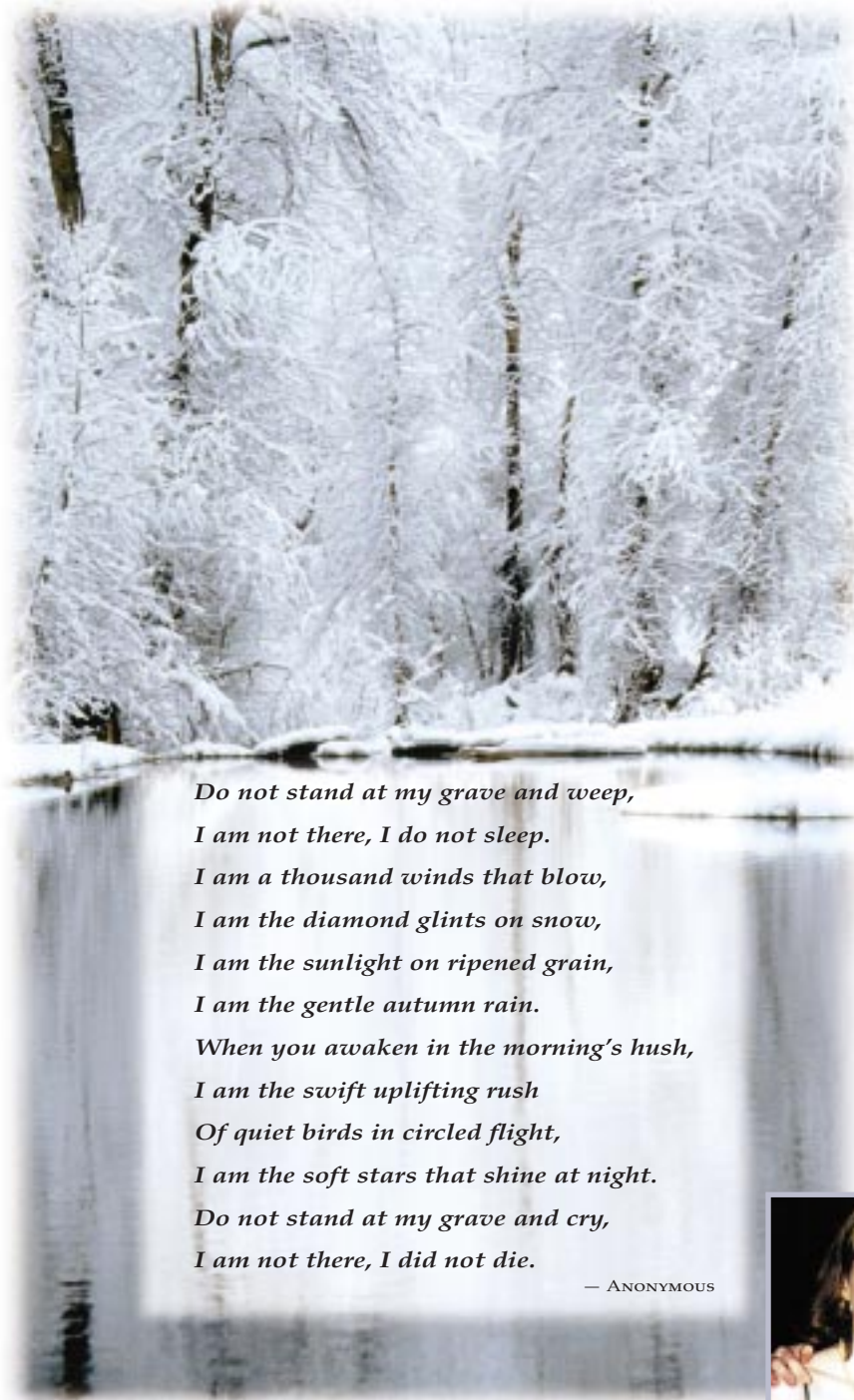
**FOUNDING FAMILY OF THE SILVER LINING FOUNDATION**

Center, Ted Forstmann and Fritz and Fabi Benedict with Rhea Olson.

