



# Special Kids Photography of America

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Increasing the "face value" of special children

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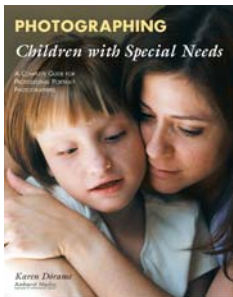
Michelle Myszka, director of public affairs for Pacific Life Foundation, welcomes Terri Quinlan, SKPA treasurer and Sally Bright, SKPA secretary to the reception where grant recipients were awarded grants for 2003.

## SKPA receives Pacific Life grant

Pacific Life Foundation came through again for Special Kids Photography. An award of \$10,000 was granted to SKPA to cover workshop activities in the Phoenix area. Latch School, Inc. of Phoenix also shared in the grant which recognized Latch staff members who helped to provide professional expertise and also make it possible for professional photographers who want to learn how to work with special children.

Recognition was provided to this year's grant recipients at a gala reception on January 21 at Pacific Life headquarters in Newport Beach. SKPA's executive director, Karen Dórame, treasurer, Terri Quinlan and Secretary, Sally Bright, were on hand to mingle with honored guests and enjoy the extraordinary appetizers.

## New photo book debuts



It's finally on bookshelves, nationwide, at least on the "web shelves" of amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. Brick and mortar stores can order *Photographing Children with Special*

*Needs* also, but ordering it directly from the www.specialkidsphotography.com website will provide additional funding for SKPA. We also offer a special discount.

## Special Kids Photography on its own

January 2003 marked the inauguration of the "stand alone" photography program, now a separate entity from Picture ME Foundation. The State of California recognized Special Kids Photography of America as a nonprofit public benefit corporation. The first board meeting was hosted by Epson America, Inc. on January 28.

The photography program will continue to operate with the same functions as before, equipping professional photographers with unique skills that are useful in providing photographic services to children with special needs.

The board of directors includes representatives from the business community who bring a variety of expertise and talent to the organization. President of the board is MarGreta Jorgensen, MFT, serving with Sally Harding, professional photographer; Nancy Molder, Principal, Latch School, Inc.; Bryan McLellan, photo journalist; Laura Popiel, professional photographer; Janette Reynolds, Manager, Public Affairs, Epson America, Inc. and Kathy Rock Vey-lit, Communications Manager, Dayle McIntosh Center. Officers are Karen Dórame, Executive Director; Terri Quinlan, Treasurer; Sally Bright, Secretary and Jennifer Dale, Communications and Development.

## Burrell Labs sponsors new contest

Burrell Professional Labs, a nationally known processor of prints and film, has agreed to sponsor a contest category especially for special children. "The *Little Heroes* subject category was created by Burrell with the two-fold purpose of enriching the lives of disabled and seriously ill children through the use of photography and to promote awareness of the need for professional photographers who capture these unique images," state contest rules.



First place prize of \$3000 will go to the winning subject, with \$1000 going to the winning photographer and \$1000 also going to the charity of the photographer's choice.

Second place winning subject will receive \$1,500, with \$500 each going to the subcategories. Third place winning subject will receive \$500, with \$200 each going to the subcategories.

A picture is worth at least a thousand words and this contest is worth more than a 1000 kudos to Burrell Labs!

## >>EVENTS<<

Special Kids Photography Training  
April 24 - Evening Program

Golden Gate School of Photography  
San Francisco, CA

Contact [www.goldengateschool.org](http://www.goldengateschool.org) for details or [kdorame@cybertrails.com](mailto:kdorame@cybertrails.com)

April 24 - Full Day Accreditation Program  
Golden Gate School of Photography

San Francisco, CA

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