

Santa Maria - North County

Noah Scott's legacy continues with Disneyland trip for foster children

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LOMPOC, Calif. - Noah Scott's legacy continues to live on within the Lompoc community and beyond as the Scott family start an annual program to benefit underprivileged kids by going to Disneyland in Noah's memory.

The family used their 'Team Noah' <u>Facebook</u> page to make a special announcement -- a trip to Disney for foster children who have never been to the "happiest place on earth."

A few months after his passing, Noah's family was thinking about how they can help foster kids in Santa Barbara County.

"Our loss is tremendous and unbearable at times but, being able to help and love others through our pain is the best way to recover," said Charles Scott, Noah's father. The 15-year-old passed away after his battle with cancer but is most remembered for his spirit and love towards others.

"We started a non-profit to keep Noah's memory alive and keep with his legacy," said Scott. "Noah always loved watching the kids' reactions walking into Disneyland."

However, this is more than just a trip to Disneyland.

"It's about living Noah's legacy about caring for people and everyone that's participated is fulfilling that role," Scott said.

"We can't give a better gift. There is no way we can give them a more normalized experience for any child," said Gustavo Prado, a Department Business Specialist with Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services.

Noah's family started fostering kids about two years ago.

A picture on Team Noah's Facebook page shows Noah with his sister Sophia after the family adopted her.

"Foster kids are dear to us, we are a foster family," said Scott.

Prado works with foster children in Santa Barbara County. He says there is a need for more families willing to dedicate their time to children in need.

"I think Team Noah is taking that charity forward and seeing how charity can be healing to our kids," said Prado.

"To continue to shower people with love through Noah's memory," added Scott.

The trip to Disneyland is scheduled for November 15, 2017.

The 11 kids going to Disneyland will spend the entire day there with their chaperones. The trip is free for them. Scott said they have some surprises in store for them.

He also said through Noah's non-profit they have started a scholarship fund for two kids in the Lompoc community.

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