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Lamorinda Girl Pays Wishes Forward

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Audrey Price was able to meet her favorite band, One Direction, in 2014. Photo provided

The summer of 2014 was a difficult time for Campolindo High School sophomore Audrey Price. Diagnosed with a brain aneurysm, Price underwent surgery the very day summer vacation began (a Friday the 13th) and suffered surgical trauma to her right side which confined her to a hospital ward for six long weeks (see https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0902/pdf/An-Instant-Leftie-Campo-students-brain-surgery-recovery-continues.pdf).

That same summer ended on a higher note, though, when through Make-A-Wish Foundation Price was flown to Chicago to meet her favorite band - One Direction - attend their concert, meet the group backstage and be photographed with them. Initially reluctant to accept a wish for Audrey and warned that it might take years to have it granted, Price's mother Barbara Price said the

hospital medical staff encouraged them to participate. "Just do it!" she said of their incredible experience.

Fast forward to present day, and you'll find Price is busy helping other candidates obtain their big wish. In December Price collected 1,588 letters from teachers and students for the Macy's Believe Campaign, raising \$3,176 for Make-A-Wish. She says she'll fundraise for that event again next December.

But now she and several other members of Make-A-Wish's Young Professional Advisory Council and some 20 volunteers are preparing to host a Kids' Carnival for Wish Kids June 4 at Lafayette's Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The carnival, designed for children ages four to 10, features professional face painting, temporary tattoos, a cupcake walk, bingo, musical beach towels and other carnival games. Price has already raised \$600 in advance of the event. All proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish. "They are working so hard to provide fun games and activities [while] spending as little as possible," said Price's mother.

Details:

Kids Carnival for Wish Kids

Benefits the greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish foundation

Saturday June 4, 1 to 4 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane Lafayette

Tickets \$1 per event or \$20 for unlimited game participation

To donate online, go to: http://mawevents.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp? ievent=1079236&lis=1&kntae1079236=68B290E5FAFE405EB1B4279238A58CBA&supId=411012775

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