



Inspiring hope and possibility in young adults who are living with life-threatening illnesses.

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Pediatric AIDS Survivor to Celebrate Launch of his Foundation for Hope

Cameron Siemers set to award Life Grant to young adult with life-threatening illness.

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif., Aug. 1, 2008 – The Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope announced its first annual benefit to take place at the Hotel Menage on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. The Orange County-based nonprofit supports the growing number of young adults with life-threatening illnesses who are living beyond their life expectancies. The event – Red, White & Blues – will feature the awarding of the Foundation’s first Life Grant. A Life Grant is a \$5,000 grant for young adults who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The grant is used to create a project that will inspire hope and possibility in others.

“This event is what the Foundation is all about: an opportunity to celebrate life and benefit these courageous individuals,” says founder Cameron Siemers. After receiving a blood transfusion at age 2, Siemers was diagnosed with HIV when he was 7 years old and told he wouldn’t live past 10. He is now 26. But when he turned 18, he faced a unique problem. “I was living into a future I wasn't supposed to have. I needed to find direction and purpose for my life. So I created the Foundation to help people like me make their mark on the world.”

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, music, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and all proceeds benefit the Foundation and its Life Grant program. Cameron is also set to announce his plans for the future of our country. “It will be fun – and inspiring. That’s all I’m going to say,” explains Siemers.

The Life Grant winner is to be flown in from Michigan to accept the award and explain how the grant will be used to make a difference in the community. “Our goal is to raise enough money to increase the amount of Life Grants we can offer and spread the word about Cameron’s compelling story to a new generation of young adults living with life-threatening illnesses,” says Executive Director Yvonne Altamirano.

To learn more about the organization or purchase tickets for the event, visit the Foundation’s Web site at <http://www.cameronsiemers.org>.

The Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope is a non-profit organization that engages in education, support and advocacy to inspire hope and possibility in young adults who are living with life-threatening illnesses.

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