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**2nd Annual Eric Pepys Memorial Golf Tournament –
A Celebration of Kids & Golf**
Memorial Golf Tournament Exceeds \$100k

Santa Ana – Friends and family of Eric Pepys (of Newport Beach) gathered last week for the 2nd annual memorial golf tournament and dinner in his honor. Sixty golfers headed out to the links for an afternoon of golf and 120 gathered afterwards for a reception and dinner under the stars at the Santa Ana Country Club. Over \$65,000 was netted for Orangewood Children's Foundation, bringing the two-year total to \$116,000. The proceeds will fund Orangewood's new Advanced Studies Scholarship Program, which provides former foster youth who have already earned a bachelor's degree the opportunity to continue their education in masters programs or other specialized advanced studies.

Shirley and Eric Pepys have been long-time supporters of the Foundation. While Shirley served on the board of directors and various board or event committees, Eric was always helping others in the background. He passed away in January of 2009 and in his memory an annual golf tournament was established to celebrate his life and his great love of foster children and golf.

Pepys family members in attendance included Eric's wife Shirley, children Renee (Pepys) Lowe, Tiffany Pepys Hoey, Max Pepys and Noel Pepys, and various grandchildren. The event was co-chaired by Shirley Pepys and Frank Robitaille (a long-time friend of Eric's). Sponsors were Balboa Baby, The Dot Printer, Root Creative Group, Stan & Renee Lowe and Armstrong/Robitaille/Riegle. Golf winners were: Brian Thomas (Closest to the pin), Noel Pepys (Longest drive - mens), Susan Samueli (Longest drive - womens); and the foursome of George Galanos, Henry Mayhew, Mike McClure and Chris Simonsen.

During the dinner program, former foster youth Kim Snodgrass spoke. She shared her story of being placed into foster care at the age of 11 due to her mother's drug abuse. With the Foundation's help, she attended U.C. Irvine and graduated in May 2009. With the help of the Advanced Studies Scholarship Program she just completed a one-year Masters program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. She noted however, "I now realize that it is not about just having financial support. It is about a family connection. To me, family is what you make of it, and Orangewood is definitely a part of my family." Shirley Pepys has served as an informal mentor to Kim since they met several years ago.

About Orangewood Children's Foundation

Orangewood Children's Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1981 and one of the leading providers of services to children in foster care. Through financial assistance, mentors, daily living skills workshops, transitional housing and college scholarships, we give these innocent victims of child abuse a chance at happy, productive lives. Last year alone Orangewood scholarships helped 322 former foster children attend colleges and universities throughout the United States. In our 28 year history we have helped over 74,000 kids find their wings and soar. Beyond our programs, for thousands of foster children Orangewood means "family," "opportunity" and "hope." Learn how you can help at www.orangewoodfoundation.org.