Meet Layla: Warrior Princess

When Layla Paige Sonnen was born in 2015, her parents were overjoyed. She was beautiful with large green eyes and 10 tiny fingers and toes. She looked perfectly healthy.

But, at the age of 6 months, Layla Paige had a grand mal seizure. She was admitted to the hospital and soon received the worst news any parents could imagine: Layla had a rare brain disorder. Continued on back.
A Good Journey
Meet Sharon Moon, a nurse at Providence TrinityCare. Sharon is the Manager of our Continuity of Care team which oversee admissions. In 2001 Sharon quit her job and moved from Texas to St. Louis to care for her father when he became ill. Her father eventually needed hospice service, which became Sharon’s first experience with hospice care. “It was comforting to know help was only a phone call away, especially when we lived in a very rural area.”
In 2002, Sharon moved to California and saw a billboard about working for TrinityCare. She went into her first interview and has been here ever since.

“The biggest impact I ever experienced was an eight year old child who wanted to do a life review. He wanted his parents to hold him like a baby, talk about preschool and the friends and family in his life. He passed two days later.”

The thing that is most meaningful to Sharon is to calm her patients’ fear and to make sure that they know they are not alone. “It’s not about us at all... it’s all about our patients and how we can be sure they are comfortable and free of pain. That their journey is good so they can say goodbye. I want to ease their way which goes with our promise... know me... care for me... ease my way.”

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That a 75 year old qualifies for a 6.2% annuity rate?
That part of each payment is tax-free for a period of time?

That payments are fixed and will never decrease in size or frequency, regardless of changes in interest rates or stock market fluctuations?

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Welcome to Our New Newsletter: reasons
Each 1 Has a Reason
The reason to give are the 2,661 patients we cared for last year throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties. This includes nearly 300 children. This care could not be provided without the generous support from the friends we have in our communities.

2,661 reasons to lend a hand, mend a heart, send a gift.

Finding Joy in Space
TrinityKids Care Has a Very Real Virtual Reality Experience

“Child of the Earth” shows how virtual reality technology liberated Kevin from the pain of his terminal illness and allowed him to experience the joy of flying on the International Space Station. Sometimes creative technology can help escape the need of medical treatments to feel better.

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Magnopan for the donation of the video reality equipment.
And a very special thanks to NASA Hall of Fame astronaut and physician Scott E. Parazynski who has been on the International Space Station and took the time to visit our TrinityKids Care patient Kevin.

Please view the movie at: California.providence.org/ptcf

Left: Bobbee Butler
Right: Sharon Moon