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The Emilio Nares Foundation Launches 'Ride with Us' Fundraising Campaign through May 23

The Emilio Nares Foundation (ENF), a non-profit organization focused on supporting families navigating their child's journey with cancer or other life-threatening disease treatment, has launched 'Ride with Us,' a new fundraising campaign. The campaign will run from March 25 to May 23 and hopes to raise \$350,000 to further help families access resources. All funds raised through the campaign will directly impact six core programs at ENF, all focused on providing a continuum of care from diagnosis to recovery.

The theme of the campaign reflects the help ENF provides to families on their "Road to Healing" by ensuring they receive the care and support they need. Additionally, the campaign will focus on free, safe, and reliable transportation for children battling cancer through their established, Ride with Emilio program.

"We are thrilled to launch the 'Ride with Us' campaign," said Elsa Morales Roth, Executive Director of the Emilio Nares Foundation. "The need for our services is ever-present, and we are committed to helping families through their toughest times. Our goal is to continue providing them with the care, support, and resources they deserve. We encourage everyone to contribute, whether through donations or simply spreading the word and together, we can make a real difference."

The campaign will support six of ENF's programs including:

- Family Resource Center - ENF provides multilingual, wrap-around support—including shelter, food, mental health services, childcare, and bedside assistance—to families of children in medical treatment.
- Ride with Emilio - The organization offers free, reliable transportation to ensure no child misses life-saving medical treatment.
- Snack Bags - The organization combats food insecurity by providing free, hospital-approved snack bags, ensuring children in oncology units receive essential nutrients after fasting for therapy.
- Creating for Hope - ENF provides one-on-one and group knitting and crocheting sessions in the hospital, offering a therapeutic outlet that fosters community, peer support, and mental well-being.
- End of Life Program - The organization provides financial assistance, emotional support, and education against predatory practices to families facing the unimaginable loss of a child.
- Healing Through Nature - ENF offers outdoor activities for families of children in cancer remission, using nature's healing power to strengthen emotional and physical well-being while fostering



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a supportive community.

In 2024, ENF made significant strides, serving over 168 families through its Family Resource Center—a 50 percent increase from the previous year. The Ride with Emilio program provided 2,521 rides, covering a total of 101,664 miles across San Diego. Additionally, the Emilio Snack Bags program distributed 2,600 nutritious snack bags to children at Rady Children's Hospital, and 45 one-on-one and group therapy sessions were held to offer support to families.

Thanks to these programs, ENF has touched the lives of thousands of families at every stage of their cancer journey. Through the 'Ride with Us' campaign, ENF aims to extend its reach, ensuring even more families can access the crucial support they need.

The community can support the Ride with Us fundraising campaign by donating (\$100 provides a ride for a child to their medical appointment), starting a peer fundraiser, and spreading the word by following ENF on social media (@EmilioNaresFoundation) and using #RideWithUsENF to raise awareness.

To learn more about the Emilio Nares Foundation, visit ENFHope.org.

Summer Kicks Off with May Madness

Summer kicks off with May Madness at the San Diego Air & Space Museum with family-friendly deals and discounts, including Kid's Free May – where up two children 12 and under to get in free with one full-price paid adult – Buy-One-Get-One simulator rides, discounts in the Museum's Gift Shop, Flight Path Grill and on Museum memberships, an exciting new Military Family Fun Card, a special Golden Ticket raffle for a Behind-the-Scenes Tour for Ten, as well as the always popular Space Day, the Museum announced today.

"May Madness is the perfect time for families to feel the fun, excitement, and inspiration at one of the world's premier air and space-themed experiences, the San Diego Air & Space Museum," said Jim Kidrick, Museum president & CEO. "From real Apollo spacecraft to supersonic jets, interactive simulators, historic aircraft and one-of-kind special exhibits like Da Vinci's First Flight and SPACE: Our Greatest Adventure – there's no better place to look up in wonder, to dream, and to be inspired by mankind's never-ending quest for the stars. The San Diego Air & Space Museum is the place to be for May Madness."

May Madness runs from May 1 to May 31 and features numerous family-friendly deals and discounts, including:

- Kids Free May where up two children 12 and under to get in free with one full-price paid adult. (Children must be accompanied by an adult during the visit. Offer may not be combined with any other offer. Park Explorer Passes are not valid for this promotion. Offer



May Madness is enjoyed by people of all ages.

valid May 1-31, 2025.)

- Each Admission to the San Diego Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park also is good for free admission to the Museum's Gillespie Field Annex in El Cajon.
- Buy One Get One Simulators Rides: Buy

one ticket to the Museum's flight simulators and get a second ride for free.

- Ten percent off annual Membership to the San Diego Air & Space Museum during May Madness Offer good for 60 days from admission.

- Members & Explorer Pass Holders get 20 percent off in the Museum's Gift Shop and ten percent in the Flight Path Grill throughout May. May Madness includes the always-popular Space Day on Saturday May 17. Exciting, immersive and interactive Space Day activities include space-related demonstrations, fun hands-on activities with local and national space experts, and the family-favorite "Stomp Rockets." During May Madness two kids 12 and under get into Space Day free with one adult paid admission.

- Introducing the new Military Family Fun card. Beginning May 6, the San Diego Air & Space Museum's unique Military Family Fun card allows military families who pay for one admission to come back and enjoy the Museum for as many times as they like throughout the year until March 1, 2026. The Military Family Fun card is made possible through the generosity of The Copley Foundation.

During May Madness guests who donate \$20 will automatically be entered into a special Golden Ticket raffle offering them an opportunity to win a special VIP Behind-the-Scenes Tour for Ten where they will experience the San Diego Air & Space Museum in a whole new way with a guided experience with one of the Museum's premier experts. To learn more, visit www.sandiegairandspace.org