Clockwise from top right:

John McEnroe, Paul Newman, Cindy Crawford, David Robinson, Andre Agassi, Monica Seles, and Pete Sampras.

*“Not every child has a silver lining in his or her life.  
Some children must learn courage at a very young age.”*



*Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there, I did not die.*

— ANONYMOUS



Noelle & Joanna Potter

This was received from Joanna Potter whose sister, Noelle,  
passed away in June 1996.



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### A Letter from Andrea

**W**elcome to The Silver Lining Foundation, a magical world created for children with cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1990 when a shoulder injury ended my career on the professional tennis circuit. I was then able to devote all my energy to developing custom-made programs for these special kids. The vision involves engaging children in inspirational opportunities that develop hope and courage in order to battle their illnesses. Participants exchange a sterile hospital environment and rigid medical schedule for white-water rafting, horseback riding, gondola rides up Aspen Mountain, skiing and making lifetime friends.

Other custom-made programs involve extensive follow up with the children that include college scholarships, family retreat sessions, employment opportunities, medical assistance and out-of-state activities. Fun, education, and adventure are instrumental to our programs which are designed to last a lifetime.

A question that is commonly asked is: "Why did you choose to pursue working with children who have cancer?" During my years on the professional tennis tour, visiting children in hospitals was one of my favorite things to do at tournaments. They are models of hope and courage. Watching these children fight for their lives on a daily basis inspired the premise on which the Foundation is based: these kids will have an opportunity to regain some of their missed childhood; a childhood striped by the harsh realities of their cancer.

In 1993, Aspen residents Fritz and Fabi Benedict donated ten acres of beautiful land to the Foundation. This land is located on a gentle stream overlooking mountains and evergreens and all of the wild life that lives within its beauty. Ted Forstmann launched the building campaign with his \$1.7 million donation which enabled our vision to be reached. Now The Benedict-Forstmann Silver Lining Ranch is a reality. We are excited to introduce you to our Foundation and all of its exciting programs.

We welcome you to celebrate life with these wonderful children. The growing world of our Foundation needs your help to maintain and work towards our successful future in helping children with cancer.

*Andrea Jaeger*   
Andrea Jaeger

*Andrea and Alicia  
challenging the  
mountains of Aspen*



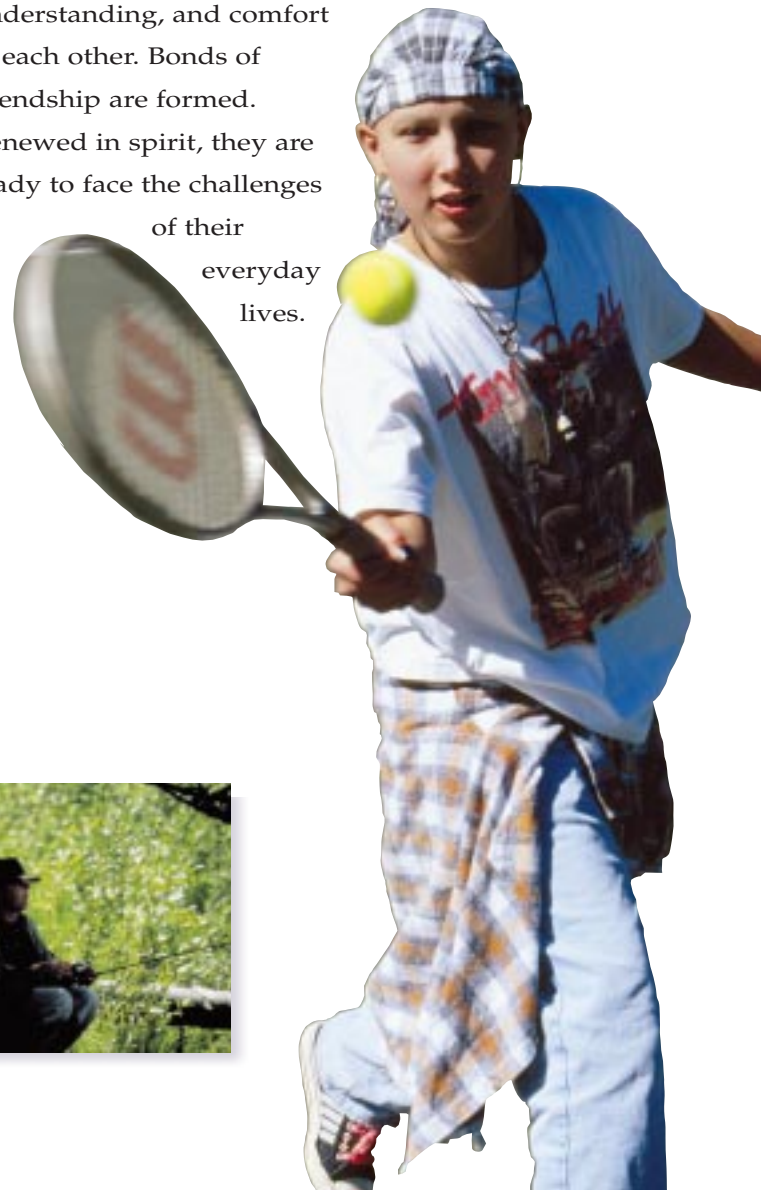
## “BECAUSE A CHILDHOOD SHOULD NOT END WHEN THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS BEGINS.”

