



The kids of the Children's Village in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, creatively expressed their thanks on a poster (left) sent to the Discovery Land Company Foundation. Before the Ku Moana race series, Life Pursuits supporters (below)—including Discovery members and staff, locals, and professional athletes—posed with their multicolored stand-up paddleboards.



Mission Possible

The Discovery Land Company Foundation makes contributions at home and abroad.

DISCOVERY LAND COMPANY Foundation director Christy Nichols has worked diligently toward fulfilling the organization's mission to improve the quality of life in the communities surrounding Discovery properties, and her efforts have yielded many positive results. Throughout the U.S. and Mexico there are many children who express a clear message of thanks.

The Foundation focuses on significantly impacting select charities that serve underprivileged children and display

exceptional integrity. Nichols is particularly interested in groups willing to work hand-in-hand with her to identify specific needs that the Foundation can directly fund and have a measurable impact.

One such charity is the Children's Village in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, near Gozzer Ranch. The Foundation is subsidizing expanded facilities, extended care and services for children without permanent homes, and programs for foster teens overcoming severe emotional distress.

In Los Cabos, Mexico, the Foundation donates to Amigos de los Niños, a non-profit group that supports emergency medical care for barrio children, and Los Niños del Capitan, which provides daycare, meals, medical attention, education, and arts instruction to children whose parents, many of them single mothers, make less than 10 dollars a day.

Other contributions answer more specific needs, such as providing a supply of winter clothing for the children of Crossnore School, a shelter near Mountaintop in North Carolina; or sponsoring a Foster Club All Star, a young adult who endured the foster care system, earned a college scholarship, and now travels around the country mentoring foster youth.

DLCF Announcements

Dec. 19, 2008—Life Pursuits Stand-up Paddleboard Event—Kona, Hawaii

Jan. 19, 2009—DLC Foundation Golf Event—The Madison Club

Feb. 13, 2009—DLC Foundation Wine Tasting Event—Hideaway

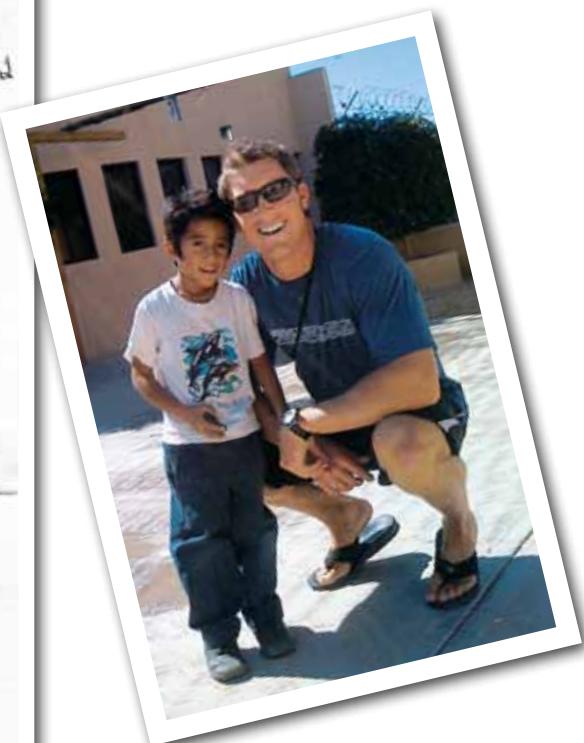
"We look forward to a continued partnership with Christy Nichols and DLCF in our shared goal of making a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable children."

—Dr. Phyllis Crain, *The Crossnore School*



Dear Friends of Crossnore
 I received the gifts you gave me
 The other day. They're great! I really
 needed them and they gonna go to
 good use especially the shoe I need
 for basketball. The shoe I had leaked
 were torn up and had no grip so
 you could imagine what it was
 like on the court but anyways
 I am so grateful I thank you
 from the bottom of my heart
 Tyler Jackson

Dear Friends of Crossnore,
 I just want to thank you
 so much for getting me
 winter clothes to wear
 this winter. I appreciate
 it so much. Again
 thanks for caring. Happy
 Holidays!! God Bless,
 Lori W.



