



4300 Sunset Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

November 1, 2011

Payasos LA will hold a fundraiser this holiday season on Sunday, December 18, 2011 to raise money to buy specialty toys for the children and youth of Hope House Inc.

Developmental disabilities profoundly affect children's health and functioning. Approximately 13% of all children born in the United States are likely to be diagnosed with autism or some other form of severe emotional or challenging developmental disorder. In the case of autism, for example, over 36,500 children will be diagnosed each year.

For many families, the burden of *caring for their child would be a severe hardship were it not for a place like Hope House which has been providing a home for children and youth affected by autism and several other severe emotional and challenging developmental disabilities since 1963.* Unlike other facilities, Hope House services are designed to assist the children and youth to become as self sufficient as possible in a home-like setting through unconditional support and surrounded by positive motivation.

These are challenging times for Hope House whose budget relies partly on local and state funding. Hope House has already absorbed California State funding cuts from 3 to 10% in their services, and further reductions recently announced will negatively impact critical programs and services for children and youth. *One area in which Hope House has taken a heavy loss is in their toy fund. The toys these children need must meet special guidelines and are not readily available in retail stores.*

The children and youth of Hope House are in urgent need of new toys to replace those old and worn out. With funding at an all time low, it is uncertain if they will have toys this holiday season. **Don't all children and youth deserve to experience the joy and wonder of toys, especially during the holidays?**

**Can we count on your support?** A gift certificate for an item or service of your choice will help us raise funds through a planned raffle and silent auction at the Payasos LA holiday fundraiser. When you make a gift of an item or service, you will be recognized in the following ways:

- Prominent display of your name or your business name
- Inclusion of promotional materials of your choice to reach an audience of over 300
- Featured recognition in the event program
- Listing in the Honor Roll and on all communications materials
- A charitable gift receipt for the value of your donation for tax purposes from Hope House a 501(c)3 nonprofit with tax ID #95-2287909

To make your gift today or for more information regarding this event, please contact me at (323) 541-7736 or email me at [usamafafa@aol.com](mailto:usamafafa@aol.com).

Sincerely,

Leo Iriarte, Payasos – Founder

**YES, I/We would like to support Hope House at the Nutcracker presented by Payasos LA with the following:**

Gift Certificate/Gift Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Gift Certificate/Gift Card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Service: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form with gift to 4300 Sunset Drive, Los Angeles, CA 9027**

For questions, contact (323) 541-7736 or email [usamafafa@aol.com](mailto:usamafafa@aol.com).

The amount of your gift qualifying as a tax deductible contribution is limited to the value of the contribution over the value of the goods and services received. This value will be noted in a letter sent to you after receipt of your sponsorship payment. Hope House Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with Tax ID#95-2287909