Children with cancer endure losses that extend far beyond their disease. They lose much of what healthy youngsters can take for granted. Education is disrupted; participating in sports becomes a wish. Normal, everyday opportunities for developing independence, self-reliance, and a strong self-image are diminished. In the midst of doctors, therapies, and hospital stays they tend to lose the sense of being in control of their lives. There is the constant necessity of medical attentiveness and the awareness of family anxiety. Cancer not only affects the child, but every family member.

The Benedict-Forstmann Silver Lining Ranch provides a respite for these children whose lives are too often dominated by illness. At The Silver Lining Ranch, participants are free to be children again—to laugh, to be spontaneous, to have fun in the Rocky Mountains of Aspen, Colorado. Here, youngsters with special needs don't have to sit on the sidelines.

Independence is encouraged, and campers often try adventures that they normally would not attempt. Engaging in new activities helps the children gain in self-esteem.

The opportunity for participants to meet others with similar conditions is one of the most valuable experiences that the Ranch offers. Cancer can isolate children and their families from others. By sharing experiences, the children give encouragement, understanding, and comfort to each other. Bonds of friendship are formed. Renewed in spirit, they are ready to face the challenges of their everyday lives.





## HOW CAN I HELP?

*“He had one of the best weeks he’s ever had in his life . . .”*

**You can help put a silver lining behind every cloud.**



**I**n 1990, Andrea Jaeger began the process of obtaining donors to help implement financial security for The Silver Lining Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit 501 C 3 organization. The financial support of the Foundation comes from corporate and individual contributions.

- **Financial donations** can be made by cash, check or credit card. You can now take advantage of our quick and easy, secure **online donation** tool located on our website: **[www.silverliningfoundation.org](http://www.silverliningfoundation.org)** Mastercard, Visa and American Express donations are accepted online. We also accept stock donations at **Bank One, FAO Merrill Lynch Account #61Z-04015** in the name of Kids Stuff Foundation, Inc., dba The Silver Lining Foundation (DTC #5198). For questions, please contact our Merrill Lynch advisors at 970-429-2200.
- Contributions can also be made through the **Schwab Charitable Fund for Charitable Giving**.
- **Donate airline mileage** to United through the United Charity Miles Program (800) 421-4655, SLF Acct. #00630923638
- **Sponsor a child through camperships**. The Silver Lining Foundation Campership Fund was established to honor a family member or friend or recognize a special milestone or event with a tribute to The Silver Lining Foundation. This gift will help send a child to a session at the Ranch.
- Or you can **collect Silver Lining Pals** to help bring a child to camp. These wonderful stuffed animals can be purchased at any FAO Schwarz toy store or by calling 1-800-400-4FAO. A percentage of the proceeds benefits The Silver Lining Foundation.
- **Let other potential supporters know about our programs**. We would be happy to send materials to distribute to friends and colleagues.