The Foundation extends a hand to communities around Discovery properties. The children of Crossnore School, near Mountaintop in North Carolina, sent thank-you notes (left) for shoes and winter clothes. Ben and Heather Crane (top, with kids from H.O.P.E. Farm) have organized charity tournaments to benefit at-risk children in Texas. Above: El Dorado Outdoor Pursuits director Travis Chamberlain meets a youngster from Amigos de los Niños.

The Foundation also launched its own Life Pursuits program this year to directly connect with foster children and provide immediate opportunities in and around Discovery communities. Nichols meets with local government authorities and nonprofit program leaders to pinpoint needs—scholarships, skills training, assistance with athletic programs—areas where the Foundation can offer immediate support. In Kona, Hawaii, Life Pursuits recently sponsored eight foster children who could not afford to play in the local football league, in addition to contributing to the Kai' Opua Canoe Club, so foster kids could compete in team races. The Foundation also presents cultural and environmental education opportunities to local youth.

Nichols insists it is the generous support of club members and staff—along with the close attention and courageous spirit of Discovery CEO Mike Meldman—that has allowed her to make so much progress to date.

Ben and Heather Crane, members at several Discovery properties, are passionate about children's charities and have made substantial contributions to the Foundation. They have organized an annual charity golf



The Foundation supports daycare and meals for Los Niños del Capitán (above) in Los Cabos, Mexico. Below: Participants and the water rescue crew are all smiles after the Life Pursuits paddleboard race in Hawaii.

tournament at Vaquero, in Texas, where Ben, a professional golfer, invites a number of his colleagues to join the intimate event. This year the Cranes donated a portion of the proceeds from the event to DLCF.

"Mike [Meldman] was fully on board," says Ben Crane. "He supported us by providing staff and made sure everyone and everything came together for the event." This year the tournament raised more than \$600,000 for the Foundation, H.O.P.E. Farm (which helps at-risk children in Texas), and another one of Heather Crane's favorite charities, Love 146. "Vaquero and Discovery go all out," Crane adds. "They make everyone feel like a king for the day."

Crane has also donated his time as a golf pro at many of DLCF's special events, live auctions, and, with his wife, has made various personal contributions to the Foundation.

Discovery staff members are also fostering the Foundation's mission. Kuki'o Outdoor Pursuits director Thibert Lussiaa organized a stand-up paddleboard race to raise funds for the Foundation's Life Pursuits program. Other staff members have made cash donations, and one sales associate even pledged a

percentage of his commissions to help give back to the community where he grew up.

For a cause that began only one year ago, the progress is remarkable.

KIMBERLY SMITH

Growing Up with Life Pursuits

The Discovery Land Company Foundation recently launched the Ku Moana race series in Kona, Hawaii, to raise funds and awareness for Life Pursuits, a program completely supported by the Foundation. The event was the first two-day stand-up paddleboard race on the Kona Coast. The participants personified the diversity and vitality of Life Pursuits: local community leaders, media, businesses, pro surfers, Discovery club members and staff, and athletes from Hawaii and the mainland, all contributing their time and skills.

Life Pursuits offers foster, shelter, and other displaced youth near Discovery Land Company communities the opportunity to attend camps, participate on athletic teams, learn job skills, participate in leadership training, and also offers access to environmental and arts education. "These children do not ask for material things to be handed to them, they ask for experiences and to be heard," says Foundation director Christy Nichols. "Often these youth struggle with family crises and don't have access to experiences that help them mature in positive ways. All children want to celebrate their own identity—but first they have

to discover it." The Foundation works with directors of programs, shelters, and group homes to support their goals and raise needed funds. "We cannot change the occurrences that began this cycle of abandonment," Nichols says, "but we can listen to these children and help them now."