**W**e invite you to join our family of supporters who have made a commitment to The Silver Lining Foundation. Your generous donation will help provide lasting experiences and memories to sustain these special children throughout their lives.

If you or a company that you know want to sponsor a city, please contact us for reservations at (970) 925-9540.

# INSPIRING HOPE AND COURAGE . . . DISCOVERING DREAMS . . . AND SILVER LININGS

## OBJECTIVES

To provide positive lifetime experiences and a safe haven for children with cancer. In doing so, we encourage them to simply be themselves, enable them to have fun, and provide them with opportunities to enhance their quality of life.

To provide a recreational experience that is equal to or better than that which is available to healthy youngsters.

To help the children acquire the physical and emotional capacity to endure the challenges of the present and future.

To reveal to the participants the recuperative values of sharing experiences and caring for each other, and to help others who are experiencing similar ordeals.

To allow children to be children.

To provide parents with a 7-day respite from caring for a sick child, with time to focus on themselves and other siblings.

To serve as a year-round resource to the children, their families, and health care professionals.

To inspire and educate the public to further develop opportunities for these special children and their families.



# “AT THE SILVER LINING FOUNDATION, FUN AND ADVENTURE

## PROGRAMS

The following projects fall under the Foundation umbrella:

**The Benedict-Forstmann Silver Lining Ranch Program** in Aspen, Colorado, is the home for up to twenty children a session throughout the summer, finishing up the year with winter ski groups. Horseback riding, white water rafting, campfire picnics, and downhill skiing are the adventurous settings in which children share common medical challenges and establish lifetime friendships. A pediatric oncologist, oncology nurse, counselor and Foundation staff are available on a 24-hour basis.

**The Hope Chest Newsletter** is an entertaining and educational newsletter sent to children’s hospitals around the country and internationally at no cost to them. It is written and distributed by Silver Lining Ranch participants.

The “**What’s Happening Now**” follow-up project is a monthly publication written by the children for the children. The newsletter allows them to communicate with each other and Foundation staff on what is happening with past and present Silver Lining Ranch participants.

**Out-of-State Programs** involve follow up projects that link the Foundation staff with Silver Lining Ranch participants and their families. Home and hospital visits are included in each city. Tickets to sporting events, plays, and gift packs are also presented to the children.

**International Programs** benefit children in hospitals across England, Germany, Italy, France, Australia, Switzerland, Croatia and Bosnia. The Foundation helps to provide medical supplies and equipment to hospitals; clothing and toys to children; and assistance in providing suitable accommodations for families of children in treatment.

**Wish Program for Silver Lining Foundation Participants** grants a child his or her wish while they are receiving medical treatment.



# NTURE ARE PART OF THE HEALING PROCESS.”

**The Teenage Employment Program** hires teenagers with cancer to produce the Foundation’s newsletters and publications.

Teenagers are also employed as counselors for the Silver Lining Ranch program. This program was implemented to give the teenagers a starting resume and reference for their future employment.



**Family Retreats** offer families of the Silver Lining Ranch

participants an opportunity to vacation in Aspen cost-free. Ranch accommodations, activities and food are provided by the Foundation. Often times, this is the only vacation these families can take due to the financial burdens and medical concerns.

**The Jeff Crawford Scholarship Program** was established to help defray education costs to Silver Lining Ranch participants. Teenagers battling their illnesses can continue their education process through

university or vocational establishments.



**Medical Relief Program** How do you explain to a ten-year-old that just lost a leg to cancer that insurance will not pay for an artificial limb? Our medical program assists in areas where insurance does not meet the child’s or family’s needs.

